

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting
September 2, 2006
Camp Shamineau

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

Not present: Terry Sandstrom

Welcome from the Camp

Herb Bloomquist, director of Camp Shamineau, invited the members to enjoy the fresh caramel rolls and coffee, compliments of the camp. The camp invited lakeshore property families to a day of enjoying the camp facilities and ice cream sundaes in July that was attended by about 100 people. Next year on July 14 the event will be held again. Herb invited comments and calls of concerns of lakeshore property owners. The wakeboard program concerns some residents due to the size of waves created, though one large boat with wakeboarding is not affiliated with the camp.

Sheriff's Department Report

Deputy reported that crime in this area is down from past years. This year there were more boating accidents than ever, with four serious accidents on area lakes, but not on Lake Shamineau. Learning from one tragic accident is a reminder of the necessity of having flotation devices on watercraft. Other accidents remind us to take care in boating, water skiing, and tubing.

Cabin owners need to document their valuables in their cabins with records of serial numbers and photos. Burglars caught with a lot of stolen property can't be proven as stolen or returned to owners without proof of ownership. Good record keeping also is valuable for insurance purposes. Operation ID provides use of an engraver from the sheriff's department to engrave identification on property.

Burglary protection: Alarms, audible or not audible? Burglars usually don't stick around cabins when an audible alarm sounds. Contact alarms (broken circuit when door or window is opened) are fairly cheap and effective. Silent alarms make it easier maybe to catch the burglar, but Deputy would use the audible alarm. Although crime is low it can increase suddenly; methamphetamine users need \$300 per day – this causes crime levels to raise. The deputies have cars off duty and their residences are scattered throughout the county. Work shifts for on-duty deputy is mostly at night when calls are highest.

For road issues (i.e. speeders on Aztec Road, work with the township or county. Question was raised: can you put up warning signs to protect walkers and people crossing the road, i.e. are "watch for children" signs legal? Can we borrow radar speed sign to advise drivers of their speed - could look into this for a holiday weekend to raise awareness.

Neighborhood Watch interest has been increasing. This program is basically about neighbors watching out for neighbors, getting to know your neighbors. Almost all burglaries occur during the day,

Water Patrol complaints are mostly about boaters too close to shore. A permit is required for swim raft, they need "enough" reflective tape, and can't inhibit normal navigable waters.

Presidents Message

President Mike Fedde called the meeting to order. Approximately 60 members were in attendance. Mike indicated that we would be discussing bog staking proposal during the meeting. Also work is continuing on 501 c 3 status, the nonprofit tax status for the organization.

Approval of September 3, 2005 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 27, 2006 membership meeting were printed in the August newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Vern Sowada, Treasurer, provided the following report:

<i>Asset Balance 9/1/2006</i>		\$5,749.80
Income:		
	Memberships	\$4,195.00
	Interest	14.51
	Total Income	<u>\$4,109.51</u>
Expenses:		
	Newsletter	533.24
	US Treasury	300.00
	Other expenses	<u>192.24</u>
		\$1,025.28
<i>Balance on Hand Checking</i>		\$3,252.96
<i>Savings 7/10/2006</i>		\$5,680.87
<i>Total Assets</i>		\$8,933.83

A motion was made to approve treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Water Quality

Al Doree joked that he pulled out the plug in the lake bottom to lower the level. The lake is now about 7 inches lower than the beginning of the year. A question was raised about what determines the Official High Water level. Jacquie Rogle said it was

historically measured as a break in vegetation from terrestrial to aquatic. This summer experienced above average evaporation and lower rain than the previous year. Water quality test readings show total phosphorous has decreased over the past 3 years which is an indication of good water quality. It may be possibly related to no phosphorus in fertilizer.

Fishing

Mike reported the gill net readings, catch was lower than the last 2 surveys, Fish Trap and Alexander were also lower.

Loon and Wildlife

Pat Held reported that artificial nests were not used yet by the loons. Carolyn was contacting a person who has had success elsewhere to learn what to do to improve success and would like to learn where real loon nests are located. Jane Kramer reported this year there were 14 adults and 4 baby loons, down from last year.

Membership

There is excellent participation in membership with 197 members (97 non-members). Carolyn ordered new signs – the committee's goal next year is to add 10-20 new members and to get renewals from past members who have not renewed.

Communications

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

Summer Photo Contest

Some photos sent were not all received due to email filters keeping them from being received. Learning experience how to do the contest – will repeat next year. Winners included Harriet Sisk won for photos of loons on nest and hummingbird, Kathy Smith geese on parade, and Lisa Kohl.

Other Business

A motion was made to begin future meetings at 9 am. The motion was seconded, and approved by all but someone who likes to sleep later in the morning ☺.

Thanks again to Jacque for her outstanding work on the newsletter.

Cattail Bog proposal: Discussion of staking of cattail bogs to prevent flotating and depleting stands – Dale Williams, Tom Heltemes, Bob Koll volunteered to form a bog committee to discuss options. Al Doree will get a 2007 bog permit. A motion was made for the bog committee to spend \$500 prior to the next membership meeting regarding bog staking. The motion was amended to empower the board to decide on spending of any money if work is to be done during the winter. Motion and amendment were approved. Also, George Holthus discussed the matching grant we might apply for to help with this project.

A drawing was held with gifts including gift certificates, clothing items, weather calendar, vacations up north in Minnesota book and other items.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary