



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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FALL 2011

Fall meeting set for Sept. 3

The fall membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held **Saturday, September 3, 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.**

There will be a guest presenter from the Morrison County Sheriff Water Patrol that will speak on "Courtesy and Good Sportsmanship on the Water." This includes laws regarding skiing or tubing, how close boats can be to docks and other boaters and how proper boating practices can help protect the shoreline during this time of high water.

There will be time before the meeting for membership renewals. Rolls, coffee and juice provided. Members present are eligible to win door prizes during the meeting.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church is located 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 5644. Thank you to the church for letting the Lake Association use their facility at no cost. 🐾

Still time for shoreland restoration project grant applications

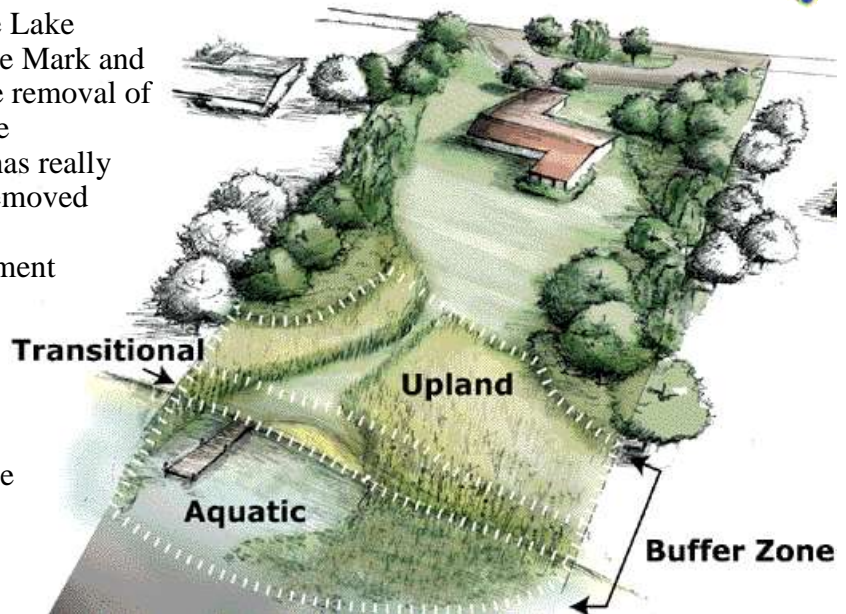
So far, two projects have been approved by the Lake Shamineau Association Board. One of these is the Mark and Sherry Frisk project on Aztec Road involving the removal of a dilapidated boat house and the restoration of the shoreline. This project is nearly completed and has really beautified the area, upgraded the property, and removed an eyesore on the beach.

Shoreland restorations or buffer zone improvement projects can help maintain the water quality of Lake Shamineau through natural shoreline restoration and promotion of native species to help prevent erosion and the invasion of exotic species. Matching grant money from the Central Minnesota initiative Fund must be used before the end of 2011. There is still time this fall for the completion of a project on your property. If interested contact, Pat Held at 218-575-2400 or pcheld@brainerd.net for further information. 🐾



Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, September 3, 2011 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Call to Order 9:00am
- 2) Open Forum – 15 minute time limit
- 3) Secretary Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) President's Report
- 6) Morrison Co. Water Patrol Guest Speaker : *Courtesy and Good Sportsmanship on the Water*
- 7) Shoreland Restoration Program
- 8) Committees
 - a) Water Quality
 - b) Membership
 - c) Loons & Wildlife
 - d) Communications
 - e) Fishing
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) 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.

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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 vice president

By Rick Rosar

Hello Lake-Goers,

Well this has certainly been an interesting year on the lake. We have had a lot of ups and downs (Mostly ups). Depending on who you are speaking to, this could be a good thing or could be a bad thing.

- The water level is up-Some people welcome this as it makes the water much deeper in front of their house, while others hate it because of erosion and losing some of their beach front property.
- The temperature is up-This has been one of the hottest summers in recent history. If you are a sunbather, tuber, wake boarder or skier, you may like the hot weather...some of us don't.
- The "Aquatic vegetation" was up and now it's down. The plants were the tallest than I have seen in the last 5 years or more. The "Cabbage" weed line was out to 18 feet plus... Now as I write this in the middle of August, the cabbage has retreated to its normal late summer die-back stage and the Coon tail has become the prominent vegetation.

There is a reason the weather forecasters always talk about "average" temperature, precipitation, etc. I have always said, "No matter how hot, cold, dry or wet it is, Mother Nature always has *her* way of evening things out."

Kindest Regards,
Rick Rosar 🐾



New website launched

The Lake Shamineau Association has changed its website location to: <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/shamineau>. You can easily get to our new page from MinnesotaWaters.org or by doing a web search for Lake Shamineau Home. The old web address will have a page redirect, also.

The new site includes most of the content from the old site and more plus an easy to navigate menu. We plan to continue to add pages.

Our site is hosted by Minnesota Waters whose mission is to promote responsible stewardship of our water resources by engaging citizens, local and state policymakers, and other partners in the protection and restoration of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. Visitors to their site can find the most up to date information about caring for our state's waterways and easily connect to other lake and river groups. 🐾



Now on Facebook

Lake Shamineau now has a Facebook page. Mike Fedde has created a page for our lake. This is a social networking site that provides an opportunity for people to post photos and comments for lake friends to view. So far there are only a few friends, but you can sign up by going to Facebook.com. 🐾

East boat landing improvement complete



Grading before rock goes in.



Adding more planks two at a time.



Leveling and filling spaces with rock.

Improvements to the Scandia Valley Township boat landing on the east side of Lake Shamineau have been completed. The landing now includes a class five and gravel base with horizontal concrete planks that provide a firm surface for vehicles and trailers launching boats. There will be signage placed at the launch noting the collaborative effort.

Lake Shamineau Association members had expressed concerns about the erosion that was happening at the landing, including a deep hole caused by boats powering on to trailers.

The Lake Association partnered with Scandia Valley Township and the Department of Natural Resources to make the improvements. The Association purchased the concrete planks and hardware from the DNR at cost. Scandia Valley Township provided sewer rock and Class Five material. The DNR supervised installation. Scandia Valley Township will continue to maintain the east landing as required.

Besides the township boat landing on East Shamineau Drive, there is also a DNR public access on the west side on Aztec Road (Co. Rd. 202).

Please remember to thoroughly clean your boat, motor, trailer and live wells each time you take your boat out of any waterway to prevent the spread of non-native exotic species. 🐾

Do not power load

Power loading can cause damage to launch ramps that may not be visible from the surface of the water. "Power loading" is a term used to describe using the motor to load and unload the boat onto and off the trailer. Propeller wash creates a significant force that can erode the lakebed and create a large hole at the end of the ramp. Eroded material is often deposited beyond the ramp to create a mound, which can result in a barrier for launching and loading. Boats and equipment can incur damage if the boat or lower unit runs aground on the mound or if the trailer becomes stuck in the hole. In the worse cases, the end of the ramp could collapse, resulting in an unusable launch ramp. In low water conditions the mound created from propeller wash can obstruct launching and loading.

It is preferable that boaters do not race their engines while on the boat ramp. Slightly more than idle speed should be all that is necessary to load and/or unload the boat. The best practice is for boaters to refrain from power loading and use the winch to load and unload their boat. 🐾





Late summer and fall largemouth bass tactics

By Rick Rosar, Fishing Committee

During late summer and fall, largemouth bass feed on open-water prey fish in

many natural lakes. Since bass themselves rarely maintain an open water existence, they tend to feed along structures that intersect with deep open water. Points are the most obvious of such structures, and they can be productive throughout this period.

Farther from shore look for humps, sunken islands, bars, ridges, or rises. Search for bass on deeper slopes and tapered areas, rises on top of the hump, and secondary breaks which are high-percentage areas for mid-lake bass. Humps are at their most productive from the Post spawn Period in June through September in our area. Humps produce during the day, but if you don't night-fish, you're missing great opportunities for big bass. Explore during the daylight first, slowly troll break-lines, turning the boat in and out to determine how steep the break is and to pinpoint cover on the hump.

Some spots are best fished from an anchored position, that's particularly true at night. You can easily get disoriented in the dark and waste time relocating your spot. Moreover, anchoring gives bass spooked by the boat a chance to return, unalarmed. It also makes you slow down and cover all angles with a variety of lures. At night, schools of open-water baitfish move closer to vertical structures. Bass have the option of cruising along the slope to pick off baitfish as they approach, or feeding atop the hump. Largemouth bass herd baitfish onto the peak of humps, especially during prime night feeds and early mornings on overcast days.

Weather conditions affect positioning of largemouth bass on humps, just as they do along shoreline spots. After a few days of consistent stable weather, bass tend to feed on boulder areas or clean flats with access to deep water, particularly early in the morning and toward dusk. They tend to occupy gradual slopes that taper into deep water as feeding lanes. During post-frontal conditions, bass species tend to suspend off mid-lake structure or hold deeper along gently sloping areas. In those conditions, fishing slower and deeper is the key. Bass that held in 6 to 8 feet of water may shift to the deepest edges of the slope, 12 to 18 feet down. Throwing deep-diving cranks, using a crank-and-pause retrieve, works best. Make contact with the structure to trigger inactive bass.



My son Axel and I got a chance to experience some of these tactics first hand a couple of weeks ago on Lake Shamineau. We were checking our regular shallow water locations with little to show for our efforts, before we ran out of time and had to load our Ranger boat and head for home. Axel and his friends returned the following week for a "students only" weekend and found an ample supply of bass while casting crank baits in 12 feet of water. Next time you're out fishing for bass and don't think their biting, try going deep. You may be pleasantly surprised with what you catch. 🐟

E-Newsletter will be link

Instead of coming as a PDF attachment, recipients of the email version of the Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter will be sent as an email with a link to the online copy in the website. Readers will be able to easily view and print it from the web. 🐟

Sundaes on Saturday

Saturday, September 3rd. at 6:00 pm

Lincoln Community Church,

31177 Aster Rd, Lincoln, MN

(Located between US Hwy 10 and the rail road tracks west of Fishtrap)

Message by Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Motley United Methodist

Church: "Re-Creation: God's plan for Life, Joy and Fun"

Everyone is invited. Enjoy ice cream sundaes at the church afterwards.

Lincoln Community Church will be 100

years old next year. The size, location, architecture, and decor of this quaint little church is unique and worth seeing. John Miller, 218-575-2280. 🐟



Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2011 9 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free 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

There were no questions or issues that membership wished to raise.

Approval of Fall 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Fall 2010 membership meeting were printed in the May 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 5/26/2010	\$898.73
Balance in Savings 9/3/2010	\$22948.41
Total Assets	\$23,847.14

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. Newsletter ads support the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and members are encouraged to support their businesses.

President's Report

The East End Access Improvement project is underway. The Association paid for the concrete planks and connectors, Scandia Valley township is paying for the installation. The DNR will install the planks to prevent lake bottom erosion after their docks around the state are installed. Thanks to Al Doree for his work with all of the parties to coordinate this project.

Shoreland Restoration Project – the board mailed 16 packets of information and applications to interested members. Two applications have been received so far and will be reviewed for approval if they meet the guidelines. The requirements were reviewed for the members present. A maximum project size is \$1,500 with one-third from the grant, one-third from the Association and one-third from the member which may be in-kind labor. Projects must be completed in 2011. Jacquie demonstrated the

Score Your Shore online information and self assessment to identify how and what improvements can be made to the lakeshore.

Committee Reports:

Fishing

Fish survey this year was be gill net and beach seines. The DNR was looking for counts of largemouth bass. They found 112/hr with average length of 11.7 inches and 17.1 inches maximum. Stocking was of Muskie fingerlings and walleye fry. Crappie fishing was good this spring and good reports were heard on bass, walleye and northern.

Water Quality

Al Doree observed that the lake level is close to the Ordinary High Water Level. There are boat wake alerts on many lakes. Rainfall this spring has been 6.42 inches and water clarity was 19 feet in May. Ice out was on April 24. Still looking for ice over dates if anyone has any of this history.

Membership

Carolyn Held reported that currently there are 223 members including 10 associate memberships. More membership committee volunteers needed to canvas only those who aren't current members. The lake map with owners is on www.co.morrison.mn.us at the Beacon site. Carolyn requested the board approve purchase of additional member signs.

Loons

None nesting on artificial nests. The 2011 count will be done in May/June. The usual pairs have been seen this spring. Tundra swans have moved through but stayed a little longer this spring.

Communication

Thanks again to Jacqui for an excellent newsletter. 220 were mailed with the rest sent by email. A new website is being considered for development, for technology improvement and better layout.

Program

A video with "Cheers" Cliff Claven from the DNR website was shown about aquatic hitchhikers, preventing invasive species from being introduced to lakes by boats.

Old Business

The Lake Management Plan was updated and appendices added with lake information by Jacqui and member volunteers during the winter. We will apply for

Star Lake Designation which next can be awarded in 2012.

Board Elections

Nominations were requested. Randy Kevern and Sandy Williams agreed to continue another term (3 years) on the board. New members elected were Dave Graning and Brian Salisbury.

Other Business

It was observed that Lund Boats films ads on our lake in the spring and we should request a donation to

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting

May 28, 2011 11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church meeting room

Members Present: Bob Koll, Jennifer Buckentine, Randy Kevern, Pat Held, Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams, Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Dave Graning, Kim Salisbury (for Brian)

Not Present: Randy Heltemes, Mike Fedde,

Election of Officers

Re-elected: Jennifer – President, Rick – Vice President, Pat – Treasurer, Sandy - Secretary

Expenses approved:

Renew membership to Minnesota Waters \$200, Copying expenses for mailing for Shoreline Restoration Projects \$9.70, Association membership signs (10) \$100

Communication

Discussion of moving the Association website to the Minnesota Lakes location or a commercial site proposed by Rick. MN Waters website was approved. Jacquie volunteered to build it; Sandy will assist in maintaining it.

Lakeshore Restoration Grant

Two applications were reviewed for shoreline

Lake Shamineau Association Summer Board Meeting

Sunday June 25, 2011

Hitchin' Rail

Members Present: Bob Koll, Jennifer Buckentine, Randy Kevern, Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams, Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Dave Graning, Kim & Brian Salisbury, Randy Heltemes, Mike Fedde,

Not Present: Pat Held

Project – East boat access

DNR has begun installing the concrete planks, 20 feet in the water 20 feet on shore.

Project - Lakeshore Restoration Grant

One additional application was reviewed for shoreline improvements. Further plans and specifics

the Lake Association. Signs about wake warnings and invasive species are at the boat accesses. A DNR intern will check boats one weekend at the west end boat access.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

improvements and approved. \$1,000 grants will be awarded to Mark & Sherry Frisk and to Fred Comb, to be matched with \$500 in labor or materials, including in-kind labor.

Other Business

MN Waters Aquatic Invasive Species training is being offered in June. Any board members interested, the Association will reimburse mileage.

Video shown at the membership meeting is on the DNR website.

Aquatic Vegetation Survey by the DNR, they do not have Lake Shamineau on their schedule, currently surveying in northern MN. Last done in 2005 for our lake and the report is on the website.

Summer board meeting at the Hitchin' Rail on Sunday June 26.

Membership meeting duties: Bob will contact church; Sandy will get donuts and juice.

Meeting was adjourned. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

will be requested as the application must meet the guidelines of shoreland restoration.

Aquatic Invasive Species Conference

MN Waters Aquatic Invasive Species training was being offered in June. Kim Salisbury attended. Advice given was to be proactive. The DNR can treat small local areas before invasive species spreads. Lake association should be monitoring with all members watching for issues. Rake samples could be gathered monthly. A handbook is available for purchase for more specific information on a

monitoring program. A subgroup from membership will be formed.

Fall Meeting Planning

Would like education about boats running too close to shore, safety and high water concerns. A speaker from the Sheriff department will be contacted to address boat safety for the fall meeting. Door prizes will be purchased by Randy H., Sandy, Al, Bob and Jacquie.

Other Business

There is concern about the swing structure built in the water in northeast bay. New sign

The rains came down and the lake came up

By Al Doree, Water Quality

As you know, the lake is high again this year. And no wonder. We had 23.78 inches of rain since April 3rd.

In April we had 2.06, May 5.35, June 2.70, July 7.63 and in August we have had so far 6.04 inches.

The lake level was at its highest on August 14th. It was 5.76 inches above the ordinary high water level (OHWL). It has remained high all summer.

While the lake level is high, the water clarity remains good at 15 feet in August.

August also showed one of the sharpest thermoclines since we have been measuring it. The sharpest point was between 8 and 9 meters with very little oxygen below that point.

I will have the charts and graphs at the fall membership meeting. 🐾

What do they mean by Ordinary High Water Level?

The Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) is a term that many lake, wetland, and river property owners hear, but it is often misunderstood. The definition of OHWL is determined by Minnesota Statutes 103G.005, Subdivision. 14: *Ordinary high water level. "Ordinary high water level" means the boundary of water basins, watercourses, public waters, and public waters wetlands, and the ordinary high water level is an elevation delineating the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial.*

The OHWL for Lake Shamineau is 1275.1 feet above sea level. 🐾



at the east boat access should inform and thank the Lake Shamineau Association and Scandia Valley Township for the improvement project. Water level is slightly above the OHWL, 6 inches below the record. Mike Fedde will set up a Facebook account for the Lake Association for communication purposes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

Membership Report

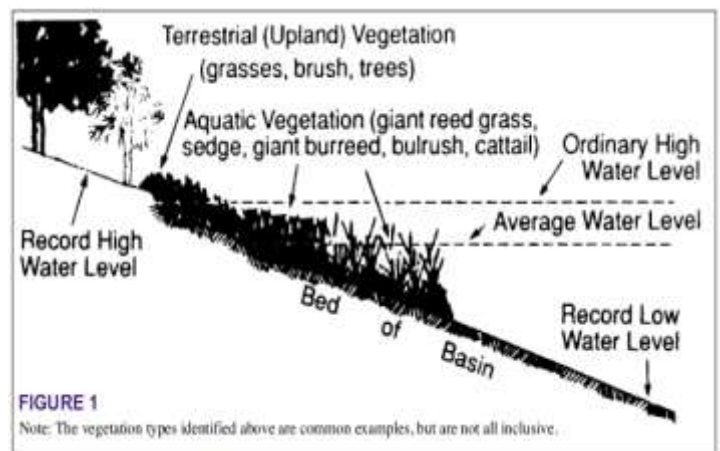
By Carolyn Held

We are just shy of 200 members to date. It has been harder to reach lake shore property owners because of volunteers not being able to make contact when they are at the lake. If you have not been contacted and would like to continue your membership, please mail it to Box 152, Motley, MN, 56466. This would help tremendously and we could wrap up our membership drive for this year.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped this year and look forward to having you on board again next year.

It is possible for errors to occur and please contact me if you feel that your membership is in error. We try hard to stay on top of all the changes and hope that most are correct.

If there is anyone that would like a sign please let me know. The cost of the sign is \$5.00 and a new tab is put on every year to update your membership. 🐾



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Address 1 (mailing address) _____

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