



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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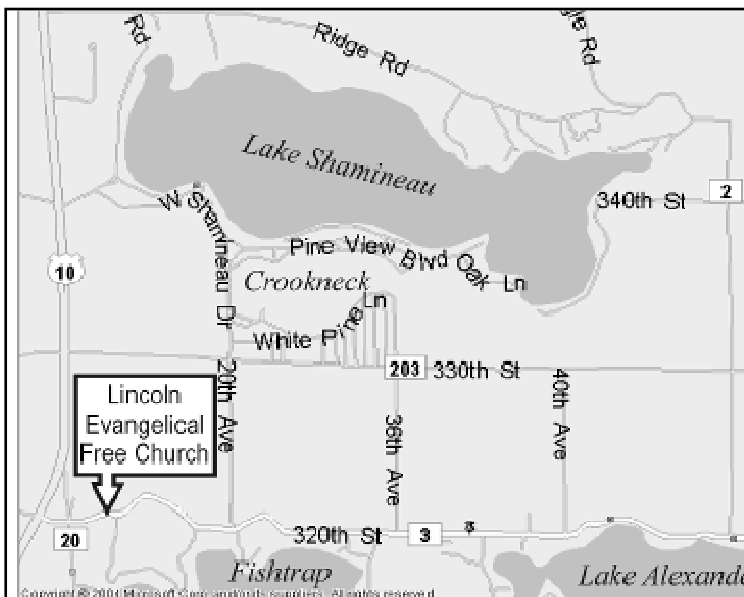
Spring meeting at new location

The spring membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held **Saturday, May 29th, 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free Church** located 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 (see map and photo below). Thank you to the church for letting us use their facility at no cost.

Our guest presenter will be Eric Altena from the Minnesota DNR Little Falls Area Fisheries office.

There will an election for new Lake Association Board members as the terms of current members Mike Fedde, Jennifer Buckentine, Mike Willis and Jacquie Rognli expire this spring. Consider volunteering to serve on the next board. The board meets twice a year besides membership meetings and does most communication via email.

There will be time before the meeting for membership renewals and rolls, coffee and juice provided. 



The Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, May 29th, 9:00 AM at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, 1354 320th St., Cushing, MN.

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, May 29, 2010 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Pre-opening Activity-LAKE BINGO
- 2) Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
- 3) Open Forum – 15 minute time limit
- 4) Secretary Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) President's Report
- 7) Presentation: Minnesota DNR - Eric Altena, Little Falls Area Fisheries Office Supervisor
- 8) Committee Reports
 - a) Fishing
 - b) Water Quality
 - c) Membership
 - d) Loons & Wildlife
 - e) Communications
- 9) Board elections
- 10) Old Business
- 11) New Business
- 12) Adjourn





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Mission Statement: The Lake Shamineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.

Board Members

President: Jennifer Buckentine, 320-249-0983
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Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-487-7916
Treasurer: Pat Held, 218-575-2400
Al Doree, 218-575-2404
Ann Hanson, 320-749-2135
Mike Fedde, 651-452-2966
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Randy Kevern, 218-575-2844
Bob Koll, 218-575-2577
Jacquie Rognli, 763-441-7239
Michael Willis, 612-550-2975

Committees

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams
Fishing: Rick Rosar
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey
Loons & Wildlife: Carolyn Held
Membership: Carolyn Held
Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll

Membership

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Three-year membership is \$55.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

Donations

The Lake Shamineau Association is a 501C3 non-profit institution. Donations and dues are tax deductible with your check as a receipt.

Meetings

Association meetings are held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published two times a year. Deadlines are July 15 & April 15. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com



Notes from the president

By Jennifer Buckentine

As I write this, we have had a beautiful, sunny and warm spring. We were able to open up our cabin a few weeks earlier than normal which was exciting! Those of you who are year-round residents probably noticed the lake area become busy earlier than usual due to the nice spring.

A few items the Board has been working on include pursuing Star Lake designation. One of the qualifications for this includes an updated Lake Management Plan. Our Plan, originally adopted in September 2003, is in need of updating. This is being led by Jacquie Rognli and others who have volunteered their services and will be completed in the coming months. We have also been looking into applying for a grant from the Initiative Foundation. The funds, in conjunction with Lake Association funds and property owner's funds would be used for lakeshore restoration projects. We are excited to offer this opportunity to those property owners who are interested in doing a shoreline restoration project.

If you have thoughts on other projects for the Lake Association to pursue don't hesitate to let us know. I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable summer at the lake! 🐾

Sheriff citations to be issued for water balloons tossed in the lake

In February, the Lake Shamineau Association received a letter from Morrison County Sheriff Michel Wetzal asking for our help in addressing the problem of water balloons being thrown or shot over lakes, usually during the 4th of July boat parades. Quoting from that correspondence:

"The aesthetic and environmental concerns created by broken rubber balloons floating in our lakes are obvious. Less obvious, but as important, water balloons are responsible for several reports of injury and boat damage last summer. People simply underestimate the force created when a water balloon hits a person or boat after being thrown or propelled by large slingshots."

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office and MN DNR have discussed this matter and are in agreement that citations will be issued to any person who throws a balloon into a lake or river, or who throws a balloon at a person or water craft on a lake or river.

I ask that you inform your membership of this in hopes that it will prevent us from having to issue costly citations to them. I will also issue a news release in the local papers and radio stations this June as a reminder to everyone that water balloons thrown over lakes will not be tolerated.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at my office. Wishing you a fun and safe 2010."

Lake Shamineau Association President Jen Buckentine responded to the sheriff with a letter stating the Association Board's shared concerns on this matter.

In that letter she said "To that note, we would like you to know that the 4th of July parade has never been an event sanctioned by the Lake Association. Additionally, there have been articles in several of the past Lake Association Newsletters informing lake residents of the issues surrounding the use of water balloons and urging people to discontinue using them." 🐾



Scuba Divers invade Lake Shamineau

by Rick Rosar-Fishing Committee

This past Labor Day the Board commissioned two scuba divers, Ken Biertz and Sean Wells, to take an underwater survey of our lake to determine the water quality based on several factors rarely seen by the human eye. The plan was to take four dives of approximately ½ hour each in four different areas of the lake.

We met bright and early at the dock and introduced ourselves. Also assisting on this trip were myself, “Captain Rick Rosar” of the “SS Premier Pontoon”, video technician John Jacobson, in charge of underwater camera deployment and Axel Rosar, sound and underwater audio specialists. It didn’t take long after unloading several large bins full of equipment to realize that we weren’t just going on another boat ride around the lake. The pontoon boat was better suited than my Ranger boat for this type of cargo.

Soon after we finished exchanging instructions and audio and hand signals we were off to the first spot. We started on the deepest part of the lake, the steep drop-off on the south side of the lake just off of the large reed bed that exists there. We dropped the divers off next to the reeds so they could view the step break as they were descending.

The first thing they noticed was as they got deeper, the fish beds got larger. Then as they were descending further, Ken noticed his compass was going haywire. When he looked over to his dive partner, he was tapping his compass as it seemed broken as well. Ken said the last time something like that happened to him they found a bus. At any rate, it is either a very large metal object down there, or as one of the members commented, “Perhaps it could be a pile of Al Doree’s old anchors he lost on the spot.”

The next thing they saw to our surprise was two schools of bait fish approximately 4-8 inches in length. Both



years ago. When we mentioned this to Eric Altena from the DNR, he mentioned that past netting surveys have not produced any ciscos, and that their survival had always been questionable according to their surveys, and that more test nettings may be needed.

The divers could see down to about 37 feet, Ken commented, “as soon as we got below that, it was like someone closed the closet door”. They did also see one sunfish down there, much deeper than you would think. I remember a few years ago seeing tons of “bait fish” on my Lowrance depth finder so I decided to drop down an underwater camera and saw a mix of walleye and sunfish swimming amongst each other.

We also sent down a long pole to the divers to check the silt level of the bottom of the lake. Again Shamineau passed with flying colors, very little silt, equals a clean healthy lake.

Next we went to the sunken island in the middle of the lake, I was excited to have the scuba divers see some of the rocks I have seen on my underwater camera on this spot in the past, but our travels didn’t take us to the exact location. We also misplaced a piece of our underwater sound equipment (around \$1500) in 20-30 feet of water, after backtracking our coordinates on our GPS, and a couple pair of sharp “scuba” eyes, we found it and were on to our next spot.

