

## **Lake Shamineau Association Fall Membership Meeting**

**September 3, 2011 9 am.**

**Lincoln Free Evangelical Church meeting room**

### **President's Welcome**

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

### **Open Forum**

Concerns were raised about shoreline erosion, especially due to boat wakes. For shoreline stabilization, the county advises the use of biologs or riprap (rock). The Shoreline Improvement grant does not cover rip rap. A MN grant was mentioned in the Morrison County Register. The board will discuss additional grant possibilities.

### **Approval of Spring 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the Spring 2011 membership meeting were printed in the August 2011 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 at Randall State Bank:

Balance on Hand Checking 8/31/2011	\$586.84
Balance in Savings 8/31/2011	<u>\$24,385.62</u>
Total Assets	\$24,972.47

Balance includes \$5,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation for the Shoreland Restoration Program. Unused funds at the end of the year will be returned to The Initiative Foundation. Income is from membership dues and ads for the newsletter and web site. Newsletter ads support the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and members are encouraged to support the businesses. Expenses include water quality testing, Lakes and Rivers Assn conference fee and post office box fee.

### **President's Report**

Jennifer expressed our thanks: to Al Doree for coordination with the DNR in completion of the East boat ramp; to Jacquie for her work on the new web site and all of her work on the newsletter; to Pat Held for the grant application and management of the shoreline improvement grant; and to the church for the meeting space.

## **Water Quality**

Al Doree observed that the lake level is six inches above the Ordinary High Water Level. 2003 was the highest record we have. Al reviewed the water quality results from RMB lab (available online).

## **Program**

Scott McKissock, Morrison County Sheriff Department – Water Patrol, was our speaker. He covers eleven lakes in the county along with the DNR. He asked property owners to call when there are problems on the lake. He covered many circumstances, the rules, the fines and safety advice. See annual DNR Boating Guides for specific rules.

He stated that lake levels are up 2 feet across the state. Boat wake advisories are posted but in order to be enforced there needs to be a state approval, which the access on Fish Trap has. Signs at boat access points state no wake (5 mph or less) within 300 feet of the shore. Scott described some of the fines that could be levied: \$500 for careless operation within 150 feet, \$150 for no lifejacket. Lifejackets must be within reach – not stored, and under age 10 must have the lifejacket on.

To have a buoy in the water, must get a permit, there is no cost. It must have reflective tape. A swim raft must have reflective tape. Buoys and swim rafts must be within 150 feet of the shore. Reflectors should be attached to long docks also.

A complaint made regarding careless or reckless boating must be signed. The officer must see the problem or the complainant must testify in court. The noise limit is 82 decibels. Jet skis can operate after 9 am and up to 1 hour prior to sunset. There are age limits for young operators of jet skis that require a certificate obtained from a self study course (\$20 online, free at Sheriff's office). Water Patrol is seeing a lot of people laying on the bow, sundeck, stern or gunwales of a boat while moving. This is dangerous and can incur a fine.

Not pulling out the drain plug when taking a boat out of the water can incur a \$150 fine. Zebra mussels are spreading fast and can live for 3 to 4 months outside of the water. They can be transferred on boat lifts and docks, as well as trailers and boats.

Number to call for Sheriff's dispatch: 320-632-9233

## **Other Business**

Jacquie gave a demonstration of the website and showed a video taken at the new east boat access landing. The punchline was that the boaters entering the water who appeared nervous at her videotaping them, were driving a truck with a license plate that said "MN DNR".

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary