



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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Spring meeting set for May 26

The spring membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held **Saturday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.**

There will be time before the meeting for membership renewals. Rolls, coffee and juice provided. There will be a fun Lake Shamineau trivia quiz with prizes and election of board members.

Members are encouraged to consider becoming a Lake Shamineau Association board member. It involves three to four meetings a year and some business done via email. Be as active as you wish in whatever interests you most.

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. 🐾

Shoreland grant renewed for 2012

The Lake Shamineau Association and the Initiative Foundation are offering grants up to \$1500 for projects relating to the promotion of native habitats and shoreline restoration. This program has been extended through 2012.

The purpose of the project is to use native plants and vegetation to help keep the lake clean and develop the natural environment. The grant monies will be divided into thirds with the Association, the Foundation, and the property owner each providing a part. The property owners may be in kind "sweat equity" and does not have to be monetary in nature. The Lake Shamineau Association Board will review applications at the

May and July meetings and will award grants on a first come first served basis until funds are depleted. For an application packet contact Pat Held at

pcheld@brainerd.net, 218-575-2400 or 34738 Aztec Road, Motley, MN 56466.

See the article on page 2 about an opportunity for professional planning assistance. 🐾

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, May 26, 2012 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Pre-Opening activity- Lake Shamineau Quiz
- 2) Call to order 9:00am
- 3) Open forum - 15 minute time limit
- 4) Secretary Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) President's Report
- 7) Program
- 8) Committees
 - Fishing
 - Water Quality
 - Membership
 - Loons & Wildlife
 - Communications
- 9) Old business (shoreland restoration program)
- 10) Board Elections
- 11) New Business
- 12) Adjourn





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Mission Statement: The Lake Shamaineau 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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Committees

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie

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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 Shamaineau 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 Shamaineau 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

Greetings fellow lake residents! What an amazingly mild winter we had. I thought for sure the water level would be down when we arrived at the lake this spring, but it is not down much at all. We miss the small area of sandy beach we had, but I guess it could be worse. I've heard stories of how high the water was years ago.

We are thrilled that the Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation has given us one more year to use the grant money for shoreline restoration projects! With that, we hope to fund more projects this year. If you're like me, you might be interested in the idea but just can't envision what you would do on your shoreline. We thought there might be others out there thinking the same thing, so we've lined up Prairie Restorations to spend a day with us educating us and then visiting property owners on their shoreline to come up with a potential plan for a restoration project. See the article below for more information.

On another note, you have probably heard about the new laws aimed at stopping, or at least slowing, the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Minnesota's lakes. I am glad that this has been a priority of our Legislature. While we are blessed that we don't have AIS in Lake Shamaineau, we are also keenly aware that lakes very nearby are dealing with this problem and so we need to be diligent in checking all boating equipment before it comes into contact with the lake. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information on this as well.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer at the lake! 🐾

Shoreland restoration planning assistance for members June 9

The Lake Shamaineau Association is very excited to have scheduled Josh Richardson from Prairie Restorations to assist interested members with information and ideas on shoreline restoration projects. He will meet on Saturday, June 9th, 9:00 AM at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. He will start off with a presentation at the church, then proceed to the lake and visit with interested property owners, helping them with plans and drawings.



Prairie Restorations lakeshore project in progress.

[Prairie Restorations](http://www.prairierestorations.com), Inc. has passionately led the way in the fascinating business of native plant community restoration since 1977. They have worked with the public sector, corporations, and residents on prairies, wetlands, woodlands, and shorelines – native plant landscapes designed, installed and maintained by educated and experienced staff.

This is an excellent opportunity for landowners to get professional help with possible projects. Please indicate your plans to attend on June 9 so we can let them know how many to expect. If there is an overwhelming interest, we will try to schedule additional planning help on June 16th. 🐾

Electrofishing targeting walleye young of the year



By Rick Rosar, Fishing Committee

In late September 2011, fall nighttime electrofishing was conducted to assess the survival of walleye fry originating from spring

stocking and evaluate the walleye stocking strategy for Lake Shamineau. Walleye fry have been stocked in odd-numbered year and fingerlings in even-numbered years since 2006. Three electrofishing runs were conducted at various locations around the lake. Sand substrate with limited vegetation appeared to produce the highest walleye catches. Scales were collected from walleye under ten inches in length to verify year class and if the fish originated from fry or fingerling stocking.

A total of 30 walleye were netted in the electrofishing runs, two of which were young of year for a catch rate of 1.5/hour for the young of year. The young of year catch rate were comparable to past electrofishing efforts for juvenile walleye. The majority of walleye in the 2011 fall electrofishing effort appeared to come from the 2009 year class (86%) which was a fry stocked year. Three yearlings were also captured from the 2010 year class, a fingerling stocked year. Past aging of gill net catches has shown that limited walleye natural reproduction also occurs.

As an example: if fry worked, even at 2% survival, and they stock 2.2 million fry, they would expect 44,880 fish at the cost of a hundredth of a cent per fish. Fingerling stocking @ 2lbs/littoral acre = 1492 lbs., would equate to 29,840 fish (which assumes 100% survival) at the cost of \$18-\$20/lb. In any case the cost/benefit ratio is considerably different. History has also shown that resulting catches from fingerling stocking have not translated in nearly as high catch rates (in DNR nets) of walleye in subsequent years.

Basically this gave the DNR some confirmation on the potential for fry stocking survival (or lack thereof) and that

Electrofishing

Electrofishing uses electricity to stun fish before they are caught. Electrofishing is a common scientific survey method used to sample fish populations to determine abundance, density, and species composition. When performed correctly, electrofishing results in no permanent harm to fish, which return to their natural state in as little as two minutes after being stunned.

Electrofishing uses two electrodes which deliver current into the water to stun fish. The current runs from the anode to the cathode, creating a high-voltage potential. Usually pulsed direct current (DC) is applied, which causes galvanotaxis in the fish. Galvanotaxis is uncontrolled muscular convulsion that results in the fish swimming toward the anode.

fingerling stocking will be the standard protocol for Lake Shamineau for the foreseeable future. Although electrofishing has not proven to be an effective method for assessing young of year walleye, there was some encouraging catch of yearling and 2+ year old fish. Most summer

gill net catches and muskellunge assessments have provided a wide range of year classes.

On the muskie side, in the 2010 muskie assessment the DNR was able to see that the quota of muskie yearlings could be dropped to 500 fish total. Most of the rearing ponds have carry over this year. If they choose to use carry over, they will stock at least a third less fish. So for example, typically they might stock the 500 yearlings. If they have larger carry over fish available, then they would drop the quota to 330. 🐟



Rick Rosar with nice 24-inch walleye caught during 2011-12 ice fishing season.

At least two people are required for an effective electrofishing crew: one to operate the anode, and the other to catch the stunned fish with a dip net. 🐟



Electrofishing by boat

Membership Report

By Carolyn Held

At this time we have 205 members of which seven of those are associate members. There are 35 members that have let their membership lapse and we have 58 that are non members. This is about 69% membership. We only have about 70 people to contact this year. Personal contact is the best, but to make it easier for the volunteers you could send in your membership dues or pay your membership at the spring meeting. Listed below are the 1 year memberships due and the three year memberships that are due this year. We have six new owners and hopefully they will want to join, or if the previous owner was a member of the association it could carry over to the new owner. A list of lapsed memberships and non members is also included.

We also have some Lake Shamineau Association signs. The cost of a sign is \$5.00. If you have requested a sign and did not receive it yet, please let me know.

To help make contact easier you could also send in your membership choice and check for the type you choose to: Lake Shamineau Association, PO Box 152, Motley, MN 56466.

If you feel that any of this is incorrect, please contact me (pcheld@brainerd.net or call 218-575-2400) and we can go over the records to get it all correct.

New owners

We have some new owners of property at Lake Shamineau. Welcome to Lake Shamineau. We hope to see you around the Lake!

Ted & Becky Sullivan	William & Janet Minette	Howard Mulchay
Paul & Carolyn Stritesky	Todd & Tracy Linbo	Troy & Misti Beckman.

One-year membership renewal

If your name is on the list below someone will be contacting you about renewing your Lake Shamineau Association Membership. If you would like to renew for one year it will cost you \$20.00. If you would like to take advantage of the three year membership at \$55.00 your dues would be good until 2015.

Bisek, Robert & Linda	Frisk, Mark & Sherry	Koehnen, John & Sandra	Schroeder, Melvin & Sandra
Baker, Michael & Lisa	Granberg, Leland & Alvina	Ktytor, Bob & Verle	Schultz, Michael & Shannon
Cantleberry, Judy	Granning, David & Janice	Kubicek, Mark & Cynthia	Solberg, Peter & Mary Ann
Card, Alan & Linda	Hennen, Jim & Kelly	Lundberg, Ted & Billy	Soloroz, Gladys
Colbeth, Gertrude	Hermanson, Sue & Mike	Mott, Paul & Judy	Sonenstahl, Agnes
Doyle, Patrick	Ingle, Robert & Anne	Nelson, Arline	Stanoch, Rodney & Joyce
Edeburn, Pat & Annelise	Jacobson, John	Noska, June	Thelen, Richard & Mavis
Elfstrand, Scott	Jares, Nancy & Floyd	Neuerberg, Earl	Vogel, Tim & Cynthia
Entgelmeier, Gene	Jex, Richard & Rosemary	Riebe, George & Dorothy	Wicktor, James & Carol
Fenske, Ron & Cindy	Johnston, Darryl	Rinzel, Peter & Trisha	Williams, Karsten & Cheryl
Freeman, David & Mary	Kalis, Denis & Laverne	Romero, Marg	Wohlert, Vern & Dolores
Friedl, Marlene	Kmetz, Ray & Emily	Sather, Gary & Vaunda	

Three-year membership renewal

If your name is on the list below someone will be contacting you about renewing your Lake Shamineau Association Membership. You are currently a three year membership at \$55.00. If you renew again for three years, your dues would be good until 2015.

Belling, Cheryl & Robert	Henrichs, Ronald	Jaskowiak, Adam & Janet	Reber, Paul
Comb, Mariann & Janice Bierman	Koll, John & Lisa	Radmer, Mike & Larue	Willis, Michael & Phyllis

Associate membership renewal

The cost of an associate member is \$10.00. If you want to renew your membership, please send to Lake Shamineau Association, PO Box 152, Motley, MN 56466

Tom & Pat Crawford 2012	Gary Erickson 2014	Bruce Kitowski, Muskie Man 2012	David & Joanie Gammon 2012
Steve East (3 year 2013)	Chuck Forss 2012	Dennis Peterson 2012	

Lapsed membership

The following is a list of members at one time. If the timing is right and you would like to renew your membership, please contact Carolyn Held for assistance in getting a Lake Shamineau Membership. Volunteers may contact you during the membership drive as well.

Adolphson, David & Mary	Doucette, Russell	Johnson, Randy & Merri	McGuire, John & Betty
Bastian, W. Lynn & Kathleen	Faust, Rita	Keller, Lawrence & Lorraine	Meyer, Bob & Joleen
Bolnick, David & Jamey	Freeman, Gladys	Kleine, Duane	Motzko, Tom & Stephanie
Chronquist, Mike & Mary	Hanley, Lloyd	Kuta, Patrick & Sherri	Nelson, Rita
Craft, Michael & Laurie	Harris, Susan	Lakman, Mike & Kim	Olson, Jeff (Richard & Marj)
Dahlman, Chris & Lorie	Hougo, Mike & Melanie	Lee, Lynda	Peters, Betty Jane
DesMarais, Steve & Helen	Jensen, Mark & Deborah	Madden, Michael & Ann	Renko, Chris & Jan

Rieck, Kenneth & Delores
Schwartz, Tom & Paula

Shamaineau Park Association
Springer, Amy

Thorn, Tom & Sandra
Unger, Ronald & Betty

Non-members

The following is a list of non members, if you would like to become a member of the Lake Shamaineau Association please contact Carolyn Held at for assistance in getting a Lake Shamaineau Membership. Volunteers may contact you during the membership drive as well.

Amundson, Gary & Sheryl
Bieker, Carolyn
Blessing, Bernard & Lori
Branchaud, Kyle & Barb
Buss, Bob & Barbara
Carlson, Jerry & John
Cox, Robert & Theresa
Dahl, Jeanne
Dahlvang, Edna
Dickson, Mervin & Alice
Duerr, Mike & Betty
Edin, Randal & Sheila
Forystek, Sherry & Mike
Goblirsch, Mary

Gold, Donald
Gulland, Bernard & Marilyn
Hageman, Robert & Ruth
Hamann, Walter
Hammer, C. Alan & Connie
Hendry, Bill & Judy
Henningson, Paul & Bonnie
Hoffert, Terry
Jensen, Pamela
Johnson, Chuck & Paula
Johnson, Devonna
Johnson, Genevieve
Juelich, William
Kalisch, James & Bette

Leavell, Randy & Diane
Malark, Doug & Sheryl
Mattson, Melvin
Mayhew, Chris & Jan
Mowan, Richard & Florence
Payne, Judith
Pawlenty, Virgil & Judith
Reber, Steve & John
Scandia Valley Township
Scearcy, James & Lynn
Schaefer, Sherman & Sharon
Secora, Mark
Shipman, Don & Nancy
Silvernale, Dan & Susan

Sipe, Gary & Barb
Sisk, Mary Ellen & Harriet
Smith, Bill
Steiner, Mary
Thatcher, James
Tyrrell, Lois
Urbanski, Nancy
Wagner, Mark & Sharon
Wartman, John
Weyer, Rupert & Joan
Wilson, Blair & Carol
Zetah, Francis & Mary Ann
Zimmerman, Cynthia 🐾

Lois Gammon

From Carolyn Held: "We have lost a great volunteer for the membership drive. Lois Gammon passed [in February], losing her battle with cancer. She will be sadly missed.

The following is excerpted from her obituary in the [Morrison County Record](#).



Lois Gammon, a resident of Lake Shamaineau, formerly of Little Falls, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at her home on Lake Shamaineau.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Feb. 20, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls.

Lois was born March 20, 1939 in Harding, the daughter of Joseph "Jim" and Bernice

(Schubert) Hoheisel. She grew up in the Buckman area where she attended grade school. She graduated from Fr. Pierz Memorial High School in 1957. Following her schooling, she worked at Redline Optical Company in St. Paul. She was united in marriage to George Gammon in June, 1959. Her main career was raising their five children. Lois also worked as an operating room technician at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls for 21 years. George and Lois were long-time members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church while living in Little Falls and are currently members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley. In 1986, the couple moved from Little Falls to their current home on Lake Shamaineau. Lois was a wonderful homemaker, caring grandmother and a devoted wife. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, scrapbooking, beating George at cribbage and spending time with her family. One of her favorite holidays was "Christmas in July" at the lake. 🐾

Randall 4th of July Celebration

Medallion Hunt – Friday, June 29

Clues will be posted on the [Randall City Website](#) and can be picked up at City Hall, Gosch's and Randall State Bank. Clues available 9:00 AM each day. Prize is \$500.00 in Randall Bucks.

Tuesday, July 3

Evening: Climbing wall; Food booth by Four Cheeks Foods.

8:00 PM: Randall Fire Department \$10,000.00 raffle drawing – tickets available from all firefighters and at local businesses.

Randall-Cushing Beer Wagon

8:30 PM-12:30 AM: Street Dance featuring *Sweet Siren* Fireworks at dusk

Wednesday, July 4th

11:00 A.M. - Parade

Prizes: 1st Place - \$500, 2nd Place - \$300, 3rd Place - \$200
For parade entries, contact Donna Lundgren (320-749-2895) or Mike and Diane Drew (320-749-2632).

Activities in the Park Before, During & After Parade

10:30AM - 3:00PM – Randall Fire Department food Booth and open House

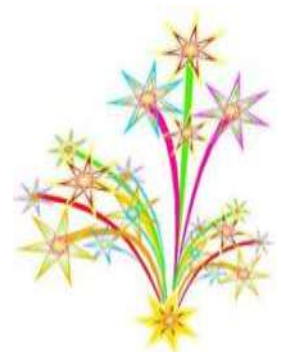
1:00 - 3:00PM – Four Cheeks Food Booth & Food Booth
Both food booths will move to the ball park at 3:00PM and selling during Donkey Baseball.

1:00 - 3:00 PM - Music by *Social Security Express*

1:30 PM - Pie Eating Contest & Ice Cream Social

2:00 PM - Horseshoe Throwing Contest

3:00 – Donkey Baseball at the Dr. S.G. Knight Elementary Baseball Field; Free will donations appreciated. 🐾



Morrison County Local Water Plan presents:

Lake and River Day

“An opportunity for all shoreland owners in the county to learn of new opportunities and rules concerning best management of their property.”

Saturday, June 9th, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Scandia Valley Town Hall

3518 320th St. Cushing, MN 56443

(Located on Co. Rd 3 on the north side of Lake Alexander)

Free Well Water Testing for Nitrates

AGENDA

1. 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. Welcome – Introductions – Helen McLennan, SWCD
2. 9:05 – 9:30 a.m. Helen McLennan, SWCD
3. Clean Water Legacy Funding Possibilities
4. Native Buffer Grant Opportunities – Mississippi River
5. Lake Improvement Districts - Modification of Annual Plans
6. Morrison SWCD 2011 Annual Report (Handout)
7. 9:30 – 9:50 a.m. Darrin Welle, Morrison Planning & Zoning
8. Failing Septic Systems – “Effects on Water Quality”
9. Changes to the County Ordinance on Septic Systems
10. 9:50 – 10:00 a.m. Helen McLennan, SWCD
11. Fish Trap Lake Septic Inventory/Investigation
- 10 minute break**
12. 10:10 - 10:45 a.m. Phil Votruba, MPCA
13. Protecting & Restoring Morrison County’s Surface Waters
14. 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Mark Wettlaufer, MDH
15. Managing Your Private Well and Drinking Water Protection
16. 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Todd Holman, TNC
17. “Mississippi River Headwater Lakes: (Long Prairie River Watershed proposal)”
18. 11:30 – 12:00 noon Q&A Session 🐾

How do I test my well for nitrates?

Step 1. Allow your faucet to run for approximately 5 minutes.

Step 2. Collect a sample of water in a new, re-sealable, plastic bag.

Step 3. Bring the sample to the Lake & River Day to be analyzed for nitrates.



Monument installed at East Landing

An information monument has been installed at the newly renovated east boat landing. It recognizes the joint project of the lake Shamineau Association, Scandia Valley Township, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Mathewson – Goodrich families who donated the property in 1945. See the Spring 2012 Board Minutes in this issue for more information. 🐾



Aquatic service providers must have permit

The Minnesota Legislature passed a number of new laws in 2011 related to prevention and management of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The laws apply to not only boaters and property owners, but also lake service providers and others involved with transportation of water-related equipment.

Service providers are individuals or businesses hired to install or remove water-related equipment such as boats, docks, boat lifts or structures from waters of the state. They are now required by state statute to obtain a permit from the DNR before providing any services. The DNR will begin to implement and enforce this during the 2012 open water season. All service providers must complete invasive species training and pass an examination in order to qualify for a permit.

Lake Service Provider training courses and permit applications are on-going. [A list on the DNR website](#) will be updated frequently as applications, course attendance, test scores, and payments are processed. Permits have been mailed to the businesses in Morrison County on this list. 🐾

Morrison County Permitted Lake Service Providers as of 5/16/12			
Business Name	Last	First	City
Action Dock & Boat Lift Storage	Amundson	Jordan	Cushing
B & B Shore Service	Block	T.J.	Hillman
Boater's Dream Marine Services	Marcy	Brandon	Swanville
Doucette Docking	Doucette	Russell	Motley
Lake Country Landscaping, Inc.	Doucette	Lee	Cushing
Melvin & Steven Janson	Janson	Melvin & Steven	Hillman
Newmans Industries Inc.	Newman	Joel	Royalton
Staples Sports	Godejohn	Shirley	Cushing
SPVA	Doubek	Daniel	Circle Pines

Power poles not allowed for posting

Crow Wing Power has removed personal signs from their pole on East Shamaineau Drive. Signs were delivered to the Gammons who tried to return them to the owners. Please do not post signs on power company poles. 🐾



Red gull guano on docks and swim rafts causes reaction

After receiving a concerned letter from a lake resident along with photos of gull defecation containing the red dye from imitation crab meat, the Lake Shamaineau Association Board coordinated the writing of a letter to a local farmer supplying his feed lot with scraps from Morey's Seafood International Market in Motley. The resident felt that the food supply was attracting the gulls to the area and politely asked if something could be done to minimize its attraction to the birds. See the Spring Board Minutes for more information. 🐾

Gulls in Minnesota

From the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Gulls are medium to large sized birds that are typically white or gray in color, often bearing black markings on their wings and/or heads. Other physical characteristics include webbed feet and long, stout beaks. Most are members of the genus *Larus* and are closely related to terns. Being highly resourceful and opportunistic in their search for food, they often obtain it by stealing food from other species. Many humans can testify to this trait, as gulls will even harass people in their persistent attempts to steal, or beg tidbits. They will also take advantage of other resources provided by humans, including trash from landfills and residential areas, and stored forage or fruit/grain crops in agricultural settings.

Protection status

All gulls are migratory birds, and are therefore protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. There are 52 species worldwide, with 19 having been observed in Minnesota. Most are migrants through the state, but these may linger on larger lakes and marshes until freeze-up. Only three species breed within Minnesota: ring-billed gull, Franklin's gull, and herring gull.

Damage by gulls

There are two gull species typically identified as causing damage in Minnesota: the herring gull and ring-billed bull. Populations of both have increased dramatically in the past century due to their ability to

adapt to, and thrive in the human environment. Increased food resources, such as human trash, handouts, and agriculture, have probably been a primary factor leading to these increases.

Issues concerning damage to property include the fouling of boat docks caused by the guano (droppings) of large numbers of loafing gulls. Rooftops are also favorite loafing areas. The accumulation of guano on polyurethane rooftops, pool and boat covers can destroy them.

Gulls, being opportunists, will also take advantage of stored forage, such as corn silage and other small grains. Livestock feedlots can provide an abundant food source. Fecal materials subsequently contaminate the forage, rendering it unsuitable for consumption by livestock.

Gulls also account for over half of all bird strikes on airplanes. Airports are prime real estate, with wide open vistas in which gulls can safely loaf while on the lookout for predators, and with short grassy areas from which they can forage for insects.

Gulls are relentless in their search for an easy meal, and many have learned that people are a great source of food. Individuals who learn to connect people with food can become quite bold. Therefore, IT IS ALWAYS BEST NOT TO FEED GULLS, whether it be directly, or indirectly through unsecured trash or exposed pet foods. Other forms of human harassment include the defense of nesting colonies that have been established on rooftops, which can be quite offensive as parent birds will often swoop while defecating or vomiting on the intruder.

Exclusion methods

A variety of exclusion methods can be found on the [MN DNR](#) website that include

- Obstacles – wire, monofilament line spaced 20-30 feet apart and 6-8 feet above and netting
- Bird spikes, coils, slopes and bird proof gels

- Electrical shock

Harassment

Noise and visual devices are most effective before birds become firmly established at a site. If site tenacity is allowed to develop, it will be more difficult to cause abandonment of the site in favor of more peaceful areas. It is also helpful to note that site tenacity is stronger toward feeding and nesting areas, than for loafing areas.

Please remember that gulls are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Once egg-laying begins, it is illegal to disturb the birds, eggs or nests without a federal permit.

There are a wide variety of noise devices available including

- propane cannons
- pyrotechnics (shell crackers, screamers and bangers)
- other noise makers, such as clappers, motion-activated alarms, and distress alarm call systems

Be sure to check federal and state regulations before using pyrotechnics (a type of explosive) and local noise ordinances to determine if noise-making devices are permitted in your area.

Habituation is the primary drawback to these frightening techniques. They must be moved frequently to avoid habituation.

Visual devices

There are a wide variety of visual frightening devices on the market including

- predator models
- numerous styles of brightly colored mylar objects, such as flags and streamers and balloons (often decorated with scary eyes or predator images)
- kites resembling avian predators
- dead gull effigies – the more realistic the better
- lasers
- Falcons
- Radio-controlled planes
- Trained herding dogs



Gull species that nest in Minnesota



Ring-billed Gull



American Herring Gull



Franklin's Gull

Aquatic invasive species decal law changes; Higher penalties go into effect July 1

(Released May 4, 2012)

A slate of new laws designed to curb the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was approved in a recent bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed by Gov. Mark Dayton.

A program requiring watercraft owners to place an AIS rules sticker on their boats is being discontinued and replaced with an online education program. Watercraft owners will no longer be required to place on their boats the rectangular, silver and black decals, which include a summary of the state's AIS laws.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began distributing the decals earlier this year and will continue to give them to interested boat owners for informational purposes only.

A new law, which goes into effect 2015, will require anyone who transports watercraft or water-related equipment with a trailer to complete an online education course. After completing the course, the person will receive a decal that must be placed on their trailer, certifying they have taken the course. People taking the course can receive extra stickers if they own or use multiple trailers for watercraft or water-related equipment.

"The black and silver decal is no longer mandatory for boaters, but it is still a good informational tool to help boaters know the AIS laws," said Luke Skinner, aquatic invasive species program supervisor. Boaters who have decals can still place them on their boats or trailers as a reminder.

He said the DNR will begin developing the online AIS course soon to implement the new decal requirement for 2015. The penalty for not displaying the decal will be a warning, not a citation.

Other new AIS laws will be instituted July 1, 2012, as a result of the new legislation:

- Civil penalties for violating the state's AIS laws will double. Fines that currently range from \$50 to \$250 will increase to \$100 to \$500, depending on the type of violation. For example, failure to remove a drain plug while transporting a watercraft will mean a \$100 fine, instead of a \$50 penalty. The fine for unlawfully possessing and transporting prohibited aquatic invasive species will increase from \$250 to \$500.
- Boat lifts, docks, swim rafts and other water-related equipment (except boats and other watercraft) that are removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body for at least 21 days. The drying out period is designed to kill any AIS that might be attached to the equipment that are high risk and difficult to clean. Two zebra mussel introductions occurred last year as a result of water equipment being sold and moved from one water body to another.
- Boat clubs, yacht clubs, marinas and other similar organizations are now considered lake-service providers, requiring permits for the clubs and staff working there to take AIS certification training.
- Portable bait containers used while fishing through the ice do not need to be drained before leaving a water body, unless the water body has been declared to have viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), a virus that is deadly to fish.

The DNR was given additional authority to require mandatory inspections of water-related equipment before a person places or removes equipment into or out of a water body and to set up inspection stations at a centralized location to cover multiple lakes. The new legislation also allows the DNR to delegate this authority to local governments that have an approved inspection plan

More information about the DNR's aquatic invasive species programs can be found on the [DNR's website](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

September 3, 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 fall 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 bio logs 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 account at Randall State Bank:

Balance on Hand Checking 8/31/2011	\$586.84
Balance in Savings 8/31/2011	\$24,385.62
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, one 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 punch line 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 

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2012 11:00 a.m.

Little Falls Perkins Restaurant

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

Not Present: Pat Held, Dave Graning

Minutes from the June 25, 2011 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account at Randall State Bank:

Balance on Hand Checking 3/08/2012	\$882.99
Balance in Savings 3/08/2012	\$22,888.20
Total Assets	\$23,771.19

Balance includes \$5,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation for the Shoreland Restoration Program, less the grant monies provided to appropriate property owner projects.

Project - Lakeshore Restoration Grant

The Initiative Foundation extended the allowed use of this grant through 2012. An application was received late in 2011 – the board agreed to re-evaluate its compliance with the terms of the grant at our meeting on May 26, 2012.

Project – East boat access

DNR installed the concrete plank boat ramp at their expense. The association purchased the materials. The board approved the purchase and installation of a granite marker acknowledging the family donation of the property many years ago and the donation of the Shamineau Lake Association of the boat ramp materials. The cost of the marker was \$1,500.

One additional application was reviewed for shoreline improvements. Further plans and specifics will be requested as the application must meet the guidelines of shoreland restoration.

Owner's Signs Placed on the Crow Wing Power pole on East Shamineau Drive

The Crow Wing Power Company removed the signs and gave them to Pat and Carolyn Held and stated that the signs interfere with the power company pole/equipment. Signs were returned to the property owners. One sign was replaced on the pole. It was removed again. Kim will return the sign to the owner and explain the power company's policy. It was mentioned that a property owner in that area may be building a sign structure for the placement of signs.

Concern of gull droppings of red dyed fish product from Motley business Cap'n Jack's which is being fed to livestock at an area farm –piles left uncovered on farm property

A letter from Auger's and photos of the gull droppings on docks was received. The letter asked for advice on whom to possibly contact regarding the issue. The board's advice was to refer Augers to county agencies about possible rules and also to ask Augers to write a letter to the farmer asking to possibly put a tarp

over the fish scraps to keep gulls away. Rick will participate with Augers in wording the letter appropriately. It is not an issue for the board to solve but is a shared concern of lake property owners affected.

Spring Meeting Planning

Meeting will be at the Lincoln Evangelical Church at 9 am May 26, 2012. Jacquie will bring a screen for the projector. Sandy will get donuts, coffee and juice. A social "mixer" will be a short lake quiz with a drawing for a prize to encourage participation. Looking for possible speakers. Discussed a birder. Will check into possibilities with Brainerd Audubon Society.

Other Business

Association member signs and yearly stickers will be ordered. Purchase was approved by the board to continue purchasing these as needed.

Newsletter submissions due April 15.

Board voted to approve the continuation of water quality testing.

Mike Fedde set up a Facebook account for the Lake Association for communication purposes. There are 48 "friends" associated with this Facebook account.

Morrison County Soil & Water Conservation

District: Lake and River Day will be held at the Scandia Valley Town Hall on Saturday, June 9th from 9-12.

They are not totally sure what the topics will be but will likely have someone there from fisheries, possibly someone to address discussions on invasives, Planning and Zoning septic ordinance, Clean Water Legacy possibilities, etc.

They will bring the equipment to offer well testing for nitrates. But we also want to collect some random samples to send to the MN Dept. of Health for arsenic. They will have a supply of bottles to pour the samples into but we do need the well log ID number. They can probably assist in getting that number for homeowners that don't have their records, but we would need their name and address prior to that day to find their number. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾



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