

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting
May 27, 2006
Scandia Valley Town Hall

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

Presidents Message

President Mike Fedde called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Approximately 100 members were in attendance. Mike introduces all board members present. Mike updated the membership on our 501(c)3 tax exemption application currently being completed. He reminded members to attend an Memorial Day event in honor of past and present service men and women. Mike encouraged the building of rain gardens for an environmentally friendly method of handling rain runoff, preventing it from running directly into the lake. These are generally back away from the lake. Cheryl Koll directed members to a University of Minnesota website for information on rain gardens. Invitation to help move a large bog back across the lake in the afternoon.

Guest Speakers from Morrison County

Chuck Forss, Land Use Planner and Water Plan Coordinator, spoke on the following topics:

Shoreline Assessment – The county worked with Crookneck Lake & Mississippi River associations to create a shoreline assessment program. This consists of taking digital photos and using GPS to identify parcels, describing shoreline with criteria ranging from rip rap to natural vegetations buffers. This project can be undertaken using county resources, at a cost, or can be done by individuals with instructions. The county can associate this data with shoreline data, for instance septic system information. Results include an understanding of the current status of the shoreline and recommendations for shoreline restoration to protect the shoreline and enhance water quality and habitat.

Shoreland Restoration – “Restore Your Shore” CD is available from the association or for purchase from the Minnesota Bookstore. It has recommendations and a catalog of native vegetation by Minnesota county for planting ideas, shows samples of shoreland restoration, and includes information on non-native vegetation. The CD provides detailed installation procedures. For shoreland restoration rules, read the ordinance for the county at <http://www.co.morrison.mn.us>. The ordinance considers topics such as setbacks, fill permits, permits for rip rap and retaining walls, impervious surfaces and wetlands. Restoration is not Landscaping ... it is “Restoring” your shoreline.

Grant monies are available to help pay for shoreline assessment and limited money is available for shoreland restoration.

Question from association member regarding muskrats burrowing in yard - Chuck indicated that the DNR has a staff person who can help with finding a solution.

Chuck also indicated that electronically available mapping of land parcels will be available this summer from the county, cost unknown at this time.

Jane Starz, Planning & Zoning, spoke on the following topics:

Development of new Land Use ordinances - The Land Use ordinance is being rewritten following the development of the Morrison County Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was approved last year. Currently there is a shoreland development moratorium, in effect until February 2007 preventing subdivisions and resort conversions or developments, planned unit developments with multiple-unit housing. The county is working on shoreline rules first, with the first meeting in June. New shoreline management standards that were approved for some counties and is on the Morrison County website may become part of county ordinance. Association members should read these to inform themselves and be able to provide feedback. The county will schedule a public open house & hearings regarding the proposed rules. It is expected that the full process will take a year or longer to complete.

Agriculture and Feedlot Rules – Agricultural land on the east end of the lake produces animal manure odors and potential runoff of concern to lakeshore residents. The county reviews proposed feedlots which must meet legal restrictions, and schedules public hearings for citizen feedback. There are no rules prohibiting housing or agricultural developments within certain distances of lakes and rivers. County & city board meetings and public hearings should be monitored, and board members have requested

Dock lengths are governed by the DNR rather than by the county.

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Treasurer's Report

Vern Sowada, Treasurer, provided the following report:

Total Asset Balance 9/1/05	\$6,505.17
Income	1,456.78
(income primarily membership dues, sale of association signs, savings account interest)	
Expenses	2,745.49
(association signs, water quality testing, printing, legal incorporation, postage)	

Total Asset Balance 5/27/06

\$5,216.46

Audit was conducted prior to Spring meeting, by Mike Fedde & Terry Sandstrom.

Water Quality

Al Doree is asking for ice out dates for years that are missing from the data (see Spring 2006 newsletter). Al would also like to get freeze up dates if anyone has a record of these. Al provided rainfall, lake level and water clarity results. Early warm weather created a jump in lake water temperature recently. Al showed a picture of 2 Clemson Levelers installed this spring to control beaver dam and pond level. This should maintain the water level, decreasing township dam work to prevent flooding, and will provide wetland duck habitat. Large storm event measures in place will reduce risk of blow out of dam, destroying cattail areas. A 2006 bog permit for association members allows removal of small free floating bogs (removing in-place cattails stands is *not* permitted). Bog permit can be viewed on website (see link on "The Lake" page). Cattail stands that are breaking free in winds and storms are impacting fish habitat and decreasing protection of shorelines. Lake property owners are requested to move free floating bogs back into a bog area and using wooden stakes to secure in place.

Fishing

Terry Sandstrom reported on 2006 ice out fishing survey. Results are in the Spring 2006 newsletter. The DNR uses seine nets in the lake overnight, count fish, cut fin to ID, measure. They are stocking walleye fingerlings this year. Muskies will be stocked again. Perch levels are up. An electrolysis survey also done showing good numbers on bass. The DNR will return the first week of August to complete survey of walleye, and another in survey in the fall – this is the once every 4 years lake survey, Fishing reports indicate crappie and sunfish fishing has been good recently.

Loon and Wildlife

Carolyn reported on the early arrival of loons this year. They are not using the artificial nests. Members report seeing two floating bogs with loon nests, likely abandoned. Boaters must slow down in cattail areas to protect the loon nest. Bogs need to be staked, both floating ones and those not yet loosened by the high water, to keep the habitat in place. Members report of loons nesting in various areas.

Ice Jacking

Deryl Ramey reported nine properties on the bubbler this winter and none of the properties needed shoreline reconstruction this spring. Good success from keeping the water open along the shallow shoreline. DNR allowed all nine on one permit if contiguous properties. Air pump (1.5 hp) cost about \$925. Attached black soaker hose in the lake. Ran it from November through March. Cost \$130 for four properties for electricity.

Membership

Thanks to members present, Carolyn reminded members that an association membership runs from June 1 – May 31 Carolyn recognized volunteers helping at the membership

tables. Personal contact important in recruiting members. Gammons contact 55 on east side, have great participation. Carolyn needs additional volunteers to contact Lakeshore Drive, Ridge Road, Shamineau Drive, and West Shamineau Road. Association signs look great and can be placed on current fire number signs. We have 176 members out of approximately 300 possible.

Communications

Jacquie is looking for historical information. Any members with information on primary resources and contacts – please email Jacquie at

Mike Fedde reported that the Lake Management Plan has been reviewed by the board for update and the revision is in process and will be available this summer.

Election of New Members

Board members completing their term are Deryl Ramey, Al Doree, Bob Koll, and Pat Held. Nominations were requested. It was suggested to ask which board members were willing to serve again. Al, Pat, and Bob agreed to remain on the board.

Rick Rosar was nominated. Secretary cast a white ballot motion to elect Al Doree, Bob Koll, Pat Held and Rick Rosar to the board, motion was seconded and by voice vote was approved.

Summer Photo Contest

Members are asked for summer photos taken around Lake Shamineau. Send to Terry Sandstrom, would like to add the photos to the website. Prizes will be awarded at the fall meeting.

Other Business

Boat Landing – State DNR contacted the Association suggesting east end additional parking, A recent boat license fee increase had the intent to improve boat accesses on state lakes. A dialogue with the DNR is important to provide our recommendations. Dale Williams made a motion to reply to the DNR to not increase parking but to preserve the lakeshore in a natural state, protecting it from erosion to protect water quality. The motion was amended to request concrete lattice ramps at the east end access to prevent further erosion. Our intention is to promote the integrity of the shoreline in an environmentally friendly manner with non-impervious surfaces. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Floating Bogs – A motion was made to stake cattail bogs on the west end of the lake to preserve the habitat, to get bids from local contractors for staking. The membership authorized the board to solicit bids. Volunteers were recruited for assisting on a bog moving day and were asked to meet after the meeting adjourns.

Other – Hazard warning – a boat lift is under water in Johnson bay and is marked with a floating bottle. A diving dock by island floated in last summer – owner should retrieve it. There have been cabin break-ins within last 2 weeks. Be on watch for suspicious activity and notify authorities. A request to publicize in the newsletter the options for disposing

of yard waste. Respect your neighbors property by not dumping yard waste – take it to the recycle post on the west end of Crookneck Lake.

Thanks to Jacquie for her outstanding work on the newsletter .

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved. Adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary