

**Lake Shamineau Association Fall Membership Meeting
September 1, 2007
Camp Shamineau – Media Center at Oak Hollow**

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll, Randy Kevern, Mike Willis, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine, Anne Hanson, Marlene Friedl

President's Welcome

Mike Fedde called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the fall meeting. Approximately 75 member were present. Mike announced that the voting for the photo contest and drawings for door prizes that will take place during the meeting.

Mike described the shoreline survey by the county. Photos were taken of shorelines and will be provided to property owners with any recommendations for shoreline management for a healthy lake. The reports by property will be available in October. A packet will be put together with information and publications of general interest to lake property owners.

Binoculars, a Shamineau cap, a lakescaping book, Landing restaurant gift certificates, flashlight, and other door prizes were given away in a drawing throughout the meeting.

Approval of May 26, 2007 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 26, 2007 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

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following report:

<i>Asset Balance 1/13/2007</i>		\$7,894.28
Income:		
	Memberships, ads	\$7,120
	Interest	36.09
	Total Income	<u>\$7,156.09</u>
Expenses:		
	Water Quality RMB Labs	225.30
	Spring meeting breakfast	387.00
	Newsletters printing, postage	1,196.31
	Other expenses	<u>142.88</u>
		\$1,951.49
<i>Balance on Hand Checking 8/31/2007</i>		\$942.65
<i>Balance in Savings 8/31/2007</i>		\$12,156.23

Total Assets

\$13,098.88

Pat moved to formally thank Vern Sowada for his years as treasurer, seconded and approved.

Camp Welcome

Herb Bloomquist welcomed the group to the camp facilities. He invited lake residents and their families and guests to open gym at the camp on Thursday nights, including use of the indoor skateboard park, climbing wall, volleyball, etc

Water Quality

Al Doree reported that the lake level continues to go down, and reported statistics compared to official high water level (OHWL) and to the lowest know recorded level of 1962. Not all years have had measurements officially recorded. The www.lakeshamineau.org website has the official historical measurements. The lake level is currently 17.76 inches lower than the OHWL.

Jennifer Buckentine, Anne Hanson, Pat Held and Al Doree met with the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls and DNR staff to discuss how to prepare a plan for prevention or management of invasive exotic species. The DNR has a program called Point Intercept Survey which surveys lake plant species, Al reviewed the report for Lake Alexander from 2004 which is online on the DNR website. What they subsequently learned was that the same type of survey had been done on Lake Shamineau in 2005, but the report was not yet written. The DNR sent maps to Al which he showed indicating the aquatic vegetation mapping. Curlyleaf pondweed, a non-native species, is located in our lake. The survey sampled 561 sites, 75 meters apart, and found 30 different species. 73 percent of the sampling locations have vegetation, with non-native curlyleaf pondweed in 10 percent of sample sites. This species is thought to have been present for 100 years in Minnesota. The presence of many native plants may minimize spread of the curlyleaf pondweed. There is no environmentally safe way to treat it.

Anne Hanson commented on the importance of this survey as a baseline for future comparison of lake quality. The Lake Shamineau Point Intercept Survey report is expected to be available to view later this fall on the DNR website.

Restore Your Shore CD demonstration

Jacquie presented the "Restore Your Shore" CD on the computer. The CD was developed in conjunction with a book by Carol Henderson, *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality* available at the Minnesota Bookstore. The CD was developed prior to Windows XP operating system so it requires some computer knowledge to get it to work correctly. The book is an excellent resource and includes an encyclopedia of native plants, and suggestions for and instructions regarding restoring a natural shoreline to protect the shoreline, enhance wildlife and filter water runoff for improved water quality. Members interested in ordering the CD at a group rate of \$20, compared to \$25 individually, contact Jacquie.

Fire News

John & Betty McGuire lost their lake home to a fire during the storm of August ... Due to the storm power lines went down. The power company turned on the power at the transformer and sparks from the downed line were created. Calls to the power company did not result in sending out a crew and a propane tank exploded causing the fire and total loss of the structure.

An important fact for property owners to be aware of - call 911 for any dangerous situation and speak with a live dispatcher who will get appropriate personnel out to deal with the danger immediately. The new fire numbers at each property are plotted by GPS for fire and ambulance responders to locate properties in case of an emergency.

Sandy Williams directed members to the DNR website "Firewise" program that has educational information about how to manage your lake or rural properties to protect it from the spread of wildfires. Burning bans and regulations are also online and there are links from our lake association website to these resources.

Fishing

Members want to know how to catch walleyes. Rick Rosar recommends night, the clarity of the lake means darkness is better for fishing. Winter fishing has been very good for walleye, often in 28 inch range. This summer large panfish have been caught off docks, an improvement over past years. Northern pike restrictions require that those caught between 24-36 inches must be released, and one trophy above 36 inches may be kept. Rick reported the age and related size of walleyes surveyed last summer.

Membership

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 195 members. Approximately 20 likely members yet to be contacted. She thanked the members who donate their time in this effort. Volunteers for next year should see Carolyn – help is always needed and appreciated.

New numbers on membership signs were placed during the summer with either 08 or 10 depending on renewal term. If a number was incorrect, please let Carolyn know. New fire numbers are going up, and the county asks that we remove our old red fire numbers and you may continue to use only the old post for the lake association sign. Carolyn asked for changes of address, member must go to courthouse for actual change and this official address is used for labels that the county prints for our newsletter mailing.

Discussion was held about a membership directory. This will be taken under consideration for the future. Work on a member list in conjunction with the emailing of newsletters may enable the preparation of a member directory.

Loon Report

Carolyn Held reported that artificial nests were placed again in the lake this spring but none were nested upon. Loons have been gathering in the east bay lately. One baby was

seen with a pair of adults in the southeast end of the lake, but others hatched apparently did not survive this year.

Summer Photo Contest 2007

Photo contest voting took place during a meeting break. \$40 and \$20 prizes given in each category, Fun in the ,Sunrise/Sunset, Proud Fisher Person, and Wildlife.

E-newsletter Offered for 2008

Jacquie Rognli offered that for those interested members who sign up at the fall meeting, an e-newsletter (pdf format) will be sent rather than a paper copy to save on printing and mailing costs. Please email her at lakenewsletter@msn.com to sign up. Doing this will ensure that she has the correct email address.

Jacquie also indicated that members willing to solicit advertisements for the newsletter are welcome especially if they know local business owners. The advertising form is available at the lake association website. Ads are printed separately and mailed with the newsletter. Advertising revenue helps to offset printing and mailing costs.

A member requested receiving the newsletter a few weeks before the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary