

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 25, 2013, 9 am - Lincoln Free Evangelical Church meeting room

Board members present: Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Jacquie Rognli, Randy Kevern, Randy Heltemes, Dave Graning, Jane Kramer, Mike Fedde, and Kim Salisbury

Not present: Jane Kramer, Rick Rosar

President's Welcome Bob Koll called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the spring meeting. Board members present introduced themselves. Jennifer Buckentine, the Association president resigned during the winter due to commitments with her busy family and work. Bob Ingle was introduced as the new membership committee chair. Bob asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who passed away among members and friends.

Approval of September 1, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes The minutes from the September 1, 2012 membership meeting were printed in the Spring 2013 newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Open Forum Russ Holland, member of the Scandia Valley Fire Department, requested volunteer boat owners to sign up to allow use of their boats for emergencies, to save time in rescue situations. They own one hovercraft only which has limited usability in these cases.

Treasurer's Report Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account, part of which will be refunded as unused grant funds for lakeshore restoration at the end of the summer. Five grants were approved and three new applications are pending review by the board. Before and after photos of the projects will be shared at a future association meeting.

Balance on Hand Checking 5/24/2013	\$1,206.33
Balance in Savings 5/24/2013	\$16,837.95
Total	\$18,044.28

Committee Reports:

Fishing A DNR fish surveyor indicated that in their spring netting they found lots of large crappies and small walleyes. The Muskie population was lower.

Water Quality Al demonstrated the dissolved oxygen meter and temperature readings taken at different levels in the deep spot in the lake, found by GPS coordinates. Water samples are sent to RMB lab and results are found on the RMB website. Measures are made the third Monday of each month, May through September. Al is asking for other volunteers to assist or take over. Good eyesight is needed for secchi disk readings. Ice out was May 14th this year. Ice out in 2012 was March 29th. Rainfall in May was 3.62 inches and the lake level was one inch below the official high water level. The Association has a bog removal permit for members for 2013 - certain rules apply.

Loon Report Loons came in as soon as water was open this late spring and nesting pairs have been observed.

Communication Jacquie indicated that as a policy, the association does not share emails from the email list used for sending newsletters. Also, Facebook is a good method for sharing news, requests of each other (ice out contest, request for a cabin to rent for the summer, etc.).

Planting & Care for Pine Trees on Lake Property Mark Frisk gave a talk on the planting and care of the pine trees that were distributed at this meeting. He described best growing conditions, how to plant and care for the seedlings and how to protect them from deer. White pine, Norway pine and White spruce seedlings from the DNR were available to members at the meeting. Pine trees are good for the lake quality. A DNR one page handout on planting and care was also available, as well as information printed in the association's Spring Newsletter.

Board Elections Bob Ingle was nominated and elected to the board. Current board members with expiring terms, Mike Fedde, Randy Heltemes and Jacquie Rognli, were nominated and re-elected to continue on the board. The spring board meets following the general membership meeting.

Other Business Augers Resort rezoning and variance requests to the county were discussed. Kevin Maurer, county commissioner was present and explained the processes for variance and conditional use permit requests. Augers Resort has been grandfathered in for building density on their property, which means that when more stringent ordinances were passed, they were not required to meet the new rules unless new building was planned. Tier 2 (Tier 1 is the first 200 feet back from the lake and the second tier is the next 267 feet behind Tier 1) of the Augers property had more building density than the new rules required (500 square feet per camper). With a plan to replace an old cabin/trailer house, with an additional 50 square feet added in the new plan, the resort was required to request either a variance or rezoning. Residents within one-half mile of properties with variance requests are notified on a regular basis. The notice requesting of Augers Resort for rezoning to Shoreland Commercial was concerning to many lakeshore property owners. Busy roads, dense usage of the lakeshore at the resort and concerns about flooding at the resort after heavy rainfall were some of the concerns related to the rezoning which would have been less restrictive than current zoning. A petition was signed by 206 5 members opposing the rezoning. A number of concerned property owners attended the Planning Commission meeting on March 25, 2013, where the petition was presented and concerns were voiced, The Planning Commission approved recommending the rezoning to the County Commissioners by a vote of 3 to 2. At the County Commissioners meeting on April 9, 2013 the rezoning request was rejected unanimously. Augers Resort has now requested a variance for the building project. The Board of Adjustments evaluates and approves or rejects variance requests. The County Commissioners cannot override the decisions of the Board of Adjustments. To override variance determinations, it becomes an issue for the courts.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary