

2005 LSA Board Meeting Minutes

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting February 19, 2005 – Countryside Restaurant 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order by Dale Williams at 10:10 am. We began with introducing ourselves and telling about what has kept us busy since September. Al Doree, Mike Fedde, Pat Held, George Gammon, Carolyn Held, and Dale Williams were present.

The minutes of the September Association meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was submitted in written form by Vern Sowada. The balance as of 1-28-05 was \$5,318.86, with a \$23 outstanding bill and a \$10.00 associate membership from Chuck Forss. The report will be filed and will be subject to audit.

The Incorporation to obtain non-profit status was discussed. At the state level it is not difficult to obtain, but at the Federal level help may be needed. The state cost is \$75. At the May general meeting we will seek a volunteer that has expertise in that area or seek professional help.

As Dale Williams term is coming to an end, he wants a list of names, addresses and phone numbers for all committee members and what is planned for the duration of the year. He wants this in writing as soon as possible so that he can include it in the materials for the new President.

At this point committee reports were given.

Aquatic Plant Committee Pat Held stated that not much had happened, but had a call from an association member about lack of plants in the lake.

Water Quality Committee – Al Doree reported that he had met with Chuck Forss to work on producing a link to our web site so that information obtained from the lake from various tests could be updated as they take place. The updating of the web site needs to be reviewed and some guidelines set for the web master.

Two Seechi readings were taken and the results are as follows:

Feb. 5, 2005 East Bay behind island

Ice thickness = 24 inches

Water depth = 25 ft.

Seechi disk clarity = 23 ft.

Weather = Sunny

Feb. 13, 2005, Deep hole north of island

Ice thickness = 23 inches

Water depth = 35.5 ft.

Seechi disk clarity = 28 ft.
Weather = cloudy overcast with light rain

Not sure what these readings mean, but could be a reference for other years.

Membership Committee – Carolyn Held stated that not much activity has taken place at the present time. The new policy for the membership drive is to start the process in mid May and complete the membership drive by June 30 of each year. The dues paid in this six weeks period would cover membership from June 1 till May 31 of following year. Thanks to all those who canvassed the lakeshore property owners to get memberships. Signs for membership of the Shamineau Lake Association will be presented at the May meeting. Samples will be available for the general membership to determine which design they would like. It was discussed that a year number would be given when members joined each year similar to the tabs on the license plate of a car. Carolyn also pointed out that the membership committee needs to be just membership as it is a big job in itself and that new committees should be formed for communication and social if that is a desire of the general membership.

Fishing Committee – No report available. Dale Williams stated that the DNR is going to upgrade the public access. A motion was made by Mike Fedde, seconded by George Gammon to write a letter to Jim Lillienthal asking to be represented and involved in the planning of access upgrades. Motion carried. Carolyn Held will construct a letter in that regards.

Ice Jamming/Jacking Committee – Darrel Ramey was not present but had called with information on how the aerations process was going by his house and will have a full report at the general meeting in May. He complied with DNR regulations and will have cost factor available at spring meeting. It seems to be working.

A discussion took place about having social activities for the Lake Shamineau Association. It will be brought up at the May meeting.

Dale Williams reported on the Lake Management Plan, which was handed out at the fall meeting. Chuck Forss has communicated with Dale that the plan is not complete. There are eight areas of concern with four of those being addressed by Lake Shamineau. A more complete plan by Dale is in the making to update the Lake Management Plan.

The signs about milfoil at the public accesses are complete and up. A picture will be taken and put on the web site for all to see.

The subject of the web site was again addressed. It seems that no update has been made since early 2004. We need to find out if Sandy Williams is still willing to do this job and maybe we need to pay someone to be the web master. Questions for the web master include: 1. What is the job of the web master? 2. How often should it be updated? 3. What items should it include? 4. What links need to be formed and how often updated?

The agenda for the May meeting was discussed.

Pat Held and Bob Koll will be representatives for the Land Use and Planning Commission of the Initiative Foundation.

