

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

**September 1, 2012 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 fall meeting. Board members introduced themselves. Approximately 78 members were in attendance.

### **President's Report and Open Forum**

**Non-native Invasive Species** – Discussion of action taken after discovery of eurasian watermilfoil in the northwest bay of the lake. Fall newsletter article provided details of the removal which was paid for by a grant from the DNR.

**Lake Association Membership Encouraged** – Dues provide a fund for future control of invasive species. All property owners receive the newsletter regardless of membership status.

**Aeration Systems for Ice Jacking Prevention** – Members inquired about cost of a permit. This will be researched. A group of west shore property owners have done this with success over the years.

**High Pressure Wash Stations at Lake Accesses** – Al Doree checked with DNR and township. (what was found about this?)

### **Approval of Spring 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the Spring 2012 membership meeting were printed in the Fall 2012 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 8/31/2012	\$607.69
Balance in Savings 8/31/2012	<u>\$19,958.56</u>
Total Assets	\$20,566.25

Balance includes \$4,000 of the grant from the Initiative Foundation for the Shoreland Restoration Program. Reimbursement to date for shoreline restoration projects was \$1,630, part of which was from the grant and part of which was matched by lake association funds and part matched by property owners. The membership extended their

appreciation to Pat Held for his work on the grant and the extension of time for applications through 2012.

### **Program Speaker:**

Alan Cibuzar of A.W.Research presented the results of a TSI Overflight, an aerial mapping survey of hot and cold spots around the lake that can indicate groundwater, springs, septic issues. TSI is the tropic state index, a measure of quality of lakes. To watch for trends, where a rising TSI indicates issues that may indicate degradation of lake quality and which may also hurt fishing. Photos and maps and results are on our website and a link there to the A.W.Research website for more information. Alan mentioned our average secchi disk reading (lake clarity) is 15.1 feet over 9 years. Our TSI is measured by lake samples sent to RMB labs.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Fishing** – Rick Rosar says fish are biting and this weekend is a full moon (blue moon, second full moon in the month).

**Water Quality** - Al Doree reported that we have had 20.67 inches of rain since March, last year (2011) there was 25 inches total. The Sechi disk depth of water clarity is at 17 feet. The lake level is fell below the OHWL (official high water level) in August.

**Membership** - Carolyn Held reported that currently there are approximately 204 members. More membership committee volunteers were requested to canvas only those who aren't current members. Carolyn expressed thanks to all the volunteers. Carolyn also asked for a new chairperson to assume the duties of overseeing the membership committee.

**Loons** – Some loon babies have been lost to eagles but people have observed some twins surviving.

**Shoreline Restoration Grant Program - Program** - Prairie Restorations met with seven interested property owners and gave a presentation on June 9. They provided an evaluation and planting a plan. Two property owners are going forward at this time. Grant money is still available. Contact Pat Held for applications.

### **New Business** –

- Members mentioned that the camp has had a horse on the island and were concerned about the hay bringing in weeds not normally growing there and any other impact.
- Members asked board to discuss having a trash barrel at the boat access to dump unused bait into. It was also mentioned that in the past any trash barrels became overfilled with trash.

- A proposal by members that the board check into more aerial mapping by A.W. Research and decide whether to proceed. Voted on and passed. Board will look at the options and cost.
- Members mentioned loud boat noise late at night. If more people call the sheriff, they will come out and address the problem.
- Some members expressed interest in putting no wake signs at the ends of their docks as a reminder to boaters passing nearby and too fast creating waves that erode the shoreline. The board will look at sign options and bring ideas back to the membership.
- Discussion of purchasing pine trees that are beneficial for the property based on information from A.W. Research. The state nursery is closing to the public in two years and it was requested that the board discuss purchasing them and distribute to interested members at the spring membership meeting.
- Membership in Minnesota Waters has converted to new organization called Conservation Minnesota.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary