

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 29, 2010 9 a.m.

Lincoln Free Evangelical Church meeting room

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

Not present: Anne Hanson

Group Mixer

Members enjoyed coffee and donuts while playing a Lake Bingo encouraging them to find association members that matched items on the Bingo cards. Prizes were given to the first members to complete a Bingo on their card.

President's Welcome

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

Thanks were extended to Carolyn Held for the large map she assembled showing where members are located on the lake. Thanks were also extended to Jacquie Rognli for another well done newsletter. Thanks were extended to the church for using their facility. Thanks was extended to Mike Fedde for his 4 years as president of the association.

Pat Held and Bob Koll sent in the 2010 federal and state renewals for our 501(c)3 tax status.

Announcement was made for a DNR public workshop in Brainerd at the college cafeteria regarding Parks and Trails Legacy Regional Workshop on June 2 from 7 – 9 pm. These meetings provide citizens with a chance to influence the Parks and Trails Legacy Plan that will guide funding decisions for regional and state parks and trails. Notice of these types of events can be found under the “events” section of the MN DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/events/index.html>.

Guest Speaker

Eric Altena – the DNR Area Fisheries Manager from Little Falls spoke. He indicated that his responsibility is for the counties of Morrison, Todd, Bento and Mille Lacs which include 4 designated trout streams, 90 lakes and 5 rivers. In the spring and summer they sample lakes for fish population and conduct a vegetation survey for habitat. In the fall they do stocking of walleye fingerlings every other year and on the alternate years they stock walleye fry. This year Lake Shamineau was stoked with 30,000 walleye fingerlings.

About 80% survive (of a million fry that are stocked, 2-3% survive). He indicated that our lake has a healthy population of large mouth bass. The Dept of Health contaminant analysis indicates people should eat 1 meal of fish per week. Eric showed a video of the electro-fish sampling process.

Approval of Fall 2009 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 2009 membership meeting were printed in the May 2010 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:

Balance on Hand Checking 5/28/2010	\$937.28
Balance in Savings 5/28/2010	<u>\$13,914.33</u>
Total Assets	\$14,851.61

Income includes membership dues and ads for the newsletter. Expenses include postage, water quality testing, meeting expenses (coffee, donuts, prizes).

Committee Reports:

Fishing

Rick Rosar reported his experience catching fish this spring.

Water Quality

Water clarity continues to be very high, with a reading of 18 feet on the secchi disk. See the website for measurements over the years. The RMB labs (water quality company) website was shown to themembers.

Membership

Carolyn Held created a large map with members names and locations on the lake. 276 newsletters were sent out with 10 returned. Emailing newsletters helps with the cost of printing and mailing. Currently there are 213 members and volunteers who contact lake residents are always looking for more helpers. It is helpful to this group if renewals are returned by mail to cut down on the personal contacts they otherwise make.

Loon Report

A few nests have been observed, one near the west public access. Concern was expressed as to our loons migrating to the oil spill in the gulf this fall.

Communications

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

Board Elections

Nominations were made, a motion was made and seconded and the following members were elected to the board for a 3 year term: Randy Heltemes, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine and Mike Fedde.

Other Business

Citations will be issued by the sheriff's department for water balloons during the 4th of July boat parade. This is a result of injuries received in past years.

The Lakeshore Improvement Grant application is being completed and will be sent in soon. The Lake Survey done by the county a few years ago had a summary (available on our website) but due to turnovers in personnel and difficulty with the photos and lot IDs – individual recommendations were not made.

There is a Lions Pancake Feed at the Scandia Valley fire hall Sunday from 9 – 11 am. On June 13th a Celebrate the Flag gathering at the Scandia Valley picnic area will be held. Camp Shamineau invites lake residents to their annual Beach Day open house.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary