

2009 LSA Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting January 17, 2009 Hitchin' Rail Restaurant

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Pat Held, Al Doree, Jacquie Rognli Anne Hanson, Rick Rosar, John Jacobson, Sandy Williams

Absent: Bob Koll, Mike Willis, Randy Kevern; Jen Buckentine

Treasurer's Report - Pat Held Checking Balance \$585.96 Savings Balance \$13,169.14 Total \$13,755.10 We received a \$100 matching grant from the Carlson Equity Fund. Approved renewal of association's membership to Minnesota Waters. Financial audit of the association books will take place at 8 am on May 23, 2009 prior to the spring membership meeting by John Jacobson, Jennifer Buckentine and Pat Held.

Membership report - 204 members total - 94 not members 28 prior members did not renew – reasons include selling property, deaths, etc. Carolyn asked the board to consider whether due to financial times membership dues should be suspended one year. Discussion concluded that we would continue membership dues this year. Carolyn's report thanked the hard work of her volunteers: Joyce Larson, Tom Heltemes, Marlene Friedl, George and Lois Gammon, John Jacobson, Jennifer Buckentine, Bob and Cheryl Koll, Cheryl Mashuga and Don and Doris Amundson. The board also unanimously voiced their appreciation to Carolyn for her leadership and efforts as membership chairperson. Membership Survey There were 43 responses to the

Membership Survey - The results did not cause the board to change scheduled meetings at this time. Answers: How many membership meetings should be held annually? Two – 24 One – 16 No response – 3 If only one meeting per year, when? Rank: 1 = Memorial Day weekend 2 = One week after Memorial Day weekend 3 = Labor Day Weekend 4 = Mid-July There was some interest in Lake Shamineau merchandise, especially T-shirts, sweatshirts and caps. Augers resort and Camp Shamineau both have "Shamineau" merchandise and may be interested in having some available at the meeting for members to purchase.

Lakeshore Survey - County prepared Lake Survey – has been caught between changes in staff. Sadly, Tammy from the county who spoke to us last year unexpectedly passed away. Al will check with the county on when this survey will be completed. Discussion about shoreline improvement grants and the grant we are to receive related to our lake plan. Jennifer is to check into this.

Other Business - The Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Conference will be held in Rochester on May 7-8. Jacquie and John are going to check if they could be available to attend. The board moved and approved to support 2 board members to attend, limit \$500 total. Water testing was approved for 2009. Newsletter ideas were discussed. Bob Koll will take care of the ads again this year.

Spring Meeting - Spring membership meeting is scheduled for 9 am at Scandia Valley. Information on biologs will be brought to the meeting for lakeshore protection/lakescaping.

Assessors report of property sales on the lake will be requested and brought to the membership meeting. A handout will be prepared for the meeting noting membership benefits.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary

Spring Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2009 – 11:00 – 12:00 noon – Scandia Valley Town Hall

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

Absent: Mike Fedde

Election of Officers - Volunteers were solicited for officers. The following were elected: Jennifer Buckentine – President Rick Rosar – Vice President Pat Held – Treasurer Sandy Williams –

Secretary Shoreline - Improvement Grant Application The association has access to a \$5,000 grant and will use it to promote healthy shoreline landscaping to protect water quality. Pat Held will complete the county grant application. There was discussion of how much the lake association will contribute to the matching funds. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Pat to complete the grant application on behalf of the lake association. Discussion was also held regarding the Spring Board Minutes continued interest in volunteers being willing to help with labor for those who may want to apply for the grant and would like help with the work involved of preparing and planting the shoreland. Randy Kevern will look for before and after photos of this project that they completed on their lake property a few years ago.

Point Intercept Survey of Aquatic - Vegetation A link will be established on our website if it is not already there. To obtain state recognition as a Star Lake, this survey needs to be done every 3 years. It was last done 4 years ago.

Lake Management Plan - Update A group needs to meet to review and update our lake management plan and submit it to the county for approval. This is also part of the Star Lake designation requirements.

Lake Association Meetings - It was suggested by Jacqui that we add an Open Forum at the beginning of our meetings to allow members to bring up items they have been thinking about and it may encourage more interactive meetings. Ideas were brought up for more participation in meetings such as the Lake Bingo mixer that was done a few years ago at one of the meetings at Camp Shamineau. Also, asking members before the meeting to write on postit notes why they like being on Lake Shamineau and posting the notes in categories,

Website - Sandy will request a hyperlink to our website on the MN Waters website. Website will have the privacy feature removed that did not allow a search to find the website. Jacqui will

create an email address to communicate with the board and provide feedback and it will be posted on the website. Fishing photos could be placed on the web to show off the catches made on the lake. These could be submitted to the new email address also.

Trading Post Idea - Members have requested a way to sell or give away items through a posting. This will be investigated as to how this could be managed. Items should be approved and related to cabin and lake items.

Lakeshore Assessment - Project by the County This project to match photos of lakeshore properties to lakeshore improvement suggestions will be abandoned, as recommended by the board. Personnel changes, the fact that the GPS coordinates were lost, the photos were not matched correctly and feelings by some members that the photos could be used by the county to police properties led the board to recommend that we take a more positive educational and demonstration approach with grant money to help property owners improve their lakeshore.

Summer Board Meeting - Scheduled for July 18th at 9 am at the Hitchin' Rail.

Fall Meeting - John Jacobson offered that a friend who is a Search & Rescue diver for Iowa would scuba dive in the lake and film it to show at the fall meeting. The board moved and approved to pay reasonable expenses which John felt would be minimal.

Spring 2010 - Meeting Location will be investigated for the 2010 meetings since Crookneck Lake Association has the town hall booked. The golf course costs us money and some members feel the building is not very accessible.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary

Summer Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 9:00 AM Hitchin Rail

Present: Mike Fedde, Randy Kevern, John Jacobson, Jacquie Rognli, Mike Willis, Pat Held and Anne Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

Boat parade concern - Joyce Larson, a landowner, expressed her concern about the violent behavior during the 4th of July boat parade, specifically water balloons launched from shore at the boats. One particular launcher required three people to use. Participants in the parade are reminded that some boaters have small children and babies on board. The Board wishes to stress that the event is not sponsored by the Association and in the future details about the parade will not be mentioned in the newsletter or promoted in any way on the website. The Association will not be liable for any damages incurred by participants or viewers in the parade.

Treasurer report - Checking \$750.56 Savings \$13,751.28 Total \$14,501.84 Motion by Hanson to accept, Second by Fedde, motion passed unanimously.

Membership - About 2/3 of the possible landowners belong to the association, many with three-year memberships.

Fishing - No member present on committee. Fishing has been OK considering the weather has been erratic.

Water quality - No member present on committee.

Communications - An account is set up with gmail, messages can be sent through the internet at lakeshamineau@gmail.com. Jacquie will communicate with Sandy about publishing items that members have for sale.

Shoreline improvements - Held is still working with Don Hickman, Initiative Foundation. There is a Shoreline Management seminar in Brainerd on July 27, Held may attend.

Lake Management Plan - A sub-committee will be formed; the Plan will be updated and presented for approval to entire membership at the spring 2010 meeting. Changes will be published on the website and in the newsletter, prior to the vote.

MN Star Lake designation - The Association almost qualifies now, only lacking the approved updated Lake Management Plan. The Association would then be eligible to apply for DNR grants. Kevern proposed seeking information on a wash station for the west access. Dollars are still available from the Initiative Foundations Healthy Lakes Program and the DNR may also have funds for such a project.

Advertising Sales - There is one new paid ad for the newsletter.

Fall Meeting - The agenda for the fall meeting was discussed along with a mixer activity. It was suggested that there be an open forum at the beginning of the meeting, for people to present issues without waiting too long. Ken Biretz, a SCUBA diver, will be the speaker and we will meet at the Scandia Valley Town hall on September 7th at 9:00am. Hanson will try to book space for next years meetings.

Newsletter Items - are due by August 9th

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Acting-secretary Ann Hanson