



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

Newsletter No. 10


Fall 2006

Fall membership meeting Saturday, September 2nd

The fall membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held Saturday, September 2, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at Camp Shamineau Dining Hall.

Meeting business will include reports from each of the Association committees and the bog staking proposal. A guest speaker from Morrison County is planned.

Committees will have information tables and there will be a display of photo contest entries. There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

Camp Shamineau is located on the north shore of the lake. The camp entrance is on Ridge Road one mile east of the stop sign at Aztec Road. Turn south at the Camp Shamineau sign and drive to the dining hall. 



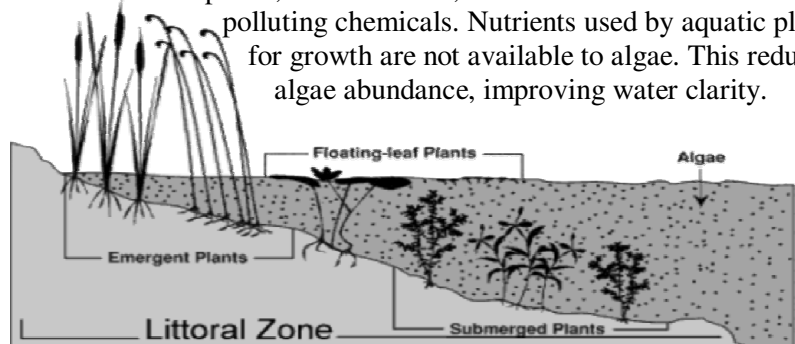
Aquatic plants are vital to lake health

(Information provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources)

Aquatic plants are a natural part of lake communities and provide many benefits to fish, wildlife, and people. In lakes, life depends on water plants. They are the primary producers in the aquatic food chain, converting the basic chemical nutrients in the water and soil into plant matter, which becomes food for all other life.

Aquatic plants serve many important functions, providing food and shelter for fish and waterfowl as well as improving water clarity and quality, and lake aesthetics by adding to the biodiversity of the lakeshore.

Certain water plants, like bulrushes, can absorb and break down polluting chemicals. Nutrients used by aquatic plants for growth are not available to algae. This reduces algae abundance, improving water clarity.



Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006 Camp Shamineau

Agenda

Call to Order 10:00 a.m.

President's Message

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports:

Water Quality

Fishing

Loon/Wildlife

Membership

Ice Jacking

Land Use & Zoning

Other

Business:

Bog staking proposal

Other:

Summer Photo Contest

Guest Speaker


Door Prizes

Other Business

Adjournment

Aquatic plants also maintain water clarity by preventing the re-suspension of bottom sediments. Algae can become a nuisance when too many submerged water plants are destroyed.

Aquatic plants also protect shorelines and lake bottoms. Rushes and cattails dampen the force of waves and submerged plants also weaken wave action and help stabilize bottom sediment.

Lakes have floating bog problems when pieces of bog break loose due to fluctuating water levels or illegal removal activities. They can destroy property and can be a hazard to navigation. The MN DNR is responsible for managing aquatic plants. There are limits on the type and amount of control lakeshore owners can do. 



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Mission Statement: The Lake Shamineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.

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Committees

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams; George Holthus, Ron Fenske.
Fishing: Rick Rosar
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey
Loons & Wildlife: Carolyn Held
Membership: Carolyn Held
Social: Norris Mattson; Dale Williams
Water Quality: Al Doree

Membership

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

Meetings

Association meetings are held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published two times a year. Circulation 330. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com



Note from the President

By Mike Fedde

We have had an abrupt change in our summer weather this year from cool and very wet to hot and quite dry. Since we do not have air conditioning at our lake place, a jump in the lake at three in the afternoon is better than just about anything at 100 degrees. This is one of the major things that probably attracted earlier generations. The lake level is dropping into its standard range which should help the low lying cabins from ice jacking.

The board is going to propose a program at the fall meeting to begin to control floating bogs. We want to start developing methods and spend some of our resources to stake the bogs and keep them in place. As we develop greater strength of finance and members, we need to develop more proactive projects for lake quality conservation.

We have been on Lake Shamineau for 11 years and my informal assessment of the shoreline quality is that it has deteriorated. We have not seen much lawn to lake areas being improved if any. In addition there have been large retaining walls installed covering the entire shore up to 40' high and destroying all vegetation to improve the view or whatever. It appears that we need to expand our education and incentives programs for lakeshore quality beyond our two meetings a year to something more effective. It will be one of the items the board and finally the membership I will ask to be addressed over the coming year.

I hope you enjoy the end of summer and fall on Lake Shamineau. 🐾



Committees seeking volunteers

Several committees have been organized in the Lake Shamineau Association for special interests and concerns. The current committees are Communications, Fishing, Ice Damage & Jacking, Loons & Wildlife, Membership, Social, and Water Quality. Committees may meet once or twice a year or not meet at all and simply communicate by telephone or email.

Each committee is looking for more people that share similar interests. The Communications Committee is seeking people to contribute historical information for the newsletter.

Display tables for each of the committees will be set up at the Sept. 2nd Membership Meeting. Visit for more information and to volunteer. 🐾



Membership renewal

The Lake Shamineau Association Membership Committee greeted people as they came to the spring meeting held May 27, 2006 at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. Members paid their annual dues and picked up the "7" for their membership sign. Volunteers will again be on hand at the Sept. 2nd meeting for those still needing to pay. 🐾

Yard debris disposal options

A great feature of Lake Shamineau is the mix of deciduous and hardwood forest surrounding the lake. In this environment, it is inevitable that property will accumulate dead branches and leaves. What should you do with all of that excess vegetative material?

Put it in the trash? Nope. Minnesota State law has banned yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, and brush) from landfills since 1992.

Pile it along the roadside? Not allowed.


Burn it? Not the best idea. Backyard burning pollutes the air, creates a fire hazard, and can bother your neighbors. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire control rules restrict burning.

Compost or mulch it? Now, there's a good idea! Composting is nature's way of turning yard waste into a valuable soil conditioner. Organic material breaks down over time. Composting is a method to speed up the break down process.

Why compost?

Compost improves soil structure and texture. It aerates the soil and increases its ability to hold water. Compost helps to loosen clay soil and helps sandy soil retain water. Compost provides nutrients to the soil and promotes healthy root development in plants.

Morrison County Environmental Specialist Amy Kowalzek identifies compost as a valuable resource. "People can use the finished product as a soil amendment." Not using yard debris is "a waste of a good resource."

People can easily compost vegetative matter in their own yard. Information on backyard composting can be obtained from the University of Minnesota Extension Service (www.extension.umn.edu) or the Morrison County Solid Waste Office (320-632-0121). Another option is to haul materials to a community compost site. 

What goes in a compost pile?

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Garden wastes (do not add weed seeds or diseased plants)
- Vegetable wastes
- Fruit peelings
- Coffee grounds and tea leaves

DO NOT COMPOST MEAT, DAIRY OR OILY FOODS!

How long will it take to make finished compost?

Anywhere from 1 month to 2 years, depending on the following factors:

- Type of compost bin or pile
- Balance of "green" and "brown" materials
- Moisture levels
- How often pile is turned or aerated
- Size of materials (the smaller the materials, the quicker they decompose)




Morrison County Compost Facilities

Morrison County Public Works operates community compost sites in Little Falls, Pierz and Randall. The Randall County Shop is the closest to Lake Shamineau.

The Randall Shop is open 24 hours, every day of the week. The site accepts vegetative waste, but not brush. There is no fee charged for deposits or for finished compost. Materials accepted:

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| • Fruit & vegetable waste | • Garden waste |
| • Leaves | • Pruning |
| • Grass | • Weeds |


At home, load yard waste into reusable containers. At the compost facility, read all posted signs. Unload or debag your waste at the specified location. Take your containers home.

To get to the Randall compost facility, take Highway 10 south to the city of Randall. Turn right and travel west on Co. Rd. 1 and 14 for about a block. The compost facility is located on the northeast corner of the intersection where Co. Rd. 1 turns south. 

Scandia Valley Refuse & Recycling Center

The Scandia Valley Refuse and Recycling Center accepts brush and leaves. The recycling center is located on the west side of West Shamineau Drive across from Crookneck Lake. The center is open Wednesdays and Sundays in the summer and Saturdays in the winter from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Fees are charged at the Scandia Valley facility. A trailer of brush and leaves is \$5.00, a pickup load is \$10.00 and a truck load is \$20.00.

Other recycling items accepted for fees are appliances, tires, televisions and computers. Bagged refuse can also be deposited for \$4.00 per bag. 



Burning permits required

Every year, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Officers and local fire departments respond to some 7,500 wildfires. About 40 percent of these are caused by careless debris burning.

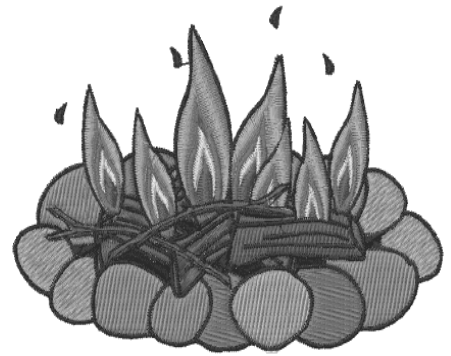
Burning of household waste has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969. Smoke from burning waste contains many harmful pollutants, including hydrogen cyanide, sulfur dioxides, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, benzene, lead, mercury and many others.

Vegetative material such as leaves, brush and untreated wood may be legally burned in Minnesota unless restricted by local ordinance. Morrison County follows state DNR regulations.

Open burning permits are required when the ground is not snow covered. They are also required for daytime (8 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) burning in an approved burn barrel.

Permits are not required if the resident plans to burn in an approved burner between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. Permits also are not required if the resident will be burning in a campfire, grill or camp stove. "Campfire" means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high, and has had the ground five feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material.

Permits are issued by volunteer fire wardens in the community, as well as at DNR forestry offices. Specifications for an approved burn barrel design can be obtained from the DNR website (www.dnr.state.mn.us) or by contacting the DNR information service (651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367). 🐾



The maximum size that a recreational campfire can be is three feet in diameter and three feet high with all combustible material cleared in an area five feet from the base. A recreational campfire does not require a burning permit.

Fun on the Fourth

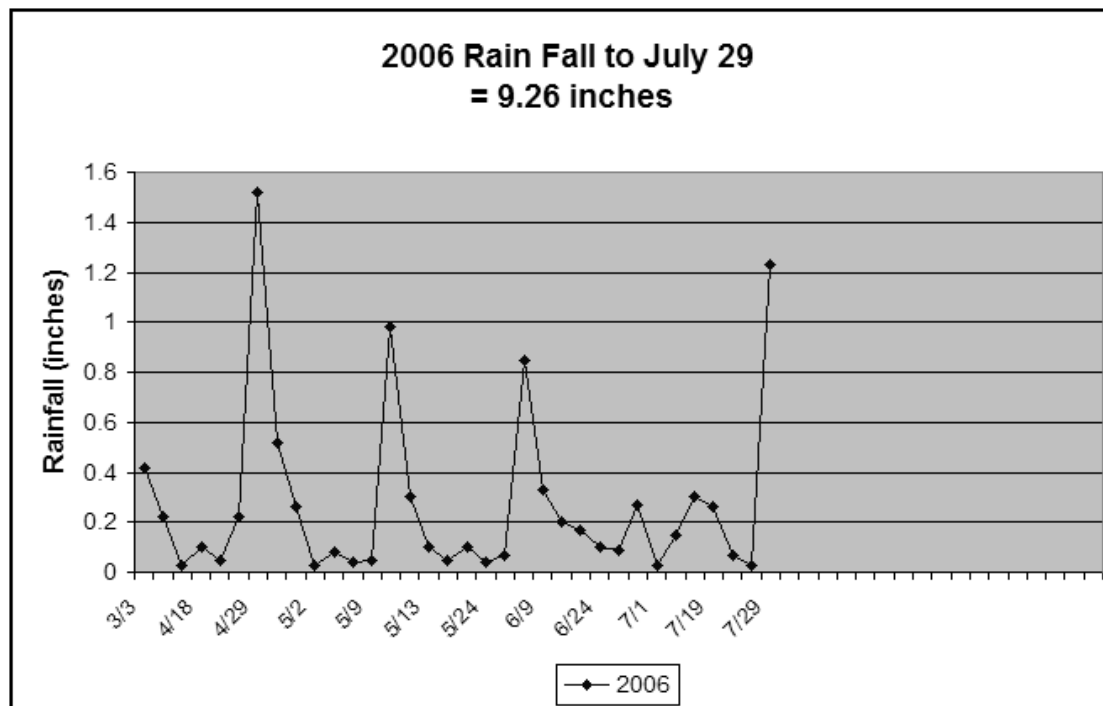
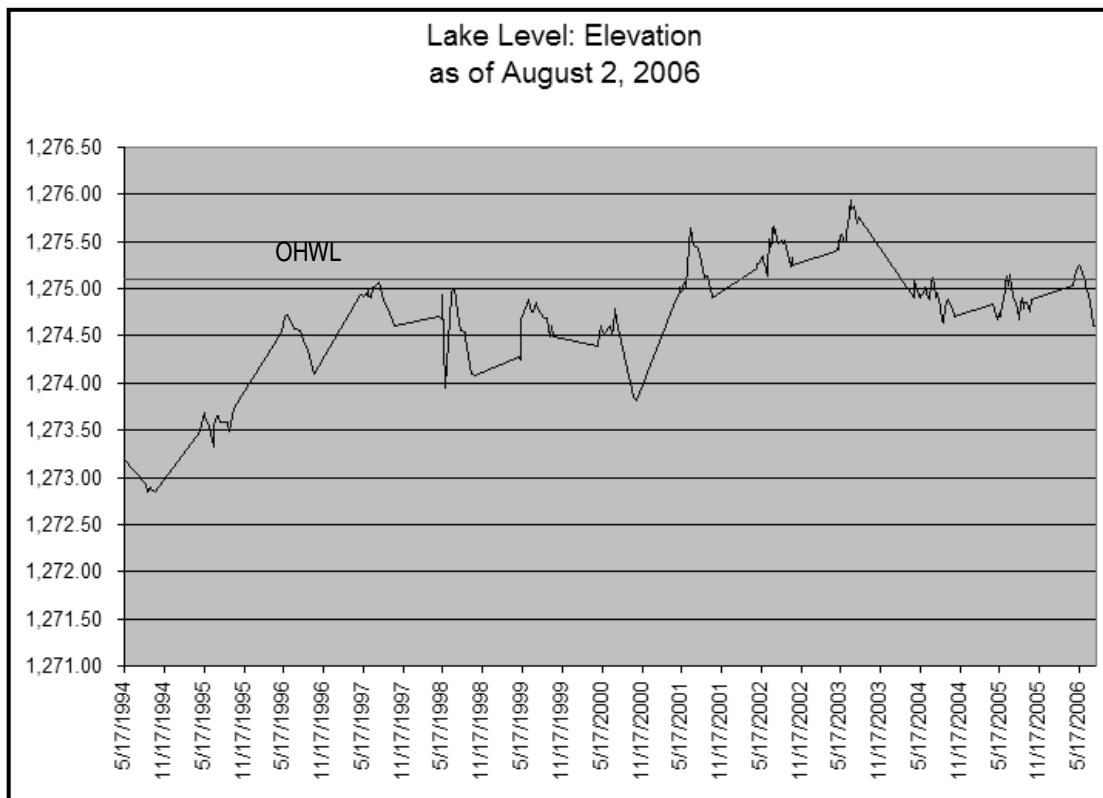


Shoreline spectators and boating participants all enjoyed the 2006 Fourth of July Boat Parade around Lake Shamineau. 🐾

Rainfall down, lake level drops

Lake Shamineau Association volunteer Al Doree reports that to date we have had 10.61 inches of rain with 1.3 inches coming on August 8, 2006. That is an accumulated amount 4.05 inches less than at that date in 2005 and 2.20 inches less than in 2004.

Al reports Lake Shamineau is down 6.84 inches from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL). The lake elevation on August 2, 2006 was 1,274.59 feet above sea level. On August 1, 2005, the level was 1,274.83 feet. It was 1,274.95 feet on August 5, 2004. 🐾



Membership drive volunteers do great job

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Chairperson Carolyn Held reported 185 paid association memberships as of July 15, 2006. There are at least 10 more that she expects to rejoin at the fall meeting.

There are only two signs left of the 200 originally ordered. She reports that some members have purchased two signs - one for the lake side and one for the road side.

The Membership Committee has suggested giving members an option to purchase a three-year membership for \$60.00 and giving them a "10" for their sign. The one-year option would still be available. This proposal will be discussed at the September 2nd Membership Meeting.

Volunteers are being sought to help with Lake Shore Drive and Ridge Road. The membership committee would like to know if anyone was missed.

Carolyn wishes to thank all of the volunteers for the great job they did in helping with the membership drive: Thank you to John Koll, Maggie Hirschey, Tom Heltemes, Lois and George Gammon, Paul and Harriet Horvath, Bob and Cheryl Koll, Dale and Cheryl Mashuga, Don and Doris Amundson. 2

2006-7 Membership Drive Results

11 out of 17 possible 18th, 45th, Armore and Cantleberry
10 out of 16 possible Angle, Arras, Auger
27 out of 46 possible Aztec Road
9 out of 12 possible Axis and Hillside
47 out of 55 possible East Shamineau Drive
17 out of 38 possible Lake Shore Drive
10 out of 15 possible Oak Lane
22 out of 44 possible Pine View Blvd
6 out of 12 possible Ridge Road
22 out of 33 possible West Shamineau
4 Associate members

185 TOTAL

Loons eat a ton

Loons eat fish. A LOT of fish. Almost-grown loons eat about 22 percent of their total body weight in food every day. Tiny, fast-growing chicks eat more like 40 percent of their weight every day. It has been calculated that it takes a ton of fish (2,000 pounds) to feed a pair of loons and their chicks over a single breeding season.

Loons are primarily fish eaters, but crayfish, shrimp, frogs, and large aquatic insects have also been found to comprise part of their diet.

Loons eat fairly small fish, about 10 to 70 grams each, though sometimes loons take fish up to 300 grams. A 10-gram largemouth bass is about four inches long; a 10-gram bluegill is about three inches; a 70-gram largemouth bass is about seven inches long; and a 70-gram bluegill is about six inches long. A 300-gram largemouth bass is about 11 inches, and a 300-gram bluegill is about nine inches. Fish this large are hard for loons to deal with. Sometimes loons end up dropping larger food items, and once in a while a loon may even choke.

Food is procured by diving. Their mandibles are narrow, sharply pointed, extremely strong and well suited for catching fish. Fish are seized with the bill, swallowed whole under water or brought to the surface, where they may be bitten and mutilated before being swallowed. Loon gizzards are powerful organs capable of grinding up bony fish with ease. They usually contain a variable number of small stones from an eighth inch to half inch in diameter.

While the young may sometimes be fed regurgitated food, observers have seen day-old chicks being fed



minnows, crustaceans and bits of vegetation by the parents. Adults have also been observed before offering a morsel to a chick, to first dip the food into the water and splash it around several times. This appears to act as a stimulus for the young to feed. Chicks begin to dive and catch fish during their first week, but are fed in part by the parents up to the age of six weeks.

During the summer, the loon's favorite food is yellow perch, but they will eat whatever is available and what they can catch. This includes aquatic insects like dragonfly larvae.

During the winter loons eat, among other things, flounder, crabs, lobster, shrimp, gulf menhaden, bay anchovies, and silversides. 2

The “Bible Camp”

On the north shore of Lake Shamineau is one mile of mostly undeveloped shoreline. That is the home of Camp Shamineau, covering 230 acres. Also part of the camp is the 22 acre island with an additional mile of lake frontage.

“The site of Camp Shamineau on the north shore of Lake Shamineau is now a familiar sight to all who enjoy this lovely lake. The story of its growth is a testimony of faith,” according to the local history book, *A Chosen Place: Land of Lake Pine and Prairie*.¹

The book cites Grace Johnson’s writing telling how it started. “During Rev. Skinner’s ministry, Mrs. Lenhard died and Mr. Lenhard, who was in poor health, decided to sell his beautiful 240 acres of land by Lake Shamineau. Rev. Skinner, who had visited the Lenhards, was one of the first to hear about his wanting to sell it. He also knew that a Campsite was looked for by the N.C. District, so he notified the officers of the Buffalo Camp board and the District officers. Because Mr. Lenhard was very nervous over the death of his wife, and in poor health, he wanted to sell it at once. It took a lot of patience and persuasion and much visiting and talking with Mr. Lenhard, but with the help of Mrs. Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson, Rev. Skinner persuaded him to put off selling until the officers could get together to transact the business of purchasing it for Camp Shamineau.”²

According to the camp history, forty delegates met at Lenhard’s Resort on Lake Shamineau on September 27, 1958 and unanimously voted to purchase “this 231 acre site for a new Bible Camp for \$35,000. Three representatives from the larger group, Mr. Ran Hokanson, Mr. Lester Ziebarth and Rev. R. Dean Smith together with Rev. A.J. Thorwall, a well-known evangelist, who had come along for the day as an interested observer, met with Mr. Arthur Lenhard and made him an offer, which also included equipment on the premises. The owner had difficulty making up his mind until Rev. Thorwall, in his own unique way, put his arm around Mr. Lenhard and boomed out a prayer, claiming the property of God and His work. At the close of the prayer, the owner took one more walk around the property, and when he came back he was ready to sell.”³

Existing building were adapted for camp use and new cabins built. Rev. Al and Hazel Vote were hired as caretakers in 1960. Charles and Margaret Harmon started in 1967 when the Votes retired. Dave and Lois Auker became directors in 1970.


... Back at the Lake



Today, Camp Shamineau is owned by the non-profit Shamineau Ministries, founded in 1914 as the Minnesota Young People’s Society. The Society had started Buffalo Lake Bible Camp on the shores of Buffalo Lake in Buffalo Minnesota. In 1957, that property was sold to purchase the property on Lake Shamineau, becoming Camp Shamineau. The first summer of ministry was 1958.

In 1993, the 22 acre island on the east end of Lake Shamineau was purchased and soon after became the site for “Shamineau Island” camps. In 1999 Shamineau Ministries purchased Rock Ridge Camp in northern Minnesota.

Shamineau Ministries is a non-profit governed by a Board of Directors elected at than annual meeting of Evangelical Free Churches of the North Central District. Shamineau Ministries has about 16 full time employees, 10 part-time employees, and three interns year round. An additional 60 to 70 collegians are hired for the summer with around 55 high school students for the Summer Missions Team.

Camp Shamineau’s mission is “To create relevant camping experiences for children and youth for the purpose of: Sharing the Gospel of Christ; Encouraging growth in Christ; Providing training for the Christian Leaders of tomorrow.” To learn more about Shamineau Ministries and their year round programs, visit the website <http://shamineau.org>. 

¹*A Chosen Place: Land of Lake, Pine and Prairie* (Staples, MN: Nordell Graphic Communications, Inc., 1993), 79.

²Grace Johnson as quoted in *A Chosen Place*, 79.

³*The Camp Shamineau Story 1958-1983* as cited in *A Chosen Place*, 79.

The editor welcomes Lake Shamineau historical submissions of primary source information such as copies of family records, photographs and personal recollections. Bring items to the annual membership meeting or send by email to LakeNewsletter@msn.com or by mail to Jacquie Rognli, 8928 Ohland Ave. NE, Otsego, MN 55330.

Membership Meeting featured guest speakers from Morrison County



Morrison County Land Use Planner and Water Plan Coordinator Chuck Forss (LEFT), spoke at the May 27, 2006 Membership Meeting about shoreline assessment, shore land restoration, and soon to be available electronic mapping.

Jane Starz (RIGHT) of Morrison County Planning & Zoning, spoke about development of new land use ordinances, and agriculture and feedlot rules. 🐾



Board Minutes May 27, 2006

Scandia Valley Township Hall, 12:00-1:00 pm

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

Election of Board Officers

Nominations were as follows: President – Mike Fedde, Treasurer – Vern Sowada, Vice President – Bob Koll, Secretary – Sandy Williams. Pat Crawford moved to cast a unanimous ballot – George Holthus seconded, approved as moved.

DNR Request for Recommendation Regarding Boat Accesses

Mike Fedde will write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), (copy to the township) with the recommendation from the Association membership regarding no additional parking at east end access, preserving a natural environmentally friendly access, and placing concrete lattice ramps in the east end access to prevent erosion.

Summer Board Meeting

Meeting scheduled for July 15 at 9 am at the Hitchin Rail.

Newsletter Business Advertising

Sandy will email a list of potential businesses to solicit ads (similar to Fish Trap newsletter) One-eighth page ad will ask \$25, to produce \$200 per page. A separate colored folded two page (four sides) insert would generate \$800 to help cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter.

Cattail Bogs

Terry Sandstrom will contact the companies to request bids for staking of existing cattails bogs (Hilltop Sports, Tri County Paving, lake landscaping companies (Randall & Lincoln). Discussed that materials will be reimbursed for restaking cattail bogs for association members to encourage preservation for habitat. Al Doree will write up instructions for the newsletter on how to stake bogs, and possibly include a map of existing areas of cattails.

Charitable Organization Tax Status

Filling out the 501(c)3 forms is progressing. Al Doree is compiling it. Pat Crawford's daughter-in-law Becky can assist. Once completed, submitted and approved – the Association's tax status will allow members to deduct their membership fee on their taxes, and the Association can apply for grants.

Lake Property Security

Crime issue, encourage neighbors to watch out for each other, get to know your neighbors. Record your possessions – photos, video to reclaim property if stolen.

Other Business

Board approved to pay fee for grant writing class that George Holthus will attend.

Discussion of membership dues – Board decided to maintain level of membership dues. For optional added donation, discussed adding a categories of support. Follow up discussion of proposal at July Board meeting.

Sandy to check with Chuck Forss about \$500 won at Lake Management Plan meeting. The amount required a planned use for the money – could be for bog staking project.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams,
Secretary

July Board Meeting – Tentative Agenda

- Fall membership meeting agenda
- Bog staking bids
- \$500 grant won at meeting
- Advertising follow-up
- Optional membership donations
- 501(c)3 application status
- DNR boat access improvement recommendation
- Newsletter submissions 🐾

Board Minutes

July 15, 2006

9 a.m., Hitchin' Rail Restaurant, Lincoln, MN

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Randy Kevern, George Gammon, Pat Held, George Holthus, Pat Crawford.

Not present: Terry Sandstrom, Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Vern Sowada

Treasurers Report

As of July 10, 2006:

Checking Balance 5/28/2006	\$1,095.60
Income:	
Memberships	\$3,720.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	533.24
Other expenses	95.10
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	\$628.34
Balance on Hand Checking	\$3,587.26
Transfer to Savings:	\$600
Savings 7/10/2006	\$5,254.20
Total Assets	\$8,841.46

Membership Report

Pat Held presented the membership report from Carolyn Membership Committee chairperson. Thanks to the following members who assisted the with the membership drive: John Koll, Maggie Hirshey, Tom Heltemes, Lois & George Gammon, Paul and Harriet Horvath, Bob & Cheryl Koll, Dale & Cheryl Maschuga, Don & Doris Amundson. Currently there are 185 association members. Suggestion to have a 3 year membership for \$60 while also having the yearly membership option for \$20. This could reduce the yearly work of recruiting. This will be discussed as an option for the May membership drive/renewal.

Bog Staking Bids

Terry Sandstrom checked on the cost for contractors to stake bogs, \$60/hr appeared to be the rate. Only association members can remove bogs under the association permit – the selected contractor can be added to our permit according to the DNR. Discussed bogs – most of the large ones came this spring around thaw, or came just before freeze up, water was higher than it is now and strong winds loosened them from the existing cattail stands. With lower lake levels from the heat and lack of recent significant rainfall – there may be fewer bogs blown free during the latter half of the summer.

Pat Held moved that we recommend to the membership that we recommend contracting for bog staking, seconded by George Gammon. Discussion followed regarding the availability of matching a grant available as part of our Lake Management Plan. The motion was approved.

George Holthus met with Don Hickman at the grant writing workshop he attended. Our annual revision of the Lake Management Plan will specifically address the management of cattail stands and floating bogs. A \$5,000 matching grant is available as part of our participation in the writing and revision of our Lake Management Plan. Pat Held moved that we

authorize George Holthus, Sandy Williams and Mike Fedde to work on the grant application for up to \$5,000 for the bog staking project. Seconded by Bob Koll. Motion was approved.

Non-profit Tax Status Application

Al Doree communicated with the board that the 501 c 3 application for non-profit status is ready to be sent in. Pat Crawford would like to review it prior to being sent. A fee is required with the application.

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Advertising sales for Newsletter

A list of possible businesses to solicit for advertisements was handed out and emailed to board members. Plan is to charge \$25 per 1/8 page per newsletter fall & spring (\$50 for both). \$186 is an estimate of the added cost of printing paper, provided by Jacquie.

Bob Koll moved, Mike seconded that we do this for beginning with the 2007 spring newsletter. Sandy will put together materials for soliciting ads.

Membership Dues

The board will discuss optional donations to the Association suggested by Rick Rosar once 501 c3 status is obtained.

Proposed Agenda for Fall Membership meeting

Location: Camp Shamineau, September 2nd at 10 am.

(Get feedback from members at fall meeting about starting spring meeting at 9 am.)

Photo Contest

Bog staking proposal

Alternative Shoreland Standards will be made available – for discussion at 2007 spring meeting to provide feedback to county on proposals related to this

Speaker suggestion: County Sheriff about crime, dumping in ditches, water patrol

Committee information tables, solicit members for committees


Door prize drawings, authorize committees to spend up to \$50 each for door prizes

Suggestion for speaker for Spring meeting – Pam Perry about loons speaker – Bob Koll will contact to see if we can book her.

Other

Jazz concert to be held July 25 at Helds was announced and an invitation will be placed on the web site.

Adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams,
Secretary. 

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

President's 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 a 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.

Shore land 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 shore land restoration, and includes information on non-native vegetation. The CD provides detailed installation procedures. For shore land 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 shore land 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 shore land 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 (primarily membership dues, sale of association signs, savings account interest)	1,456.78
Expenses (association signs, water quality testing, printing, legal incorporation, postage)	2,745.49
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

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

Lake Management Plan

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 Board 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 neighbor's property by not dumping yard waste – take it to the recycle post on the west end of Crookneck Lake.

Thanks to Jacque 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 

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