

**Lake Shamineau Association Fall Membership Meeting
September 5, 2009 9 a.m.
Scandia Valley Town Hall**

Board members present: Pat Held, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine, Anne Hanson, John Jacobson, Mike Fedde
Not present: Al Doree, Mike Willis, Randy Kevern,

President's Welcome

President Jennifer Buckentine called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the fall meeting. Board members present introduced themselves.

Members shared reasons why they enjoy the lake, where on the lake they live, interesting stories and history.

The Lake Management Plan is due for an update and will be brought to the spring meeting. Application for shoreline restoration projects has been applied for at the Initiative Foundation.

Door prizes were awarded including \$50 Fleet Farm gift certificate, \$15 for Randall Hardware, Cabin Life Magazine subscription, Lake Country Journal magazine subscription and Minnesota Vacation Days book.

Approval of Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

<i>Balance on Hand Checking 9/4/2009</i>	\$703.06
<i>Balance in Savings 9/4/2009</i>	<u>\$14,156.26</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$14,859.34

Income includes membership dues and ads for the newsletter. Expenses include postage and water quality testing.

A member expressed concern, based on experience with a different board, about having one signee on checks and suggested there should be two.

Committee Reports:

Fishing

Rick Rosar reported his experience that bass are being found where the vegetation called “tobacco cabbage” is located. Sunfish are being caught in fifteen feet of water. In the winter Rick finds walleyes in 24 -28 feet of water.

Water Quality

Bob Koll reported that we have six years of water quality data, the most of Morrison County lakes. Al and Bob collect water samples sent in to RMB labs with the date of collection and water temperature at the time of the sampling. Our phosphorus score of 14.1 is in the healthy range of 14 – 27, the lower the score the better. Our water clarity averaged 14.7 feet with 8 – 15 feet being the good range. Lake level and rainfall reports are on the web site, data that is collected and reported by Al Doree. Our official high water level (OHWL) was set in the 1970’s and is where the aquatic and terrestrial vegetation meet.

Membership

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 208 members, there are 89 non-members of which 27 were previous members. Membership volunteers were at the tables for new and renewal memberships. Carolyn is always looking for volunteers and if anyone would like to chair the membership committee.

Loon Report

Carolyn reported that loon numbers were fairly decent this year, 24 were counted in mid-August. It was reported that a loon nested under a pontoon late in the season.

Communications

Members are encouraged to sign up to receive it via email. Email lakenewsletter@msn.com to get on the emailing list and to update any email address changes.

Program

Ken Biretz and Sean Wells are Iowa rescue divers invited to explore our lake by John Jacobson, board member. Following are some of the findings from their dive they discussed while a video they taped was shown of their underwater exploration.

- Dive points were at 47 feet deep, where it is dark, and at 12 feet deep near the camp’s ski route.
- At 30 feet, 1/8 mile west of the island they could feel springs and saw large spawn beds, clean bottom, large snails which live in clean water and an active clam bed (clams filter water)
- They observed a sunken island east of the lake’s deep hole and west of the island. Rock pillars were observed and old fishing lures.
- At 17 feet the dominant weed line is found, growing thick to the shoreline, first weeds seen at about 27 feet deep.

- At 47 feet there is about 8 inches of silt, which is not a lot, indicating not a lot of shoreline is washing in.
- Two schools of cisco were seen, moving in a school about 8 feet by 8 feet and 4 to 8 inches in size. Ciscos are food for walleyes and large fish.
- The water was not as clear as it would be earlier in the summer because it was the start of the lake's natural turn over.
- Not much structure on the lake bed for fish structure, other than the terracing down of the lake bottom. Fallen trees make good structure. Some lakes, with DNR approval build fish cribs for structure.
- The lake bottom is clean with very little garbage in the dive area. Ice fishing is a cause of more garbage in some lakes. The divers found two cans in 4 dives over 2 ½ hours.
- At one point their compass indicated there must be something large and metal, possibly a car or as someone suggested, Al Doree's anchor inventory.

Members found the presentation very interesting and appreciated the work of the divers.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary