

2011 LSA Board Minutes

Lake Shamineau Association Summer Board Meeting February 5, 2011 9 a.m. - Perkins, Little Falls, MN

Members Present: Anne Hanson, Bob Koll, Jennifer Buckentine, Randy Kevern, Pat Held, Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams, Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Mike Fedde, John Jacobson

Not Present: Randy Heltemes

Minutes from the July 24, 2010 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account:

Balance on Hand Checking 7/24/2010	\$329.57
Balance in Savings 7/24/2010	<u>\$22,931.45</u>
Total Assets	\$23,261.02
Includes \$5,000 from Initiative Foundation grant for member Shoreline Restoration projects – funds available until 12/31/2011	

Income includes membership dues and grant deposit Expenses include newsletter printing, postage, water quality testing, meeting expenses (coffee, donuts, prizes).

A motion was made to make a \$100 per year donation to Lincoln Free Church for use of their meeting room for Association meetings. The motion was amended to be \$100 per meeting. Motion was approved.

Membership Report - Carolyn provided the count of current members (220). Discussion of what to publish in the newsletter to remind people of when their membership expires to help with renewals and decreasing the number who need to be contacted in person at their cabins in the summer. The due dates will be listed in the newsletter, as approved by the board. The board also approved of the expense to purchase new year numbers for membership signs.

Fishing Report - Rick provided the report on the 2008 DNR report on the stocking of muskies and its impact on other species in Minnesota lakes for board discussion.

Water Quality - We will not receive grant money this year as we have recently to cover the water quality testing. It costs approximately \$200 per year. Motion was made and approved to continue water quality testing at our expense. Average ice out is April 19. We would like to get dates for whole lake ice over in the fall if any members have this

information. Lake aquatic survey. Al will look into grants that may be available for the survey to update it from last time it was done by the DNR.

Communication - Discussion of moving the Association website to the Minnesota Lakes location and rebuilding it. Jacquie, Rick and Sandy will look at options and cost. Current website has no cost. Sandy is ready to pass the website maintenance to someone new – looking for a volunteer.

East End Lake Public Access Improvement - The concrete planks that go into the water to create the ramp have been delivered and paid for. The township will pay for installation this spring and will have the work done by a DNR crew familiar with this installation process.

Lakeshore Restoration Grant - Pat is developing an application form for members who wish to do native plant landscaping and shoreline protection on their lakeshore property. It was suggested that we send a postcard to lakeshore owners to respond if interested in getting an application form. An approval committee will meet May 28 for the first round of approvals. Application approvals will depend on appropriate restoration plans and will be prioritized by first applications received. Funding will include equal amounts of up to \$500 from the grant, plus \$500 from the Association, and \$500 in-kind from the applicant (in-kind can be labor). Smaller amounts may be applied for also and number of grantees depend on size of requests, The grant received is \$5,000. An online presentation about lakeshore restoration is located at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/restoreyourshore/index.html> and native plant suppliers and landscape planners can be found at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers.html>

Lake Management Plan - The 2011 Lake Management Plan update completed by the volunteer committee members was approved. The board expressed its thanks to Jacquie Rognli for her leadership and work on this. Copies will be available at the spring meeting or on the website <http://lakeshamineau.org>.

Spring Meeting Plans - The spring meeting includes electing Association board members. This year those ending their three year terms include: John Jacobson, Randy Kevern, Anne Hanson and Sandy Williams. Meeting is at Lincoln Free Evangelical Church. Newsletter articles due April 15.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting Sunday June 25 , 2011 - Hitchi'n 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 applications was reviewed for shoreline improvements. Further plans and specifics 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 Jacqui.

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