Then we moved to the west shoreline of the island. Here we saw thousands of snails and clams. It was interesting to see on the video the trails in the sand that these creatures make. They actually do move quite a distance. The divers commented that that is a good sign of a healthy lake when there is a good population of these creatures. As the divers moved along, we watched the camera intensely. I believe this was the area we found our only debris, one solo pop can. Ken mentioned most lakes are loaded with garbage and Shamineau was one of the cleanest lakes they have seen.

Then we came across another interesting find. As we watched on camera, Ken picked up an old bone. Even on the camera you could tell it was a vertebra from a large



schools were heading in different directions, and one was quite large, about 6 feet by 8 feet wide. We believe these may have been ciscos that were stocked in the lake some

mammal. They asked if we had elk in the area. As far as we knew, we did not. When the divers went into Brainerd to fill their tanks, they spoke with a gentleman there that had a similar experience in the area. After describing what they found to this other diver, they believe it may be a vertebra from a prehistoric buffalo. Not from the pioneer days, but caveman days. The guy at the dive shop found an entire skull from one of the huge animals and had it sent to the lab for verification and dating.

Finally we decided to go to a spot so we could show our members some video of some fish. Those that attended the meeting had a special treat. We once again deployed the

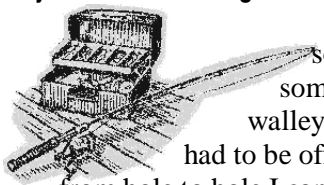
underwater camera This time I pulled the divers along with the pontoon as they filmed. We went to where the ski balls are on the north end of the lake. Here we saw several species on film from blue gill, to crappie, to northern pike. Once again the divers commented that the deeper they went, the larger the fish beds they saw, meaning the deeper you fish the larger they get -- Hint, Hint.

This was a very fun learning experience for us all. The "bottom" line (no pun intended) is that the lake is very clean and healthy. We appreciate the time and effort everyone involved put in. We hope that we can "hook up" with these guys again and pick up where we left off. 🐟

Fishing Committee Report

Littering on the ice: Residents or Nomads?

By Rick Rosar-Fishing Committee



This past winter I took a solo trip to the lake to try to catch some pan fish. This was after walleye season when all fish houses had to be off the ice. As I moved around from hole to hole I came upon a very disturbing site.

On the east side of the island where a small "city" used to stand, was one of the most disgusting examples of littering from fishermen I have ever seen. There were literally dozens of beer bottles, pop cans, plastic bags, bait containers and everything in between. I fished two other cities on the lake, and there were the usual small chunks of wood that had frozen into the ice from anglers propping up their fish houses. These are natural, relatively harmless and will eventually float to shore.

I'm a little lost as to why two cities were clean and one looked more like a landfill. This was especially disturbing

after seeing all the hard work many of us put into keeping the lake healthy, and after being praised by the scuba divers and water testing laboratories regarding the quality of our waters.

The first thing that came to my mind, being this was so close to the landing, was perhaps these were nomads, fishermen that travel from lake to lake and don't give a darn. However being a nomad myself, I know we are not all like that. In fact I spent the next hour picking up as much garbage as I could load onto my sled. I also found about a dozen fishing jigs, some of them still in the package.

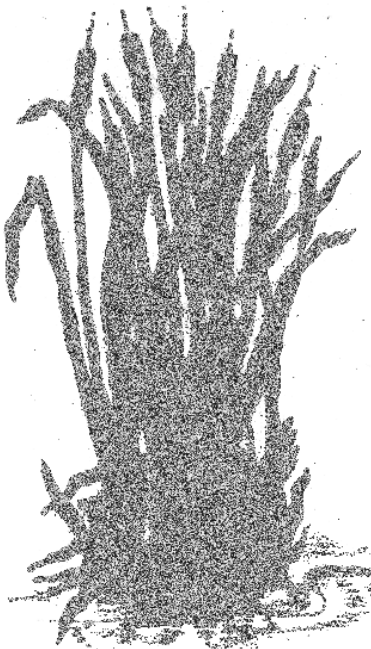
Regardless if you are a nomad, or a resident, please take back with you, what you bring to the lake. Let's keep the lake healthy for fishing, recreation and wildlife watchers alike. Oh -- and for the kids too. 🐟

Lake Association obtains floating bog permit

Al Doree has obtained a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that allows members of the Lake Shamaineau Association to move or remove floating clumps of cattails. Collecting, transplanting or removing aquatic vegetation requires a permit from the DNR Fisheries Aquatic Plant Management Program. Because of their value to a lake's ecosystem, aquatic plants growing in public waters are considered state property under Minnesota law, and their removal is regulated.

Cattails and other emergent vegetation provide important food and cover for wildlife. They also act as a buffer to protect shoreland from wave erosion. Emergent vegetation can also act to provide some privacy from neighboring properties. It will discourage geese and muskrats from damaging your shoreline.

Pieces of cattail bog sometimes break away and float out into the lake. These can become hazardous to boat traffic. Large bog sections should be staked back to a cattail area to preserve the habitat for fish and wildlife and protect shoreland from erosion when possible. With our permit, you are allowed to remove smaller floating sections. They can be dragged up on shore and removed or you could choose to move them somewhere along your shoreline to enhance your buffer area. 🐟





Membership renewal time

By Carolyn Held

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31, so it is once again time to renew your membership to support your lake association. Annual dues are \$20.00. Three-year membership is \$55.00. Taking advantage of this option will ensure your dues will be good until 2013.

Volunteers will be on hand at the spring meeting May 29th at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church to collect your membership dues or you can easily send your check with your membership choice to: Lake Shamineau Association, PO Box 152, Motley, MN 56466.

If your name is on one of the lists below, someone will be contacting you about renewing your Lake Shamineau Association Membership. Those who have signs, we will get a new number to you. If you feel there is an error in your membership please contact Carolyn Held @ pcheld@brainerd.net or call 218-575-2400.

Current One Year Membership Expiring May 2010

Bisek, Robert & Linda	Elfstrand, Scott	Kuta, Patrick & Sherri	Schneider, Tony & Bonnie
Card, Alan & Linda	Fenske, Ron & Cindy	Lakmann, Mike & Kim	Schroeder, Melvin & Sandra
Cross, Thomas	Freeman, Gladys	Lundberg, Ted & Billy	Sonenstahl, Agnes
Craft, Michael & Laurie	Henkemeyer, Robert & Marjorie	Mattson, Jeff & Marlene	Sowada, Vernon & Margaret
Brown, Mark & Tamera	Hennen, Jim & Kelly	Mattson, Norris & RoseMary	St. Martin, Pat
Brandt, Lavern & Laree	Hoernberg, FW & Rose	Mott, Paul & Judy	Stein, Tom & Joyce
Colbeth, Gertrude	Jacobson, John	Noska, June	Steinmetz, Jack & Barg Oak
Hennen, David & Geraldine	Jex, Richard & Rosemary	Ogilvie, Don & Cynthia	Lane paid by Marg Romero
Friedl, Jim & Marlene	Kirchner, Donald & MariJo	Olson, Jeff (Richard & Marj)	Thelen, Richard & Mavis
Gold, Susan	Kleine, Duane	Olson, Oscar & Pat	Vogel, Tim & Cynthia
Granberg, Leland & Alvina	Kmetz, Ray & Emily	Quiring, Steve & Kathryn	Wicktor, James & Carol
Granning, David & Janice	Koehnen, John & Sandra	Ramey, Deryl & Nancy	Williams, Karsten & Cherry
DesMarais, Steve & Helen	Ktytor, Bob & Verle	Riebe, George & Dorothy	Willis, Michael & Phyllis
Doyle, Patrick	Kubicek, Mark & Cynthia	Sather, Gary & Vaunda	Wohlert, Vern & Dolores
Edeburn, Pat & Annelise		Schneider Neil	

Current Three Year Membership Expiring May 2010

Asmus, Sara	Hansen, Chad & Amy	Johnson, Warren & Yvonne	Remme, Junell & June
Auger, Richard & Sharon	Hanson, Gerald & Nancy	Jones, Curt & Joan	Rice, Tim & Lynn
Bergman, Kevin & Irene	Hanson, Tom & Kathleen	Kahler, Wayne & Susan	Rinzal, Peter & Trisha
Bertelsen, James A	Heiling, Luella	Karnowski, Thom & Sheri	Sabers, Steve & Candace
Bloomquist, Herb & Debra	Held, Pat & Carolyn	Kevern, Randall & Cindy	Salisbury, Brian & Kim
Brusegard, John & Sharon	Heltemes, Tom & Darlene	Kiser, Betty & James	Sandstrom, Terry & Ardis
Camp Shamineau	Heltemes, Randy & Denise	Koenig, Erna	Schroepfer, Diane
Carter, Lynden & Pam	Hendricks, Duane, & Linda	Koenig, Lowell & Norma	Schultzetenberg, Lori
Christensen, Rodney	Henry, David & Sharon	Koll, Bob & Cheryl	Shaver, Jerald & Delores
Coen, June & Bruce	Henton, Nike & Deb	Kramer, Ted & Jane	Shaver, Peter & Cynthia
DeFoe, Dalen & Lynn	Herman, Don & Julie	Kutz, Ken & Linda	Shereck, Troy & Loree
Dick, James & Lisa	Hindrichs, Paul & Dawn	Larson, Dan & Joyce	Snyder, Robert & Donna
Dockry, Colin & Kim	Hintz, Curtis	Lubke, Vicki & Dennis	Sonnenburg, Dave & Beverly
Dockter, Brad & Sharon	Hoff, Tim & Jenifer	Macalus, Steve & Nanette	Springer, Amy
Doree, Al & Shirley	Holthus, George & Evelyn	Maddux, Kenneth & Susan	Sprouls, Leo & Diane
Edeburn, Earl	Horvath, Paul & Harriet	PVB Oak	Stanoch, Rodney & Joyce
Edwards, Ralph & Bev	Hradsky, Troy & Gail	Marcott, Marion	Swenson, Wayne & Katherine
Farber, Mickey & Donna	Huesman, Michael & Katherine	McDonnell, David & Wendy	Trapp, Steve & Mary Beth
Fedde, Mickiel & Betty	Huffman-Nordberg, Lujean	Meyer, Dave & Connie	Werner, James & Sandra
Flynn, Charles & Alice	Hunstad, Shawn & Anna	Murphy, Mark & Jan	Whaley, Rod & Jeanette
Gabbert, Tim & Janet	Ingle, Robert & Anne	Nelson, Rita	Wilhelmson, Michael & Loann
Gammon, George & Lois	Jans, Glenn & Jean	Olson, Gene & Patricia	Williams, Dale & Sandra
Gowan, Jim & Pam	Jensen, Mark & Deborah	Otteson, Craig & San dra	Wilson, John
Hagg, Earl & Paula	Johnson, Bev Schuller, Paul	Ploof, Galen & Cheryl	Zablocki, Richard & Mary
Hanley, Lloyd		Reich, Greg & Marianne	

Membership Report continued

Current Non-Members

Amundson, Gary & Sheryl
Bemboom, Jerry & Barb
Branchaud, Kyle & Barb
Blessing, Bernard & Lori
Batcher-Janacek, Joan
Bakers, Michael & Lisa
Bieker, Carolyn
Duerr, Mike & Betty
Dahlman, Chris & Lori
Dahlvang, Edna
Dickson, Mervin & Alice
Dierdks, Donald
Bruns, Arlene
Buss, Bob & Barbara
Cantleberry, Judy
Carlson, Jerry & John
Cox, Robert & Theresa
Dahl, Jeanne
Doucette, Russell
Eckert, Don & Carol
Edin, Randal & Sheila
Fagerberg, Ricky & Shirley
Faust, Rita
Forystek, Sherry & Mike

Goblirsch, Mary
Gold, Donald
Gulland, Bernard & Marilyn
Gutknecht, Hal & Rosalie
Hageman, Robert & Ruth
Hamann, Walter
Hammer, C. Alan & Connie
Hammond, Eleanor
Hermanson, Betty
Hougo, Mike & Melanie
Israelson, Gordon & Janice
Jares, Nancy & Floyd
Jensen, Phillis
Johnson, Chuck & Paula
Johnson, Genevieve
Johnson, Mohler & Ashley
Johnson, Randy & Merri
Juelich, William
Kalis, Dennis & Laverne
Kalisch, James & Bette
Keller, Lawrence & Lorraine
Korfiatis, Michael & Mary
Leavell, Randy & Diane
Lee, Lynda

Lenz, Rose
Liveringhouse, Bruce & Donna
Madden, Michael & Ann
Malark, Doug & Sheryl
Mattson, Melvin
Mayhew, Chris & Jan
McGuire, John & Betty
Meyer, Bob & Joleen
Mowan, Richard & Florence
Nelson, David & Arline
Neuerberg, Earl & Josephine
Olson, Roger & Marg
Pawlenty, Virgil & Judith
Payne, Judith
Peters, Betty Jane
Reber, Steve & John
Scandia Valley Township
Schaefer, Sherman & Sharon
Schmit, Ed
Schwartz, Tom & Paula
Secora, Mark
Shipman, Don & Nancy
Silvernale, Dan & Susan

Sipe, Gary & Barb
Sisk, Mary Ellen & Harriet
Smith, Bill
Solorz, Esther
Spilman, Ernest
Steiner, Mary
Stevens, Gerald & Faye
Taylor, James & Martha
Thatcher, James
Thompson, Craig & Pat
Thorn, Tom & Sandra
Tyrrell, Lois
Unger, Ron & Betty
Urbanski, Gary & Nancy
Wagner, Mark & Sharon
Weyer, Rupert & Joan
Zetah, Francis & Mary Ann
Zimmerman, Cynthia



2009 Shamineau property sales

Morrison County record data shows the following as some of the property sales completed on Lake Shamineau last year. There have been 24 property sales in the past two years.

DATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	APPRAISED	SALE
1/2009	\$12,200	\$0	\$12,200	\$12,500
4/2009	\$48,500	\$105,100	\$153,600	\$148,500
4/2009	\$278,000	\$0	\$278,000	\$18,500
6/2009	\$39,600	\$108,100	\$147,700	\$109,900
7/2009	\$122,500	\$0	\$122,500	\$126,400
9/2009	\$96,100	\$0	\$96,100	\$62,000



Free annual BEACH DAY

At Camp Shamineau

Saturday, July 17th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All the fun toys you see on the Camp Shamineau waterfront will be available as well as water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing and the banana boat!

Build your own ice cream sundaes!

PFDs required by state law

Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required on all boats in Minnesota regardless of length. There must be a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V wearable PFD (life jacket) for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) there must also be at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV throw-able device, such as a buoyant cushion or ring buoy, immediately available for each boat. The law does not state that PFDs must be worn, only that they are readily accessible. PFDs **MUST BE WORN** by children under age 10, by anyone on a personal watercraft, and by anyone being towed on water skies or other device.

Less than 16 feet
or any size canoe
or kayak

One life jacket
per person



16 feet or longer
except canoes
and kayaks

One life jacket
per person
+ one throwable device



Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

September 5, 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

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

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 

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting

March 13, 2010, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Little Falls Perkins

Board members present: Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Mike Willis, Jennifer Buckentine, Jacquie Rognli, Anne Hanson, Rick Rosar
Absent: Randy Kevern, Pat Held, John Jacobson
Minutes were approved from the July 18, 2009 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report as of January 18, 2010

Checking Balance	\$464.05
Savings Balance	\$13,886.94
Total	\$14,350.99

Donna Snyder, a former Carlson Company employee, has donated \$100 to the association and designated a \$100 matching grant from the Carlson Foundation. She has done that for a number of years and is very much appreciated by the Association. We will remind members that as a 501c 3 charitable organization, dues and donations are tax deductible.

At the fall membership meeting a member asked if checks are required to have two signatures. As a protection for our treasurer and for the member funds, a motion was made to add signees to the account and require two signatures on checks. Motions was seconded and approved. A motion was made that the additional signees by Bob Koll and Jennifer Buckentine. The motion was seconded and approved.

Membership

Carolyn Held provided a written report and lists of members, when they are due to renew, non-members and previous members not renewed. Of the 213 current members, 163 will be due to renew in May – 97 of whom had the 3-year membership option. Carolyn has seven signs for any new members and will need to order stickers

for 2011 and for 2013 for the signs to indicate membership expiration year.

Discussion was held related to keeping lists up-to-date. Jacqui's mailing list does not always match the ownership list from the county because of families who have multiple siblings or relatives who may be the primary residents or users of the property, and because of trusts, etc. Anne Hanson will request a sales report from the County Assessor's office to get recent sales information from the past 3 years and a summary of sales data and prices will be available at the spring meeting. It was noted that this is public information. This information was made available in earlier years at the meeting and is of interest to the members in seeing what property values are trending.

A motion was made to authorize the purchase of sign stickers. Motion was seconded and approved.

Fishing

Eric Altena, DNR Area Supervisor, Little Falls Fisheries office will be a speaker at our May 29, 2010 meeting. He will present lake fishing information and answer questions.

Water Quality

Al Doree indicated that the cost has been \$200 per year plus shipping samples 5 times. A motion was made to approve the expenditure, seconded and approved. The past couple of years the county soil & water department has paid for this and Al will check if that option is available this year.

Al will continue to record the lake level and rainfall. He sends Secchi disk readings to Kent State University for a national database in addition to the Minnesota data submissions.

Sandy asked for recent ice-out dates for the web site and Al will send her those.

Newsletter

Jacque needs articles by mid-April. The newsletter is sent out mid-May before the membership meeting. She will revise the advertising form for Bob and provide him with the business addresses.

Other Business

Pat Held will submit lakeshore improvement grant application, others on the board may help with the application if needed. A grant for lakeshore improvements by property owners would provide 1/3 of the cost, 1/3 would be supported from the association funds and 1/3 would be required from the property owner.

In relation to natural plantings to stabilize lakeshore and prevent runoff into the lake, Sandy suggested having plants at the membership meeting for demonstration and perhaps ordering for purchase. She will check with a local nursery about what they have.

Other grant possibilities were discussed. The Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy funds that a portion of state sales taxes supports is available for boat access improvements. The lake bottom at the east township access is a big hole. The township filled it with class 5 gravel, which blew out from boat motors and muddied the water. Rick will contact the township clerk about our support for applying for funds to have concrete slats installed in the lake bottom at that access similar to the county access on the west end of the lake.

Jacque will be working on the Lake Management Plan update. The board last looked at revisions in 2006 but

Message from Camp Shamineau

Hi friends,

I am so sorry that no one from Camp Shamineau has been able to be at a meet for the past couple years. As you can imagine, both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are very busy times for us. 2010 is no different and we're going to miss the meetings again. PLEASE let the others know that Camp Shamineau supports the work of the Lake Shamineau Property Owners Association and would love to host the meetings at Camp Shamineau again sometime, but these two weeks are packed full for us.

Please announce at the next meeting that the free annual BEACH DAY and build-your-own ice cream sundaes for the local lake people will be held on the Camp Shamineau beach Saturday, July 17th from 1:00 – 4:00. All the fun toys you see on the Camp Shamineau waterfront will be available as well as water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing and the banana boat! Herb Bloomquist, Shamineau Ministries Executive Director (800) 305-8118 🐾

were not finalized. Completing this update will help toward Star Lake Designation.

Concerns on Morrison County lakes about injuries and damage by water balloons, especially the large slingshots were noted by the county sheriff's office and the DNR. Other harm to fish and wildlife that ingest the rubber pieces is also a concern. The sheriff's office and DNR have agreed that citations and fines will be issued in the future to enforce common sense about safety.

Spring 2010 Meeting

Location will be at the Lincoln Free Church on county road 3, one block west of the BP station on Highway 10. The Scandia Valley town hall is booked for 2010 and 2011. We will place a notice at the town hall that morning in case members come there. Sandy will get coffee and rolls.

Election of board members – Mike Fedde, Jennifer Buckentine, Mike Willis and Jacque Rognli have expiring terms. There are no term limits.

Jacque will make more copies of the lake map flyer that was handed out during membership recruitment and at the membership meeting.

Meeting "icebreaker" – the discussion at the fall 2009 meeting about what people liked about coming to the lake and their stories and histories were very interesting. We will ask members if they would be interested in being interviewed about their family history on the lake.

We will have a BINGO ("LAKEO") mixer for members to interact during coffee and donuts.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

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