Lake Shamineau Association signs – Carolyn Held will have samples available at May meeting.

Bogs – Information concerning bogs was presented by a letter from Tom Heltemes, the information will be passed on to the members. The board felt that it was the responsibility of those concerned to stake the bogs. It had been suggested to do it in the winter by Tom however, with the ice thickness it may be necessary to wait till the ice goes out.

Carolyn Held presented a plan for making loon nest platforms. It will be presented at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Acting secretary, Carolyn Held

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting May 28, 2005

12 p.m. following general membership meeting

Nomination and Approval of Officers of the Board for 2005-2006:

President – Mike Fedde
Vice President – Bob Koll
Treasurer – Vern Sowada
Secretary – Sandy Williams

Lake Association Sign Subsidy

Motion was made and seconded to have the Association order 150 signs and charge members \$5 each. The cost of the signs is \$12 each. Optional donation to defray the full cost will be communicated if members would prefer to pay the full \$12.

Carolyn will investigate whether the fire number post can be used for mounting the sign and develop recommendation for location of the Association member signs.

Membership application form should have a spot to choose whether the member needs to buy a sign. The Association will pay for the yearly stickers to update the year of membership on the sign. The cost for the sticker is minimal and is a sticker that goes over the year printed on the sign.

Lake Management Plan

The Board needs to investigate the next step for receiving grant and additional funds for plan implementation. Sandy, George and Bob will follow up with the Initiative

Foundation on grant application process. George Holtus indicated that his wife has grant writing experience and may be able to help with grant applications.

A “change record” for Lake Management Plan will be designed by Al to track changes and record dates related to the plan and accomplishments.

Grants

Al Doree and Bob Koll have applied for grants in the past that have not been awarded to us – either for lack of funding or not qualifying has resulted in not receiving additional monies so far.

Minnesota Lake Association Membership

Al Doree will check on renewal and updating the Lake Association contact names for Minnesota Lake Association. Officers listed receive the Minnesota Lake Association Newsletter.

Water Testing

AquaTek was hired to establish a 5 year baseline of water quality. (\$250/event x 4 events per year = \$1,000/yr). We pay RMB Lab \$255 for samples plus freight to mail samples per year. Al Doree does the work to gather the samples for RMB and mails them to the lab. RMB has a web site www.rmbel.info/reports/repmain.asp that shows our lake water quality results. We discussed completing our obligation this year with AquaTek. Motion made and seconded to pay AquaTek for rest of year and RMB for the year. There was discussion regarding adequacy of using both labs to establish the validity of RMB Lab and whether or not to pay AquaTek for the rest of 2005. Motion to amend not to continue with AquaTek for the rest of 2005 and only go with RMB Lab, saving \$750. Difference in testing includes oxygenation, thermocline data that AquaTek measures but RMB does not. Oxygen thermocline changes during the summer season during the natural cycle of warming and cooling weather. Vote was 7-4 in favor of continuing only with RMB Lab since the data was comparable in 2004 with AquaTek and RMB Lab monitors the two critical measures of quality – phosphorus and chlorophyll-a.

editor note: In reviewing the minutes of the general membership May 2004 meeting it was discovered that, “Eugene Floistad made a motion that funding be given to Aqua Tech for water quality testing for 2005. The cost will be approximately \$1000. Earl Edeburn seconded. Motion carried.”

The board made a decision to honor that motion and fund Aqua Tech for 2005.

The Board recognizes and commends Al Doree for his volunteer efforts in collecting the data that monitors the water quality of the lake.

Beavers

Terry Sandstrom will contact Jeff Halvorson, DNR Conservation Officer or Tim Crocker about bog destruction on the east end of the lake. The beaver population appears to be high in the area. This will be investigated and it was noted that in cases of destruction on private property, it is the property owner that would deal with it, not the Board.

Tax ID

George Holtus will look into the application process and cost of getting the tax ID, Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation,, and 501c3 federal status. Tax on Interest – Vern

has paid this on his own taxes the past two years. A tax ID will allow the Association to file our own tax return.

Contribution Request

Dead Lake Association has made a request for donations to help offset their legal costs. They have been fighting a large development based on the environmental impact to the lake. We will investigate how much we should recommend as a donation. How many lake associations are there? Should we use that as a guide to what share we might want to contribute? We will ask our membership for approval when we decide on a recommended amount.

Ice Jamming Prevention

Daryl asked if a letter from the association could be written to request that a number of adjacent property owners could be on a permit for water aeration to prevent ice jacking on their shoreline. Permit process is run through the Fisheries Division of the DNR. West end property owners will write a letter together rather than the association.

Newsletter

Sandy asked what the Board thought about the Newsletter being sent to all lake property owners twice a year now that we've been an established Association. She suggested that a postcard go to the non-members with an invitation to join and list the benefits of joining. Non-members have had a number of years to join and when they get the newsletter they are getting a benefit without being a member. Vern suggested that the full newsletter go to all property owners in the spring to encourage members to join and just to members in the fall. Al noted that others he is aware of only get sent to members.

Next Board meeting

August 6, Saturday morning breakfast meeting 8 am, Countryside Restaurant in Motley.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board Minutes

August 6, 2005

8:00 a.m. at Countryside Restaurant, Motley, MN

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, George Hlthus, Randy Kevern, Terry Sandstrom, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, George Gammon, Pat Crawford

Not present: Pat Held, Vern Sowada

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting on May 28, 2005 – approved as read, with one correction, ice jamming work was done on the West end of Lake Shamineau, not the East end.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Account Balance 5/27/2005	\$1,536.51
Paid from checking:	
5/29/2005 Postage	\$111.00
Supplies	6.06
Supplies	16.65
6/07/2005 Loon nest supplies	144.34
Printing	172.64
Aqua Tech water testing	250.00
7/21/2005 Post Office Box	24.00
Association Signs	1,597.50
7/22/2005 Cash	23.00
Total outflow:	(2,345.19)
Deposit to checking:	
5/31/2005	1,307.00
7/29/2005	1,585.00
	50.00
Total inflow:	<u>2,942.00</u>
Net inflow:	596.81
Checking Account Balance 8/1/2005	<u>\$2,133.32</u>
Savings Account Balance 6/1/2005	\$4,596.48
Interest on savings account	14.32
Savings Account Balance 8/1/2005	<u>\$4,610.80</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$6,744.12</u>

Membership Committee Report

Report on Lake Shamineau Association member signs from Carolyn was read by Mike Fedde. The signs will be available to members at the fall meeting, Saturday, September 3, 2005. Carolyn contacted Sheriff Wetzel and has determined that members may attach to signs to their fire number post. Within two years the fire numbers will be replaced with new signs for 911 and it will be determined if signs can still be attached to the new posts. There was some confusion by members about the board subsidy for the signs. Members are asked to pay a donation of \$5 with the association paying the remainder \$7 of the total \$12 per sign cost. Some members may prefer to pay all of the \$12, while those who prefer not to donate towards the cost may receive the sign free of charge. Newly joining members will also be asked to donate \$5 towards the cost, when they join.

June membership drive went well. Some volunteers were unable to complete visiting lakeshore property owners during June. Carolyn wished to wrap up the drive as soon as possible. Carolyn and Pat hosted a thank you lunch to the volunteers. Carolyn reported that the association has 142 members at this time.

Newsletter – will make labels for members only to get minutes & full newsletter, invitation postcards to meeting & join to non-members.

MN Lake Association

Al talked to Minnesota Lake Association and they said the renewal notice would be coming to Dale Williams. The Williams haven't received it. Al will call them again.

Water Quality report

Al reported that RMB lab results are on their web site - a link to RMB lab in the lakeshameau.org website. AquaTech (Water clarity secchi disk reading was 20.5 ft in July - clearer than ever); Al has secchi readings for the web site. Thermocline (temp difference in water levels)- 76 degrees surface temp Aug 1.

Al Doree submits water clarity data to Kent State University in Ohio - "Great North American Secchi Dip In" plots water clarity in the US for 8 years. Go to website for study results of water clarity in lakes across the United States, <http://dipin:kent.edu/results>.

Water testing scheduled for the rest of 2005 includes August, September & October for RMB lab and Aqua Tech has 2 more testing dates to complete this year.

Beaver Dam - In the watershed area in corner southeast corner between Hwy 203 and Lake Shamineau, high water concerns of owners in the area. There were 2 dams, township took out a section of the 1st dam and the dam, collapsed. The second dam collapsed also as a result. The resulting rush of water loosened bogs from the low lying area and floated into the bay area. Al monitored the lake level and it went up ¼ inch but quickly went down. Township has a standing permit to lower the dam when necessary. DNR is working to put a Clemson leveler in the dam - leaves the beavers & controls the water level behind the dam. Clemson leveler will be constructed in August.

Al got a permit that covers association members allowing them to take the bogs out of the lake. Audrey Puchinski – bog permit lady issued a permit for up to end of Oct. 6x6 ft can be removed, 6x6 ft to 50x50 ft bogs should be re-staked (2x2 inch wooden stakes, 8 ft long), bogs larger than 50x50 DNR will help with. Al Doree will apply for an association bog removal permit again next year.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of leaving bogs where they protect shoreline from erosion. High water level erodes shoreline – native vegetation planted along shore holds soil in place to minimize loss of shoreline. In the past, grants were available to help property owners cover cost of planting.

Fall Meeting:

Mike Fedde will contact Camp Shamineau to see if we can use their dining hall for the meeting. He will ask about ice cream that the camp has served in the past.

Discussed agenda for fall meeting. Mike will provide laptop and projector for presentations.

1. Milfoil – Lake Alexander milfoil is visible as a large mat in the bay near the east end boat launch area. Pat Crawford & Daryl Ramey will ask Darlene from Alexander Lake Association to come and tell us about their efforts to control the Eurasian milfoil in their lake.
2. Committees will purchase items again for door prizes at the fall meeting. A limit of \$25 per committee was approved. Water Quality, Fishing, Habitat, Social, Communication
3. Photo contest idea – next spring meeting, ask members to bring their photographs from the lake. A cash prize will be offered for winners in categories. Categories will be recommended and the contest will be advertised to the membership.

4. The association would like to gather lake history (stories and photographs) and lake statistics. Members who have information about ice out dates or freeze up dates are asked to give the data to Al Doree. The information will be published in the newsletter and on the website. Pat Crawford's grandparents owned the farm that bordered the east end of the lake. Other property owners have a long family history with the lake and the association would like to collect this information and share the lake's history with the current generation.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Water Quality – bogs and beaver dams
 - b. Wildlife Habitat – loon nesting report
 - c. Fishing

Membership meeting next year try another weekend meeting to see if we can get people who always have company and don't come.

Grants

Al will talk to Chuck about follow up grant for Lake Mgmt plan objectives. The board will request if anyone from membership has grant writing experience and would like to assist in helping with applying for future grants.

Tax ID and Legal Status

Sandy Williams will get information from the Minnesota Lake Association, and is authorized to get legal help up to \$300 to incorporate, get federal EIN number and get non-profit status so as to apply for and receive grants. Articles of Incorporation must be written, bylaws were already written at the organization of the association.

Contribution to Dead Lake Association

Latest status of their lawsuit to acquire an environmental study of the impact of a development on the lake. The Lake Shamineau Association does not have a policy regarding donations solicited from other organization. No action was taken to make a donation. Sandy suggested that since other lake association donate to their local Fire Responders & Fire Department, this might be a good way to donate locally. A policy for donation needs to be developed before any donations are considered.

Lake Management Plan

Due to lack of time, the review of the Lake Management Plan was postponed to the next Board meeting, date and time yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary