



# Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

Newsletter No. 9

Spring 2006

## Spring semi-annual meeting set for May 27<sup>th</sup>

The spring membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held Saturday, May 27, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320<sup>th</sup> Street, Cushing, MN 56443. (See map page 2.). There is road construction on Co. Rd. 3. Be prepared for possible detours.

Arrive early to meet your lake neighbors, enjoy rolls and to pay 2006-2007 membership dues and get the numeral 7 for your Lake Shamineau Association membership sign. The membership committee will be organized by street addresses to help you. Bring photographs to enter in the photo contest (see below).

The guest speaker will be Jane Starz of Morrison County Planning. She will present information on the proposed planning and zoning changes for the area with lake specific requirements such as lakeshore protection and maximum dock size.

Meeting business will include reports from each of the Association committees and election of board members. Terms are expiring for Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll and Deryl Ramey. Officers will be elected at a board meeting following the general membership meeting. 2

## Lake Shamineau Photo Contest

The Lake Shamineau Association Board is asking you to share lake pictures with your neighbors through a photo contest. Pictures submitted for the contest must include Lake Shamineau water or ice in the photo. The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2006. Enter in any of the five categories:

- Sunrises
- Sunsets
- Proud Fisher Person
- Wildlife (no humans in this category)
- Fun on the Water (tubing, skiing, wakeboarding)

Bring your photos to the spring meeting, mail prints to Terry Sandstrom, 4399 Cantlebury Rd., Motley, MN 56466 or email digital entries to Terry at ardisterry@hotmail.com. Put your name and address on the back so your photos can be returned.

Members will vote on the entries and prizes will be awarded at the fall meeting. Prizes are yet to be determined

Photos may be used on the website and there will be a presentation of pictures at the fall meeting. Please bring at least one photo to share. 2

### Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, May 27, 2006 Scandia Valley Town Hall\*

#### 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:

Election of new board members

Lake Management Plan update

Other:

Lakeshore landscaping

Summer Photo Contest

Guest Speaker from Morrison

County Planning & Zoning

Other Business

Adjournment





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Motley, MN 56466  
www.LakeShamineau.org

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

### **Board Members**

President: Mike Fedde, 651-452-2966  
Vice President: Bob Koll, 218-575-2577  
Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-487-7916  
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### **Committees**

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams; George Holthus, Ron Fenske.  
Fishing: Terry Sandstrom  
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey  
Land Use & Zoning: Mike Fedde  
Loons: 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 300. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com



## **Note from the President**

By Mike Fedde

As we start a new summer season, many of us feel very lucky to have an opportunity to enjoy Lake Shamineau – a very fine lake with water quality as good as it gets in the area. We are going to see reports on the state of the lake including the latest fish survey and more great reports from Al. Some of us have struggled with the high water damaging

property but all enjoy the great scene of water, woods, and wildlife.

Yet when we step even a fraction of a mile away from the lake and even more miles the scene deteriorates and in some cases is tragic. Minnesota has thousands of lakes and streams that are called impaired as the Lake Shamineaus of yesteryear are bowls of pea green soup and are other ways polluted. Your political leaders have little interest in fixing this unless you put on pressure to address the many issues that cause the impairment. There is constant pressure to allow more pollution from corporate agriculture and large and small industries. All of the people, industries, and infrastructure that lie in the watershed are the main determiners of the quality of the lake or water bodies along the line.

One of our tasks as a Lake Association for Shamineau is to protect and enhance the water quality. This task begins right at the shore where many of our members reside. We will be offering information on what we can do near the lake and also at the shallows. Some things to be done are to replace turf grass with native plants, reduce hard surfaces, create buffer areas of native vegetation around the lake and build rain gardens, which are designed to collect rain and melted snow. The list of what we can do is long and this message can't begin to cover it.

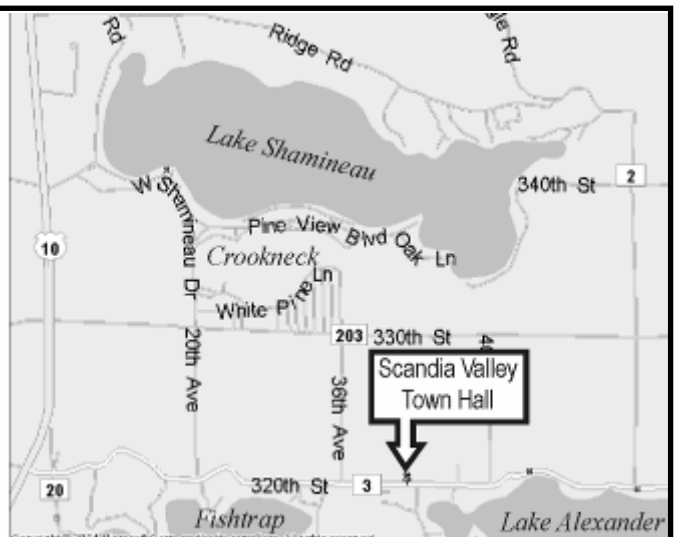
Big projects for the Lake Shamineau Association may be down the road but none are planned now. Two of our neighbors – Alexander and Crookneck are involved in large projects to eradicate or control noxious invaders. This is one of the big threats we need to be concerned about. Keeping everyone informed and monitoring the behavior of guest boaters and fishermen can help prevent similar problems in Lake Shamineau. A road development at Lake Alexander is being undertaken with a capacity of 10,000 car trips a day. The development community has an eye on this lakes area.

Your job as a member of the Lake Shamineau Association is to first enjoy your time at the lake and be a good steward so that future generations can do so as well. Our job as the board of the Association is to help you do your job but also to develop the capability to handle the challenges that hopefully won't happen but may. It has been fun serving with such an enthusiastic board you have selected to lead. Have a good summer. 🐾

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**10:00 a.m.**

at  
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# Al Doree gathers Lake Shamineau data

Al Doree and wife Shirley have lived on the east shore of Lake Shamineau since 1994. Before that, they vacationed for 27 years at a home across the road. Al spent his working life involved with electronics and instrumentation. In his retirement at the lake, he has continued an unrelenting pursuit of data collection and analysis.

Al keeps records of ice-out dates for Lake Shamineau. He is part of a network of volunteers that take water level readings for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He also takes regular water clarity readings and collects water samples to be analyzed by RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. for the Lake Shamineau Association.

Each spring when the Doree's dock goes in, so does the lake level gauge. The DNR comes each year to survey it to set the correction measurement for sea level. Al reads the gauge, keeps records and reports his data to the DNR.

Al also takes water clarity readings about once a week from May to September. He takes his boat out to a 23-foot deep hole between his shore and the island where he uses a secchi disk to determine how far down it is visible. He records surface water temperature, weather conditions and the time. In 2005, visibility readings ranged between 11.5 feet and 20.5 feet deep.

During those same months, Al collects water samples to be analyzed for water quality by RMB Environmental Laboratories. He collects two meters of water in a pipe that is bottled, put on ice in a cooler and shipped overnight to the laboratory.

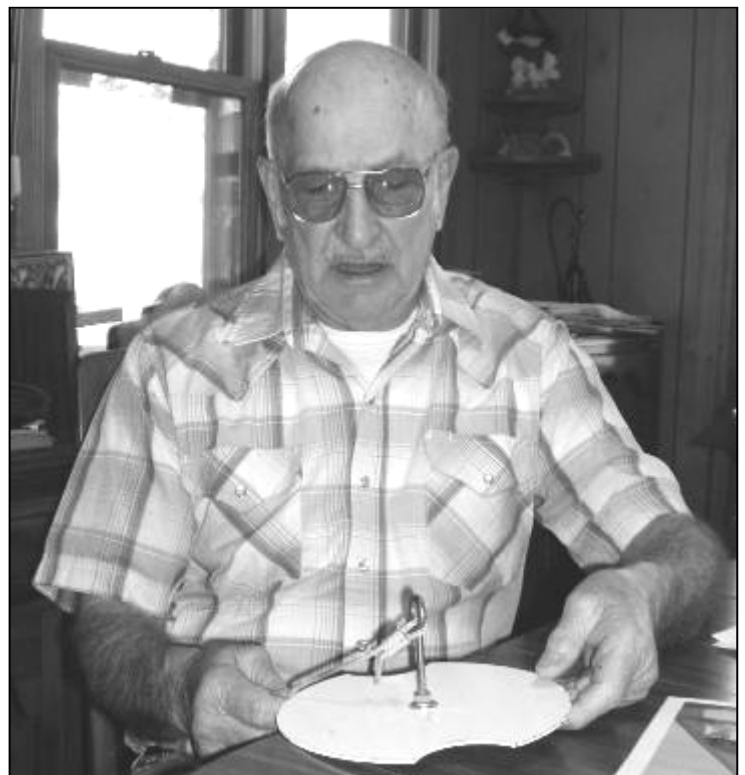
Besides collecting lake water data, Al is a Skywarn storm spotter. He has a rain gauge in his yard, so he records rainfall data as well.

Al thinks data collection is a valuable tool to have for monitoring water quality and that it is important to have all the facts before making any decisions.

Al's Lake Shamineau data can be accessed on the Lake Shamineau Association web page at <http://www.lakeshamineau.org>. Click on "The Lake" page to see data charts and graphs as well as links to the RMB Environmental Laboratories site that contains the water quality information. 2



Lake Shamineau Association Board Member Al Doree voluntarily collects and records lake data on water quality, clarity and level. He is pictured here on his dock by the gauge he uses to read the lake level that he reports to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Al Doree and the secchi disk he uses to take water clarity readings. He drops the disk into the lake at the same location and measures how far down the disk remains visible.

# Ice goes out April 10, 2006

Ice went out on Lake Shamineau on the weekend of April 9-10, 2006. Wind was from the east and temperature was around 70 degrees on Saturday April 9th.

Thanks to LuJean Huffman-Nordberg, daughter of Bob and Ellen Batcher and Pat Crawford for providing past ice-out data.

If any one has records of the ice-out dates for 1990, 1995-2005 or prior to 1954, please contact Al Doree. He is also looking for ice-on or freeze-up dates. Mail to Al Doree 33247 E. Shamineau Dr. Motley, MN 56466-2475. 🐾

Lake Shamineau Ice-out Dates 1954-1994							
Apr-19	1954	Apr-26	1964	Apr-26	1974	Apr-17	1984
Apr-15	1955	May-1	1965	May-3	1975	Apr-20	1985
May-1	1956	Apr-24	1966	Apr-12	1976	Apr-18	1986
Apr-21	1957	Apr-11	1967	Apr-14	1977	Apr-6	1987
Apr-11	1958	Apr-12	1968	Apr-25	1987	Apr-16	1988
Apr-21	1959	Apr-20	1969	May-5	1979	Apr-24	1989
Apr-20	1960	Apr-28	1970	Apr-23	1980	Apr-19	1991
Apr-14	1961	Apr-21	1971	Apr-6	1981	Apr-9	1992
Apr-27	1962	Apr-29	1972	Apr-26	1982	Apr-20	1993
Apr-14	1963	Apr-11	1973	Apr-22	1983	Apr-18	1994

## Water quality monitoring continues



The water sample collection tools used by volunteer Al Doree. He collects a 2-meter column of water with the PVC pipe and sends it in the cooler to RMB Laboratories for analysis.

The Lake Shamineau Association has been monitoring to water quality since the forming of the Lake Association and will continue again this year. A five-year study with Aqua Tech lab has been completed. In 2006, water analysis will continue with RMB Environmental Laboratories.

This test involves taking a sample of water on or near the third Monday of each month starting with May and ending with September. The samples are sent to the lab and the results are posted on their web-site. There is a link to the RMB website from our Lake Shamineau Association website [[www.lakeshamineau.org](http://www.lakeshamineau.org)].

Below is a copy of the chart with 2004 and 2005 lab results from the RMB lake database. It shows transparency, chlorophyll *a* and phosphorus using the trophic state index TSI). TSI is a water quality index used to characterize nutrient levels of water bodies on 1 to 100 scale. 🐾

Lake: Shamineau Lake MN ID#: 49-012700; Site ID#: 1 East Bay Continuous Monitoring Program Data from RMB										
2004										
Date	Time	Sampler	Lab Code	TP ug/L	ChlA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
6/3/2004	1030	Al Doree	34064	21	3	15.5	48	41	38	42
6/21/2004	1100	Al Doree	34547	17	5	12.0	45	46	41	44
7/19/2004	1130	Al Doree	35398	14	3	18.0	42	41	35	39
8/16/2004	1030	Al Doree	36202	13	5	12.0	41	46	41	43
9/27/2004	0900	Al Doree	37473	21	4	15.5	48	44	38	43
2005										
Date	Time	Sampler	Lab Code	TP ug/L	ChlA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
5/17/2005	0930	Al Doree	41210	16	3	21	44	41	33	39
6/20/2005	1030	Al Doree	42655	11	2	14	39	37	39	38
7/19/2005	0930	Al Doree	43887	11	4	18.5	39	44	35	39
8/15/2005	0830	Al Doree	44854	14	5	11.5	42	46	42	43
9/19/2005	1100	Al Doree	46273	17	7	12.5	45	50	41	45



# Beaver bafflers to be installed


The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is installing Clemson Levelers in the beaver dam on the east side of Lake Shamineau to control the water level behind the dam. This should be a long term solution to the build up and digging out cycle of the beaver dam that causes township road flooding and floating bogs in the lake.

The Clemson Levelers consist of an 8-inch diameter plastic pipe that is placed in the bottom of a culvert to provide continuous water flow at a low rate. This actually tricks the beaver into thinking that the culvert is dammed from above, yet water continues to flow. The



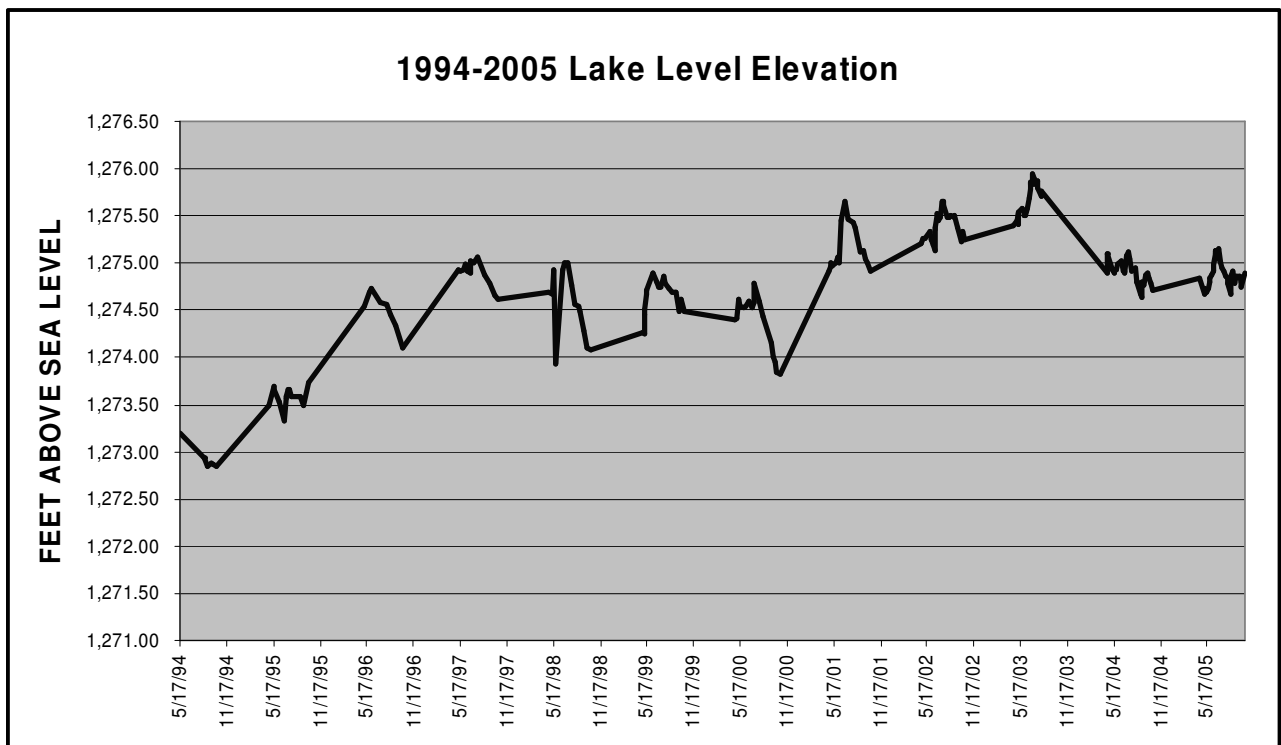
The Clemson Levelers to be installed on the pond side of the beaver dam on the east side of Lake Shamineau this spring.

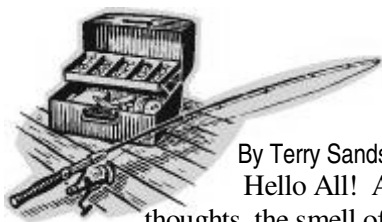
rock dam provides for an emergency spill way for large storm events. One leveler can avert significant property damage by preventing washouts from beaver dam failure. Levelers also reduce routine maintenance required on culverts. The DNR has had very good luck controlling the level of water behind beaver dams with this system.

The project on Lake Shamineau is a cooperative effort between the DNR, Scandia Valley Township and The Lake Shamineau Association. The DNR paid for the Clemson Leveler and Scandia Valley Township donated the rock and equipment to install it. 



Jim Lilienthal of the DNR puts finishing touches on the man-made beaver dam on the east side of Lake Shamineau in preparation for the installation of the Clemson Levelers.





# Fishing

By Terry Sandstrom, Fishing Committee

Hello All! As I sit here writing my thoughts, the smell of spring is in the air and I see the ice is pulling from the shore today. It does make you wish for the ice to be gone and the season's quick change to summer. But wait; what about the spring crappie fishing? And then the walleye and bass opener? We can't miss any of them. The nice thing is, Lake Shamineau offers it all. It is a GREAT lake whose natural resources compel us to protect as we share in its beauty.

## Winter fun

First off, a big THANK YOU to all the ice fishermen for policing their area around their fish houses and all of you who enjoy winter sports on the ice who take pride in the lake. It is so important to leave the lake the way you found it - free of debris, clean and clear.

## Gill net survey

Somewhere within the two weeks following the ice going out, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is scheduled to provide a gill net survey of the lake. This survey is only provided once every five years by the DNR, so it will be interesting to see what outcomes they find. If you are interested in hearing about the gill net survey, you are encouraged to attend our spring meeting as we will be sharing some of the results as well as photos of their process.

## Boat safety

Be safe on the water during the opener and throughout the summer. Life jackets can be as comfortable as wearing a vest. We ask all of you to be safe and invest in life jackets that will support you and your loved ones every time you venture out onto the lake. Not only is it the law, but life jackets save lives!

Good luck fishing and stop in for the spring meeting. We look forward to seeing you! 🐟



## Volunteers from Muskies Inc. clean up lake

The St. Cloud Chapter of Muskies Inc. performed a Lake Shamineau clean up on March 4, 2006. This was the second year the chapter had a clean up day on Shamineau. They used a couple of four-wheelers, a snowmobile and several people walked. About a half a pickup load of trash and debris was picked up off the ice this year. The chapter has also adopted the west public landing on the lake and will try to help keep it cleaned up this year. For more information on either clean up project or to help out, contact Ron Fenske 320-632-5628. 🐟

## Muskies netted for survey

The Little Falls Department of Natural Resources (DNR) caught 185 adult muskies and two juveniles in its April 2006 netting survey on Lake Shamineau. In a report by Jim Lilienthal and Brady Becker of the DNR, they had a total of 219 captures with 32 fish caught more than once. This translates to a rough estimate of the total adult population of muskellunge in the lake to be 475 to 525 fish.

The largest female caught was 51.2 inches and the largest male 47.6 inches. Most of the males were 38-42 inches and a significant majority of the females exceeded 45 inches. The condition of the females based on girth seemed to be improved from past assessments.



They also captured over 200 walleyes while performing the muskie survey, with many in the 25-30 inch range and some juveniles too. Perch were quite abundant, which is a good thing for walleye and muskie management.

Northern pike numbers appear to be lower and the fish are bigger-both positive factors for fishing. Nearly half of the northern pikes that were sampled were over 24 inches long. It seems that Shamineau is no longer a "hammerhandle" lake.

In general, the overall fish community based on the spring assessment is better than in recent history. The DNR will have a gillnet survey coming up this summer and they hope it shows the same improvement. 🐟

## History of Shamineau

This is the first installment of a recurring column on the history of the Lake Shamineau area. The editor welcomes 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.

Thank you to Pat Crawford for the article about her family's history at the lake and their role in establishing the east end access

### The name "Shamineau"

The following information on the origin of the name Shamineau was taken from Minnesota Place Names: A Geographic Encyclopedia written by Warren Upham and published by the Minnesota Historical Society in 1921. The citing of Gilfillan is in reference to Charles Duncan Gilfillan, 1831-1902, who settled in St. Paul in 1854, was a state representative, a senator and long time president of the Minnesota Valley Historical Society.

*"Near the northwest corner of the county, Scandia Valley Township has a fine group of lakes, beautiful for their hilly and wooded shores, numerous points, bays, and islands, and abounding in fish and waterfowl. Lake Alexander, the largest of this group, named before 1860 for Capt. (and later Maj.) Thomas L. Alexander, stationed at Fort Ripley, has Crow, Potato, and High Islands. It outflows to Fish Trap Lake and thence by Fish Trap Brook to the Long Prairie and Crow Wing Rivers. Shamano Lake, about two miles farther north, has this spelling on the map of Minnesota in 1860, derived, according to Gilfillan, 'from an old Indian named Shamanons, who lived there long ago,' but on the most recent maps it is spelled **Shamineau**, a French form of this Ojibwe name."*

# Back at the Lake

### Early times on the west end

The following excerpt is from the local historical book A Chosen Place: Land of Lake, Pine and Prairie written by Ella Hoover Topp and Sigfred A. Nelson. It refers to citations in the Motley Register newspaper by Editor John Drawz in the 1880s.

*"However taken Mr. Drawz was with Lake Alexander and Fish Trap Lake, it was Lake Shamineau that had been the early picnic ground for most Motley folks. It was the favorite place for Sunday School picnics; many spent the Fourth of July at the lake.*

*It was the west end of Lake Shamineau that provided the best shoreline for the picnics and for launching boats. All day celebrations would include bowery dances, fishing contests and boating. Ben Cale, a colorful Motley merchant who took much time off for hunting and fishing, built the first cabin at the lake. He must have expanded his building, as in the early 1900's Hollie and Merton Merrill of Motley bought B.F. Cale's camps and boats at Lake Shamineau. A permanent pavilion was built there and a substantial club house, named the West End Club was erected. In the days of livery stables, rigs were available to get people to the lake, and others took wagon loads of merrymakers to this spot.*

*In 1924 Maynard Avery had purchased seventy acres of lake shore property on the south side of the lake and was in the process of building a resort. The report of this in the Motley Mercury foreshadowed the intense development of the shore line around Lake Shamineau."*

### The east end access

By Pat Crawford

On September 1, 1913 John E. Mathewson, James E. Goodrich and Thomas V. Goodrich purchased all of Sec. 15, Twp. 132 Rge. 31 containing 577.62 acres, more or less. This section of land bordered one mile of the east end of Lake Shamineau. John was my maternal grandfather. James and Thomas were his two brothers, my great uncles. They purchased the land, built two homes on the easterly side of the section and three generations moved here from Table Rock Nebraska shortly thereafter. My mother Leila Mathewson was about 4 years old. The family that moved here at that time was my great-grandparents, George and Mary



Monument at the east end access: "This property is a gift to the public by the Mathewson-Goodrich Families May 22, 1945."



Susan Goodrich, son James Goodrich, daughter Leila Goodrich, my grandparents, John and Emma Mathewson and their children Mildred, Anna, Charles and Leila. My grandfather's brother Thomas Goodrich and his sister Mary Goodrich remained in Nebraska, as they were adults and had teaching positions in Nebraska. They both were active in the ownership of and the family's later real estate transactions and Mary moved to Minnesota and owned and lived in the Goodrich home with her brother James. Thomas often visited and lived summers here in his late years.

In the mid 1940's the family had the lake shore surveyed and staked and then began selling lots, retaining 10 lots for family members. The lot in which our home

now lies, was given to my mother by my grandparents in 1946.

As the Mathewson-Goodrich family planned to sell the lake shore, in the mid 1940's they dedicated a 2 rod wide strip of land to Scandia Valley Township for public road purposes. They also gave the land to the township that is now the east end public access.

In the late 1950's the Scandia Valley township board of supervisors erected a monument in the northwest corner of that lake access property. The monument reads: "This property is a gift to the public by the Mathewson – Goodrich Families May 22, 1945." 2



## Membership fees for 2006-2007 are due

The membership drive for 2007 will begin with the annual meeting, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Membership Committee volunteers will be on hand to collect your dues and to give you a numeral seven to update your 2006 Lake Shamineau Association sign. If you don't have a sign yet, they can be purchased for \$5.00 with your paid annual dues.

Membership fees can be paid at the annual meeting by locating the volunteer with your lake street address so they can record your payment on the proper list. Numerals and additional signs will be on hand. If you are unable to attend the meeting, volunteers canvassing your street will have them available for paid members.

The Membership Committee's goal is to complete the membership drive by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will contact property owners in their area. Volunteers are still needed for the following addresses: Angle, Arras, Auger, Lake Shore Drive, Ridge Road, Shamineau View, Axis and Hillside. Contact Membership Committee Chair Carolyn Held if you would like to volunteer.

Carolyn estimates there are 284 property owners for potential members. Current membership is 178.

If you have not been contacted and would like to be a Lake Shamineau Association member, please contact Carolyn Held at pcheld@brainerd.net; 218-575-2400; or mail to 34738 Aztec Road, Motley, MN 56466.

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## Humans pose threat to baby loon survival

Eggs and baby chicks of the Common Loon can be put in peril by people recreating on the lake. Becoming familiar with loon habits and their warning signs can help people be more aware of the effects of their actions while enjoying boating on the lake.

Each pair of loons only lays two eggs and they're lucky if both babies reach adulthood. Loons are unable to walk on land because their legs are located at the back portion of their body, so they build their nests very close to the water. Nests are susceptible to waves and fluctuating water levels. Boaters need to be careful when driving their boats near loons and loon nests. A boat's wake can easily swamp a loon nest, resulting in chilling of the eggs or chicks or even destruction of the nest.

If predators or people approach the nest and the loon feels threatened, it will exhibit behavior that denotes disturbance, assuming the nest hangover posture. The

nesting bird will stretch its elongated neck low over the nest, trying to be less visible while remaining alert to the apparent disturbance. If the loon perceives danger continuing to approach, it will slip off the nest into the lake. If startled, the loon can flush abruptly, kicking eggs out of the nest.

The adult loon will leave the nest to draw the threat away, leaving eggs to get chilled or baby chicks unprotected. The nervous tremolo is the call loons make when they are very stressed or scared. After the parents have called a few times and the danger is still present, they will sink into the water and swim away. They'll pop up further away and call to their babies to follow them. Meanwhile, eagles and gulls that hear that tremolo call fly over looking for an unprotected baby loon. During the time the little loons are scrambling to find their parents they can get eaten.



The most heightened display of distress exhibited by loons is the so-called “penguin dance” where the bird will propel itself with all power onto its feet with great vigor, puffing its chest to appear larger. Water will be churning and it will give the disturbed tremolo call. This behavior should not be confused with the common and innocent wing flap where the calmly feeding and preening bird becomes semi-erect and simply flaps its wings several times without any evidence of disturbance or distress.

If you are in your boat and hear near-by loons making the nervous tremolo call or exhibiting any of the signs of distress, pull back. 🐾

### Signs that a loon is distressed

- Low outstretched position on the nest.
- Nervous tremolo call.
- Diving often while giving the tremolo call.
- Diving with a loud splashing noise.
- Swimming low in the water to appear less visible.
- Penguin dance on the water.



Distressed loon behavior: LEFT-Outstretched neck and low on the nest. RIGHT-“Penguin dance.” Pull back if loons exhibit these behaviors or they are making the nervous tremolo call.



## Board Minutes January 14, 2006

10:00 a.m., Hitchin' Rail Restaurant, Lincoln, MN

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Terry Sandstrom, Pat Held, Vern Sowada, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, George Gammon, Pat Crawford, Betty Fedde (guest).

Not present: George Holthus, Randy Kevern

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting on May 28, 2005 – approved (moved, Pat, seconded Al).

### Treasurers Report (Vern Sowada):

<b>Checking Account Balance 8/31/2005</b>	\$1,894.37
Paid from checking:	
Promotion	\$ 52.06
Loon Nests	67.03
Newsletter	479.31
Legal - incorporation	270.00
Aquatech – water testing	500.00
Association signs	550.61
Miscellaneous	92.02
Total outflow:	(2,011.03)
Deposit to checking:	
Dues	1,293.48
Other	75.37
Total inflow:	1,368.85
Net outflow:	(642.18)
<b>Checking Account Balance 12/31/2005</b>	<b><u>\$1,252.19</u></b>
<b>Savings Account Balance 8/31/2005</b>	<b>\$4,610.80</b>
Interest on savings account	14.53
<b>Savings Account Balance 12/31/2005</b>	<b><u>\$4,625.33</u></b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$5,877.52</u></b>

Treasurer's report approved (Pat Held moved, Al Doree seconded). Audit will be conducted prior to spring meeting. Vern will calculate taxes paid on his personal taxes for association interest income, for the years prior to the association receiving tax ID number and incorporation. Vern will be reimbursed for taxes paid.

### Membership Committee Report

Carolyn Held reported a total of 175 members and 2 associate memberships, the highest number thus far. Association signs generate visibility and interest. Personal contact by canvassers has been very effective and will be repeated this spring. Annual year tags for association member signs will be available when dues paid for 2006-2007. There are approximately 300 owners on lake. Carolyn ordered 50 more signs (originally purchased 150 signs).

### Water Quality Committee Report

Al Doree has a copy of the 2005 AquaTech Report. He will request electronic copies. Results showed better water clarity in 2005, probably related to algae blooms. We now have a 4 year baseline of testing data from AquaTech. Al recommends continuing RMB water quality testing which is much less costly (\$350/yr) and will allow continuous data for trending. AquaTech may be used periodically in the future, maybe in 5 years. For RMB testing Al takes water samples & ships to the lab. Chlorophyll A and Phosphorus are tested. Al moved, Terry Sandstrom seconded the motion to continue using RMB lab, passed unanimously.

## Beaver Dam

Al reported that the DNR & Scandia Valley Township purchased equipment for a Clemson leveler to control water level behind the dam. The dam was rebuilt with drainage tubes installed – they will attach the Clemson leveler to the tubes on the pond side of the dam to control the level of water behind the dam. The dam has overflow protection - in case of heavy rain, water will overflow onto rock on lake side rather than blow out the dam. Pond and wetland area is for waterfowl management from the DNR perspective.

## Bog permit

Al will reapply in April, all association members eligible under this permit to remove bogs of a certain size. See previous membership minutes for specific rules. Pat Crawford moved to approve bog permit application, seconded and approved.

## Legal Status

Lake Shamineau Association is now incorporated. Pat Crawford and Al Doree worked with Hans Borstad to complete the application. Sandy will check rules for official record keeping for the incorporated association. In order to apply for and receive grants the association needs a 501c3 designation. This requires application to the IRS – Pat Crawford will work with her daughter-in-law on the application. The purpose of the association must meet requirements of the law for a charitable organization. Al has the grant application from the Initiative Foundation for \$5,000 (requires 501c3 status). This money is available for implementation of our Lake Management plan. Pat Held moved, Vern seconded, unanimous approval to move forward on preparing application for 5013c.

## May 27 Member Meeting Planning

- Pat Held will arrange for Scandia Valley site. Dale Williams & social committee will arrange for coffee and donuts/rolls.
- Photo contest for fall meeting – Announce at spring meeting

for members to bring photos to the fall meeting to be posted and members can vote for winners.

- Speaker and video (PBS show – video from MN Lake Association) on lakeshore rules proposals, lakeshore restoration. Mike Fedde to arrange for speaker.
- Lakeshore plantings grants – Pat & Carolyn Held will present their results of the lakeshore planting grant they received a few years ago and status of grants available.
- Assessor listing of sales for members – handout
- Committee reports

## Newsletter

Association newsletter to be sent May 1 and again before Labor Day weekend meeting. Discussed newsletter story ideas and responsible board members for working on articles. Ideas include history of lake, advertise photo contest, report ice out history, gill netting observations for fish survey in April. Newsletter is being sent to all lakeshore owners, due to logistic difficulties of sending only to members. Send ideas to LakeNewsletter@msn.com.

## Other

The county sends Notice of Building Variances to Mike, he forwards to board members for any comments or interest of the association in the variances to zoning laws.

Pat Held will draft a donation policy for review by the board to address requests to the association for donations. 501c3 will dictate who a charitable organization can donate to.

Discussion of property owners' responsibilities to their neighbors – being a good neighbor.

## Next Meeting

May 6 the board will meet to discuss the Lake Management Plan for review of accomplishments, planning for implementation, and updating.

Pat Held moved to adjourn. Pat Crawford seconded, approved unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams 

# Board Minutes May 6, 2006

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

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Randy Kevern, Terry Sandstrom, George Gammon, and Vern Sowada.

Not present: Pat Held, George Holthus, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, Pat Crawford.

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting on January 14, 2006 – approved as read.

## Treasurers Report:

Checking Account Balance 1/4/2006	\$1,252.19
Deposit to checking: 1/13/2006	
Membership dues	30.00
Total inflow:	<u>30.00</u>
Net inflow:	30.00
Checking Account Balance 5/1/2006	<u>\$1,252.19</u>
Savings Account Balance 1/4/2006	\$4,608.80
Interest on savings account	43.40
Savings Account Balance 5/1/2006	<u>\$4,654.26</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$5,936.45</u>

Moved, seconded and approved to accept the financial report. Vern brought the financial records to be audited. Mike Fedde and Terry Sandstrom volunteered to audit the records prior to the May membership meeting. Al Doree provided Vern with the financial section of the 501 c3 application which Vern completed. This application is for non-profit status with the IRS and will enable the association to apply for certain grant monies.

## Newsletter

Board members present reviewed the draft of the newsletter to be published and mailed this coming week. A few dates or times were discussed that Jacquie needed: 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade begins at 1 p.m., and the photo contest will accept entries up to August 1, and will be presented at the fall membership meeting for voting/judging. Terry asked board members to bring examples in the categories for the spring meeting to generate interest. Submission to be sent to

Terry Sandstrom. Ron Fenske has volunteered to scan the photos into a presentation.

Sandy Williams mentioned that the cost of publishing the newsletter could be offset by accepting paid ads from local businesses. Guidelines had been discussed in previous meetings and will be reviewed so that commercial ads can be solicited.

The newsletter has lots of information of interest to the membership and the board expressed thanks to Jacquie Rognli for her work and appreciation for the years that Carolyn Held compiled and published it.

### **Fishing Committee**

Terry Sandstrom reported on his observation of the 2006 gill net survey by the DNR. He will put together a video presentation for the spring meeting, the newsletter has Terry's report and in early 2007 the DNR report will be available. Currently the 2002 report is the most recent, as the DNR does the study every four years. Terry hopes that the DNR fishing newsletter may be ready by the spring meeting.

### **Membership Committee**

Pat Held reported that members have been expressing concerns over the vegetation beds deteriorating, concern for fish and wildlife habitat with bog disappearing. Pat will talk to Jeff Halvorsen of the DNR for advice. Al Doree applied for a bog permit for members. If floating bogs can be moved back in place and staked, it would help maintain habitat. Discussion was held as to the recent years of high water being the cause. The story is that in the 1930's the lake was so low that cattle were moved through the lake bed. Recent rainfall of between 2 and 3 inches has likely raised the lake level this spring.

### **Spring meeting**

Mike has obtained a speaker from the county, either Chuck Forss or another representative. They will talk about the proposed new lake rules that have been adopted in a few other counties. The rules pertain to lakeshore protection, maximum dock size, etc. and are expected to be of interest to association members. It was discussed that members should note that road construction will affect their route to the spring meeting at the Scandia Valley Township Hall.

### **Lake Management Plan:**

The Lake Management Plan goals and objectives were reviewed for progress and revision. It was agreed that every five years a new visioning session will be held with association members, to fully review the plan for updated goals. Annually the plan is reviewed for progress and updating. A number of objectives have been started or accomplished and will be ongoing. The goals of Land Use Planning, Fisheries and Wildlife Management, Water Quality and Aquatic Vegetation remain important to our lake's health. The updated plan will be available when revisions are completed.


### **Other Business**

MN Lakes Association has been renamed to Minnesota Waters, to include the Rivers and Streams group. It was approved to rejoin the statewide association (Bob Koll moved, Randy Kevern seconded).

Zoning variance notices were to be sent from the county to Mike Fedde. Mike and Bob Koll had volunteered to attend county meetings regarding variances when they could. Members had expressed concern over fair and consistent application of zoning laws to protect the lake. The county is to be re-notified due to lack of notice being sent to the association.


Pat Held provided a draft of "Donation Guidelines" for discussion. The board approved the guidelines with the revision of requiring membership approval if a donation is considered for over fifty dollars. Donation Guidelines: 1) All donations will be reviewed and approved by the Lake Association Board. 2) Donations will be only awarded to charitable or non-profit organizations. 3) Amounts will be awarded up to fifty dollars as approved by the Board; any amount greater than fifty dollars must be approved by the association membership. 4) Preference will be given to those organizations which help to promote the mission of the Lake Association. 5) Total donations for any fiscal year shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

The meeting was adjourned (Vern moved, George Gammon seconded).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 

## **Boat parade becomes tradition**



While not an official organized event, the annual Fourth of July parade of boats has become a tradition on Lake Sharnineau that residents and vacationers anticipate with delight. Boat owners decorate their water craft and take a low-speed tour around the lake, with boats joining them along the way. The parade usually begins about 1:00 p.m. at Sharnineau Acres and proceeds counter-clockwise along the shore. People wave from their docks as the procession passes by. 

### **ADS**

#### **WANTED: Bridge Club Members.**

George & Evelyn Holthus will be spending their first year at the cabin as their summer home and are looking for bridge players. 218-575-2542.

**Line Dancing Instruction.** Interested in learning to line dance? No charge. Call George or Evelyn Holthus 218-575-2542.



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