

**Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting**  
**May23,2009 9 a.m.**  
**Scandia Valley Town Hall**

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

Not present: Mike Fedde

**President's Welcome**

Vice President Rick Rosar called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the fall meeting. Board members present introduced themselves.

**Approval of September 1, 2007 Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the August 30, 2008 membership meeting were printed in the May 2009 newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The major expense is the newsletter printing and mailing. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive it via email. Email [lakenewsletter@msn.com](mailto:lakenewsletter@msn.com) to get on the emailing list.

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account:

<i>Balance on Hand Checking 5/22/2008</i>	\$1,210.96
<i>Balance in Savings 5/22/2008</i>	<u>\$13,209.73</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$14,420.69

Checks would be written today for cost of newsletter printing and mailing and for the Minnesota Waters Conference attendance by Jacqui Rognli. Pat acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation from the Snyder family which was matched by the Carlson Foundation. Newsletter ads obtained by Bob Koll brought in \$800 to help offset the cost of printing and mailing.

A member had expressed concern in a letter to the board about the size of the balance in the bank account. Rick had checked and found that the Lake Alexander Balance is over \$30,000 and another lake association member had told him that they pay \$350 per year by each member. In the case of invasive species found in a lake – the cost to attempt to control it is very high.

An audit of the financial books was conducted and Jennifer Buckentine moved to approve the audit. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Fishing**

Rick Rosar presented the results of the first DNR survey conducted the spring – a netting survey done after ice out. Results of the second survey were not yet available. The DNR stocked 2.25 million walleye fry on May 15, 2009. Fingerlings and fry are stocked on alternate years. Click [here](#) for DNR fish survey results. Fishing limits have not changed this year despite the fake sign posted at the public landing which said that there were lower limits.

For the second year in a row – Lund boats has filmed their new 2009 line of boats on Lake Shamineau. Residents may have noticed a boat with a tower on it that was for the camera. They film the boats in action on the water. Also, they have a permit from the DNR to have a tank of large fish; they attach a fishing line to one of the lunkers and film the fisherperson in their new boat “catching” it.

### **Water Quality**

Al indicated that the water level this spring is 14.16 inches below the official high water level (OHWL). This is 5.04 inches higher than last fall’s reading. Historical graphs of these measurements and the water clarity are on the association website. We have had 4.88 inches of rain this spring.

On May 12 the water quality was tested and the thermocline and temperatures were measured with the instrument the association purchased. At this time of the year there is no thermocline, temperatures are the same at different depths of the lake in early spring. These measurements are taken monthly for 5 months of the summer. The Secchi disk reading was 17 feet – very clear as is typical also in spring. The county will pay for our RMB lab testing this year as they did last year saving the association \$200. We continue to pay the shipping of the samples which amounts to \$20 per month or a total of around \$100.

Al has applied for the Association bog permit from the county. With lake levels lower than in the recent past – loose bogs are much less of a problem. If displaced, they can be used to help stabilize the shoreline where they have landed.

The lake had an aquatic vegetation survey done four years ago. We may want to look into having it done again next year, on a five year rotation, so as to catch any invasive problems early.

Ice out was April 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. Ice out in 2007 was April 20<sup>th</sup>. The “ice over” dates are now being collected by state agencies also.

### **Membership**

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 204 members and thanked the great volunteers she has helping to contact members and ask them to join. Jacqui printed up nice half page cards with a lake map and statistics and had the benefits of membership on

the reverse side. They are available at the meeting and will be handed out during neighborhood member contacts. The board presented Carolyn with a loon flute and a thank you card for her hard work as the membership coordinator. Carolyn asked if anyone is interested in replacing her as the membership coordinator but no volunteers came forth at this time.

### **Loon Report**

It was noted that the loon nest in the SE bay near Marlene Freidl was not occupied this year. Artificial nests were put out again, but loons have not nested on them. Carolyn had spoken with the Big Birch Lake people who say that loons follow them out when they place their artificial nest. They have 5 of them which are all nested on. We need to learn what to do differently to attract them. Their eggs will be safer if the nests are not on shore where they nest now and their eggs are lost to predators.

### **Communication Committee**

Jacqui emailed a request for sending the newsletter electronically to all emails she had – 10 more agreed to receive electronically. There was concern by one advertiser that emailed newsletters would not reflect the ads as well as in the printed newsletter. It was suggested the ads might be placed throughout the newsletter but highlighted that they are paid advertisements to avoid confusion.

### **Ice Jacking**

The aerators placed by a group of cabins on the west end were very successful in keeping the lake open along the shore. The aerator hose was placed in three feet of water which was the most successful year yet in preventing shoreline damage from ice jacking.

### **Minnesota Waters Lakes and Rivers Conference Report**

Jacqui Rognli attended the conference in Rochester, MN on May 7-8, 2009. She gave an excellent presentation of conference highlights and showed slides on what she learned.

Some facts she highlighted include:

- 66% of vegetation is lost when property is developed
- 20-28% of emergent vegetation was lost in 2008
- Frogs are the canary in the coal mine – indicate environmental issues
- 70% of wetlands have been lost, 90% in Iowa – resulting in increased flooding
- 2008 legislation passed a MN Star Lakes and Rivers program with requirements to earn the designation – Lake Shamineau Association is close to qualifying
- Statewide Shoreline Management Plan proposal is open for comments and feedback from residents
- Update of Lake Management Plan needed

### **Board Elections**

No volunteers came forth to be elected to the board. Al Doree, Pat Held, Rick Rosar and Bob Koll were nominated to continue on the board. They were re-elected unopposed. The board meets following the general membership meeting.

### **Other Business**

Last year's members' concerns that were raised at the membership committee were addressed as much as possible in the Spring newsletter.

A \$5,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation is planned to be used for matching lakescaping grants for shoreline plantings. Details to be provided later this summer.

2010 meetings will not be at the Scandia Valley Town Hall due to Crookneck Lake Association has booked it. We will find an alternative location and hope to book 2011.

Door prizes were awarded to those sitting on marked chairs in the audience.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary