

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 24, 2014 9 am Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

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

Not present: Bob Ingle

President's Welcome Randy Heltemes called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the meeting. Board members introduced themselves. Attendance was very good (count?).

Secretary's Report Minutes from the fall membership meeting on August 31, 2013 were printed in the Spring 2014 newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following bank balances in the Association's bank account. *Checking/Savings Accounts \$16,015.55 as of May 24, 2014* Repaid remaining balance of shoreline restoration grant to the Initiative Foundation. The question was asked how much did we spend in past year? Pat responded with an estimate of about \$3,500, most was for the shoreline restoration match to the grants.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates Eurasian milfoil was hand pulled by divers in the northwest bay late last summer in locations indicated by the DNR based on GPS coordinates. After this was done, more plants were found. We are planning for a lake survey of the whole lake at depths up to twenty feet to determine if there are other areas of the lake with AIS. Rick Rosar has contacted companies and cost is estimated to be around \$3,000. Shamineau Acres will be paying for chemical treatment in front of their property and have obtained the permit and a grant to help cover the cost. Pat Held also obtained a DNR grant for the association to cover part of the cost of pulling the Eurasian Milfoil again this summer in June or early July. During hand pulling, scuba divers bag the plants underwater to contain any broken pieces that would grow into new plants. Mechanical harvesting is done when there is a large mat of the plants, and it tends to leave broken pieces. Question about the DNR; we are in communication with them and they give guidance about what to do and they do not recommend specific companies. Kevin Maurer – our county commissioner at this meeting. He will be helping get county approval for the Lake Improvement District (LID). The Lake Improvement District (LID) committee members will be meeting with other lake associations who have Lake Improvement Districts on June 7. The spring newsletter contained information about LIDs and a handout with Questions and Answers regarding LIDs was handed out at this spring membership meeting.

Fishing Updates Rick Rosar talked to DNR, netting surveys, good population of walleye, fry not doing well, but will stock fingerlings for the future. Winter good reports of walleye, but snow depths made it difficult for ice fishermen. Spring crappie reports are good.

Water Quality Report Al Doree reported the following measurements: Ice out was April 30th. Inches of rain/snow has been 6.05" since April 11. Water level is 0.528 inches above OHWL.

Secchi disk reading was 15.0 feet, with no thermocline in the 58 ft hole on the west side, which is normal for this time of year. That means that the temp and dissolved oxygen was more or less a straight line.

Memberships Many members have renewed. Those who are due, please renew. There are no back dues for missed years. Dues are \$20/yr; \$55/3 years. About 70 percent are members. Thanks to all membership captains who work to recruit nonmembers. Dues help pay for the milfoil fight! County money available for grants is expected to be up this year; we need to continue to get grants for the invasive species fight.

Communications The internet web company used by Minnesota Waters, where our website is hosted went out of business. MN Waters is getting a new web host, and it is expected that it will be available by July. Membership list got scrambled and will be fixed. Bob Koll solicited local business sponsors for our newsletter and website and increased the number of sponsors this year. Ads by these businesses help defray the cost of our newsletter printing and mailing. Thanks to Jaquie Rognli who did a lot of work to create logos for sponsors who didn't have them.

Guest speaker Kevin Maurer, Morrison County Commissioner – Lake Improvement Districts and Lake Associations are doing the best job addressing their specific AIS issues. Coordination to make progress is important. Zebra mussels are found in the Mississippi river around Little Falls. State funds that are being allocated include \$68,000 for Morrison County for AIS. A number of counties want to work together to hire someone to work on the best plan for allocating and using the funds. Kevin is on the Mississippi Headwaters board, a group that has been allocated \$1 million. They are thinking of pooling the grants of 8 counties in order to efficiently use the funds with the most impact. LIDs most effective approach. Lakeshore work 5 Spring Membership Meeting Minutes Continued needs permits. If issues, call Planning & Zoning. Initiative Foundation received a \$2.2 million grant, the plan for it not yet known. There is some concern about funding being cut in the future – these funds are for this year and the next probably. No rules yet for how it can be used. Lake Improvement Districts are already in place for our neighboring lakes: Fishtrap, Alexander and Crookneck. County gives assessment authority to the Lake Improvement District, and assessment recommendations are brought to the County Board for approval. Cty auditor approves. The assessment requests are very problemspecific. For example, Crookneck LID treats curly leaf pondweed, now is in control, no matting on the surface as was prevalent before. A question: How is resort taxed? Can tax by lakeshore, or by owner. Question about regulation and monitoring at Augers boat access. LID details are specific, and lakeshore owners will weigh in on plan. Crookneck, Alexander and Miltona lakes are giving us advice. On June 7, 4 lakes LIDs meeting with our LID committee to share their knowledge. Now is the time to form the Lake Improvement District. LID forms its own independent board separate from the Association board. If approved by the county, there is then a public comment meeting after 21 day notice. Read the LID info sheet passed out at this meeting for commonly asked questions and answers.

Board Elections Judy Kupferschmidt was nominated to be on the board. Randy Kevern, Dave Graning, Brian Salisbury, and Sandy Williams were willing to stay on. This added one board member - the bylaws do not limit the number on the board. Election was unanimous in favor.

Other Business Drawings for prizes donated by local businesses included four bottles of wine from Scandia Valley Winery, who has wine tastings at their location near the fire hall this weekend, two twenty-five dollar gift certificates for The Landing restaurant on Lake Alexander, and four twentyfive dollar gift certificates for Pine Ridge Golf, which has new owners this year. Reminder that because of high water this spring in the lake, be courteous and keep wakes down to protect shorelines. Reminder that the gathering point should not be in the northwest bay for the 4th of July boat parade. New business Jacquie showed photos for identifying Buckthorn, an invasive shrub that can grow to twenty-five feet and competes with other natural forest growth. See the newsletter column about this, identify it and get rid of it. It spreads easily by birds and is aggressive and invasive. Cut, dig, and spray to kill it.

Event announcements

- Pat Held, annual outdoor concert at his home, George Mauer jazz group, on July 31, this is the 25th annual year. Also, George is sponsoring a cross country bike trip at age 48, reenacting Caroline Held's ride at her age of 48. Proceeds to the Mayo cancer center.
- Same weekend Lincoln 2 nd Annual Summerfest. July 4 fireworks will be moved to the Summerfest this year. Lions Pancake Feed is tomorrow morning 8:30 to 11 am. June 21st Lions Golf Tournament. Tanya and Lance are new owners at Pine Ridge Golf Course.
- Bending Pines pottery sale this weekend by one of our members at his cabin.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary