



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

Newsletter No. 26

FALL 2014

Fall meeting August 30

The fall membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held Saturday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.

Time before the meeting is open for membership renewals. Rolls, coffee and juice will be available. Door prizes will be given away.

Information on our proposed Shamineau Lake Improvement District will be on the agenda with guest speaker Morrison County Auditor Russ Nygren.

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. 🐾

Formation of Shamineau Lake Improvement District could raise funds to assist with lake woes

A group of Lake Shamineau Association volunteers has been meeting to gather information about forming a Lake Improvement District (LID) for Shamineau.

A LID is special-purpose district formed around a lake in accordance with Minnesota Statutes. It is a local unit of government established by resolution of appropriate county boards and/or city governing bodies for the implementation of defined lake management projects and for the assessment of the costs. Citizens and local governments willing to undertake such initiatives benefit from greater local involvement in the management of their own lakes. The Shamineau volunteers have met with a group of volunteers from area lake improvement districts: Fish Trap Lake, Crookneck Lake and Lake Alexander. These other lake associations have all had lake improvement districts for some time to help with projects like controlling curly leaf pond weed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, floating bogs due to high water levels and education programs. In these meetings, the group has gotten help and advice for how to get the Shamineau LID formed. Morrison County Auditor Russ Nygren has also been very helpful.

The Morrison County Board of Commissioners has the power to pass a resolution for the formation of the district. The group feels that if the Board of Commissioners knows that the property owners of Lake Shamineau are in favor of the formation of the lake improvement district, it will help move the process along.

Statements of support needed

Inside the back cover of this newsletter is a copy of a statement of support for the formation of the Shamineau Lake Improvement District. Property owners are encouraged to sign the statement so that copies can be submitted to the county. Bring your signed statements to the fall membership meeting or mail to Lake Shamineau Association, PO Box 152, Motley, MN 56466 before the meeting. 🐾

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, August 30, 2014 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Pre-Opening – Membership renewals; Letter writing to legislatures
- 2) Call to order 9:00
- 3) President's Welcome
- 4) Open forum - 15 minute time limit
- 5) Secretary's Report
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) President's Report
- 8) Committees
 - Fishing
 - Water Quality
 - Membership
 - Loons & Wildlife
 - Communications
- 9) Lake Improvement District (LID)
Speaker Russ Nygren
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjourn



Please sign the enclosed statement of support inside the back cover for the formation of the Shamineau Lake Improvement District. Bring your copy to the fall membership meeting August 30 or mail to the Lake Shamineau Association and it will be submitted to the Morrison County Board of Commissioners. We will also



Lake Shamaineau Association
P.O. Box 152
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<http://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamaineau>

Mission Statement: The Lake Shamaineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.

Board Members

President: Randy Heltemes, 612-308-2245
Vice President: Rick Rosar, 612-709-6402
Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-487-7916
Treasurer: Pat Held, 218-575-2400
Al Doree, 218-575-2404
Mike Fedde, 651-452-2966
Dave Graning, 763-261-4812
Bob Ingle, 612-759-6711
Randy Kevern, 218-575-2844
Bob Koll, 218-575-2577
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Jacquie Rognli, 763-441-7239
Jane Kramer, 507-477-3693
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Committees

Communications: Newsletter & website-
Jacquie Rognli; Sandy Williams
Fishing: Rick Rosar
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey
Membership: Bob Ingle
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. member5hi9@gmail.com

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

Message from President Randy Heltemes

Once again the summer has flown by. This has been a busy summer for the board and the LID committee. Both bodies continue to work hard to maintain the quality of our Lake. In addition to our milfoil problem this spring and summer also brought us unprecedented high water levels in which we're still struggling with. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have spent countless hours to protect our lake. I would also challenge others to step forward and volunteer! Thank you and let's have a big turnout for our very important fall meeting.

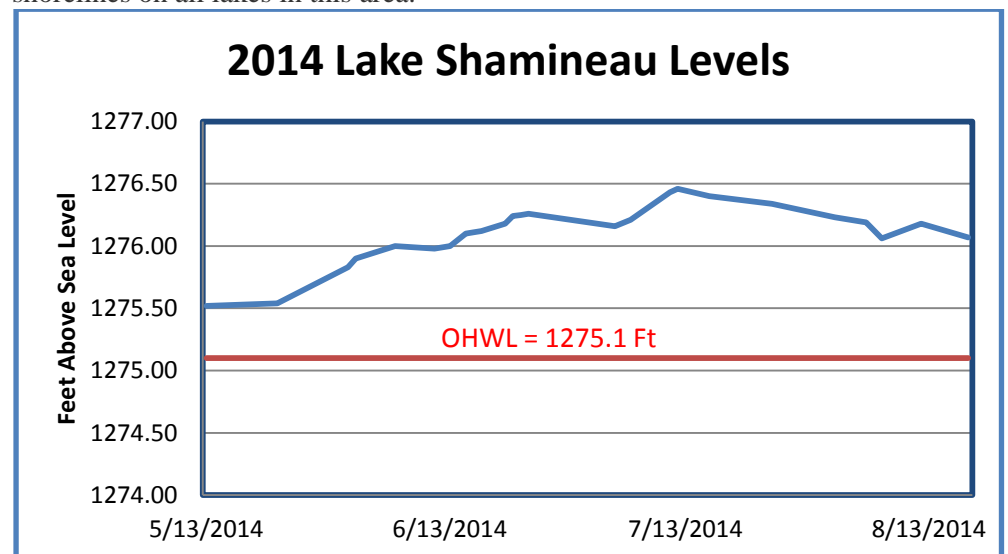
Take care, Randy 🐾



Record high water causing shore erosion

Heavy spring rains have resulted in high lake levels in the area. Volunteer monitor Al Doree reported the lake was 1276.46 feet above sea level on July 5 (1.36 feet above the ordinary high water level of 1275.1 feet. The previous highest recorded level (1956-2014) was 1275.94 feet on July 3, 2003.

On June 13, 2014, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office asked boaters in the Lincoln Lakes area to operate watercraft at slow or no-wake speeds until further notice. High water levels plus the wakes created by boat traffic are eroding shorelines on all lakes in this area. 🐾



Association hires divers to pull invasive milfoil



Photo from Waterfront Restorations.com

The Lake Shamaineau Association has again hired divers to pull Eurasian Water Milfoil in the northwest bay. Divers from Waterfront Restoration, LLC had pulled and bagged this non-native invasive plant on July 16 and 17. Shamaineau Acres provided a pontoon for their use. Originally, Shamaineau Acres had planned to do a chemical treatment in front of the resort and had obtained chemicals and a permit to do so, but they were unable to execute in a timely

matter. Thus, the area requiring pulling was more extensive than previously thought. The bill was \$2600. Pat Held has submitted for partial reimbursement from a Department of Natural Resources grant. The last two years we spent \$1600 to \$2300 for hand pulling. 🐾

Membership Report as of August 15, 2014

Bob Ingle, Membership Chair 2014

Greetings and thanks to all who paid at the spring meeting or sent in your dues during the year. Thanks to all of the membership team for your help in attempting to reach folks since the meeting. If you see your name on the list below, please send in your dues or join us and pay at the fall meeting. There are many things to discuss and prizes to win so it should be an interesting meeting. The spring meeting was a huge success. We had a good turnout of 80+ members. Some won some sweet prizes.

By the numbers, we have 310 names on our mailing list, 183 members are current on their dues, 25 members due yet this year ('14 sticker), 35 that were due last year ('13 sticker) and 20 lapsed members (over two years without paying dues) and finally, 47 that have never been members or aren't interested. Total active in the last two years is 263 which is pretty good participation! If we get those recent members back we have 84% participation, but as of today we have 59% active property owners. Also, of all members, the three-year membership is much more popular – three times more popular.

I have created an email account just for you to connect directly with me, member5hi9@gmail.com Please use this to communicate all membership questions. Not sure when we recorded your last payment? Need a sticker for your sign? Have ideas you want to share? Want to volunteer to cover your area of the lake?

Email addresses! Please let us know your email address! member5hi9@gmail.com. We only have 136 email addresses out of a possible 263. Please share your email with us. We will only use it to communicate important lake association information.

We need more help in these areas: Augers, Arras, Axis and Angle. Additionally, West Pine View Blvd and Lake Shore Drive are unique areas that could use several captains. Russ Holland was able to get some help on East Shamaineau. Thanks for stepping up to help Russ!

The bottom line again, help us and send in your dues. We don't want to bug you while you're trying to enjoy your weekend at the lake. We have better things to do too! Fishing, golfing, swimming, sand bagging, mowing, plumbing, painting, etc.

These members are up for renewal this year. Please send in your dues, thank you!

Richard & Sharon R Auger
Craig & Gen Baron
Gerald, Marsha, Lisa Bemboom
Ron & Laurie Carlson
Alan Lee & Linda L Card
Mike & Laurie Craft
Gary Erickson
Ricky & Shirley Fagereng
Leland M & Alvina Granberg
Bernard & Marilyn Gulland
Thomas R & Kathleen J Hanson
Susan Harris

Donald A & Julieanne Herman
Paul & Dawn Hindrichs
Sue Hermanson & Mike Ison
Richard & Jean Jacob
Joan Batchner-Janacek
Pamela J. Jensen
Dwayne & Pat Jensen
Darryl & Jill Johnston
Denis & Laverne Kalis
Betty Sendy
Duane Kleine
Robert W & Cindy L Koubsky

Lowell & Norma Koenig
Norris S & Rose Mary Mattson
Wendy & David Mcdonells
Mark J & Jan I Murphy
Arline Nelson
Herb & Trudy Neuerburg
David Perfetti
Dennis Peterson
Ronald Riebe
Margaret Romero
Gary Ross & Vaunda Lea Sather
Melvin R & Sandra L Schroeder

Nancy & Donald Shipman
Ernest Spilman
Leo & Diane Sprouls
Jeffrey A & Kathleen D Smith
Patricia A St Martin
Michael Stevens
Ron & Betty Unger
Tim & Cynthia Vogel
Karen & Shawn Weller
Karsten J & Cheryl I Williams
John Wilson
Ronald Wayne & Juli Anne Zak



One-year memberships are \$20 due in the spring, or three-year memberships are \$55 due in the spring. If you didn't get your dues in early, send them via mail. The membership form is on the back page of the newsletter, or print one from the website. Payments by check are preferred. We are a non-profit organization and your dues are tax deductible.

Membership signs are available for an additional \$5.00. The year sticker on the sign represents when dues are due. Make sure to request year stickers when you pay your membership. Email me and I will get your sign number updated.

Note: DO NOT attach the sign to a utility pole. Utilities don't allow signs on their poles.

Membership Captains serve each area of the lake and will try to contact you should your membership be due. Please help us keep this great organization going, and let me know if you're interested in helping with memberships.

East - East Shamaineau – Russ Holland (Russ could use another volunteer to help on the east side)

East - Oak Lane – NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED!

South - Lake Shore Drive – Jen Buckentine, HELP WANTED! Great job this year Jen!

South – Augers, Arras and Angle – NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED!

South - Hillside and Axis Lane – Tom Heltemes

South – (3000 and up) Pine View Boulevard – Bob and Cheryl Koll

South – (2000 to 3000) Pine View Boulevard – Dale Mashuga, HELP WANTED!

West - West Shamaineau - Dan and Doris Amundson

West - Aztec Road – Bob & Anne Ingle, Pam Gowan and Sarah Asmas

North – Ridge Road, 18th Ave., 45th Ave., Armore, Cattleberry and East Bay – Judy Kupferschmidt (HELP WANTED)

MEMBERSHIP continued

Past Members. Lets recruit these folks back!

Dave & Mary Adolphson
Russell Doucette
Gladys H Freeman
Mary Frances Goblirsch
Terry Hoffert

Genevieve Johnson
Randall R & Merri J Johnson
Lynda Lee
Michael & Ann Madden
Doug & Sheryl Malark

Robert A & Joleen J Meyer
Tom & Stephanie Motzko
Howard Mulcahy
Roger & Margaret Olson
Tom & Paula Schwartz

Amy Springer
Nancy Urbanski
David & Jodi Huffman-Nordberg
Bruce Kitowski
William & Judy Hendry
Sherry & Michael Thedens 🐾

We will miss these folks ...



Marlene Freidel, hard working membership volunteer for the Lake Shamineau Association, passed away July 14, 2014. Her obituary can be found in the Morrison County Record: <http://mcrecord.com/2014/07/14/marlene-l-friedl/>



George Gammon, strong supporter of the Lake Shamineau Association and membership volunteer, died June 22, 2014. His obituary is here: <http://www.emblombrennyfuneral.com/obits/obituary.php?id=480222>



George Holthus, who was a volunteer and member of the Lake Shamineau Association Board 2005-2006, passed away April 28, 2014. Here is a link to his obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tucson/obituary.aspx?pid=170861850> and biography he had written earlier: <http://www.vistosofh.com/sitemaker/sites/vistos0/obit.cgi?user=1299178Holthus>



Alan Cibuzar, owner and CEO of A.W. Research, the company that did the fly over of our lake in 2012 and did a presentation at one of our meetings, died April 28, 2014. Here is a link to his obituary: <http://www.nelson-doran.com/sitemaker/sites/Nelson1/obit.cgi?user=1299169Cibuzar#>

Website has new address

The Lake Shamineau Association website has finally gone live. Minnesota Waters and Conservation Minnesota are still hosting. Our new URL is <http://MinnesotaWaters.org/LakeShamineau/>. If you go to the old address, you will be directed to the Minnesota Waters home page with lake locator to connect to the new address. 🐾



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 Jacquie 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

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 problem-specific. 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 Miliona 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 twenty-five 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

Jacque 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 2nd 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 

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting

May 24, 2014 10:30 am

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

Elections of Officers:

Randy Heltemes – President
Rick Rosar - Vice President
Pat Held - Treasurer
Sandy Williams - Secretary

Questions/comments about the Lake Improvement District (LID):

Add Cindy Fenske to LID committee. Bob Koll will work at keeping everyone informed.

Decisions to be made include: Who to assess an annual fee (ie. by lakeshore or by owners, for instance)?


The DNR is involved. Pollution Control Agency and other agencies will be involved. District size and dimensions will be determined.

First a resolution is passed by the county board of commissioners, then a public hearing.

Next board meeting should be after the LID committee meeting that will be held on June 7. Next Board meeting at Pine Ridge. July 19 is the tentative date.

Minnesota Waters payment was approved. Motion by Mike Fedde, Randy Heltemes seconded, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Sandy Williams, Secretary 

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 19, 2014, 9:00 AM

Hitchin' Rail, Cushing, MN

Present: Mike Fedde, Randy Kevern, Rick Rosar, Randy Heltemes, Pat Held, Al Doree, Kim Salisbury, Bob Koll, Jacquie Rognli

Absent: Sandy Williams, Bob Ingle, Jane Kraemer

Board Minutes of May 24, 2014: Approved

Rain & Lake Level: Al Doree reported spring rainfall up to today has been as follows:

April = 3.05"

May = 7.73"

June = 13.4"

July (up to 7/19) = 4.44"

Total so far = 28.64"

Lake Level Today = 1276.4 feet above sea level

Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) = 1275.1 feet above sea level

Highest so far this year was 1276.46 feet above sea level on July 5, 2014

Highest recorded (1956-2014) = 1275.94 ft (07/03/2003)

Lowest recorded: (1956-2014) 1270.55 ft (09/06/1962)

Eurasian Water Milfoil Diver Pull

Cost in 2012 was ~\$1,600 with DNR grant. Cost in 2013 ~\$2,200 with no grant. 2014 estimated to be ~\$3,200 to \$5,000. Pat has gotten a grant for us of \$1,100 from DNR.

Divers pulled in the northwest bay July 16, 2014, stayed overnight at Rick Rosar's cabin as Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was much thicker than expected in front of Shamineau Acres Resort. The resort had obtained a permit and chemicals for in front of the resort, but had not applied them this spring as anticipated. Shamineau Acres provided divers with a pontoon boat to use. Large areas are better controlled with chemical treatments and smaller spots with pulling.

Pat said that the divers found more spots in the bay that they pulled. GPS coordinates are recorded for spots found with information passed on to the DNR and the Lake Association.

Divers said that the high water level has helped slow spread of the EWM because the sun hasn't been able to reach as deep and the plants have not grown as close the surface, staying below boat motors.

Motion: To approve up to \$6,000 to cover cost of EWM removal. Motion by Mike Fedde; Second by Al Doree.

Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Held presented a balance sheet showing total assets of \$17,628.61. He also passed around a detailed QuickBooks report that shows all expenditures and gave us a profit and loss summary report as this information had been requested by Sandy Williams. Concensus was that a complete report would be too long and detailed, but a profit and loss summary should be published in the Spring newsletter covering January to January.

Fishing Report

High water levels have made dock fishing more successful. Randy reported catching walleye off his dock and others had mentions fishing was also good near the island.

Communications

Jacquie reported that the old website is currently being migrated by Minnesota Waters to the new host. The URL will be changing and Jacquie will notify everyone when it goes live (probably next week). She has been working on the site as most clipart has transferred, but all PDF files need to be uploaded, so much work left to be done there. Some of the lake level and no wake information was added by her from Germany, but Minnesota Waters has advised no more updating of the old site.

Email access information was provided to Bob Ingle again so he could notify people of the no wake information, but it seems that was not done. Jacquie is not sure if he has straightened out the email addresses in the membership spread sheet.

High Water Level Issues

President Randy expressed concern that we were not notified about the Morrison County Board meeting when the "No Wake" designation was being discussed. He wrote to the board about his opinion. The DNR had given all counties authority to set temporary "No Wake" restrictions on lakes, but the Morrison County Board opposed. However, the Morrison County Sherriff issued a "No Wake Advisory." It appears they are giving warnings, but not ticketing boaters.

Bob K expressed concerns about the culvert under the township road that allows the incoming creek on the south east side to continue to flow into the lake. There was discussion about Shamineau being part of a large watershed with no outlet and this is just the natural flow of water.

Questions were asked about what kind of water patrol resources the county has. Member Nancy Hanson was making inquiries. There is no Morrison County hydrologist, but Kathy Metzler of Sherburne County is helping.

Lake Improvement District (LID)

Thanks to Bob Koll for keeping everyone informed about LID information. The planning group will next meet on Saturday, August 2 at Pine Ridge Golf.

Morrison County Auditor Russ Nygren has been advising. He said the idea was brought to the commissioners who are in favor of formation. County will do all necessary communicating for the hearing. The first step is to get show of support from property owners. A letter of support is recommended to be signed by members.

July 19, 2014 Board Meeting

Minutes Continued

Lake Alexander LID has spent more than \$20,000 on bog management this year because of high water levels. It was suggested that we give an initial estimate of \$10,000 for our first year of the LID, estimating \$35.00 per lot owner. It was also mentioned to make sure people know the LID is being formed to cover all types of lake improvement, not just aquatic invasive species.

Motion: *To draft a letter of support estimating \$10,000 (~\$35/lot owner) for the first year. The letter will be included in the Fall Newsletter, available at the meeting, and on the web for collection at the fall meeting.* Motion by Rick Rosar; Second by Pat Held. **Motion Passed.**

Jacque will draft a letter for the board and the LID group to look over and edit. She will also draft a mission statement for the LID group to begin working on.

Legislative Advocacy

Pat Held brought up that we need to encourage the legislature to look at the issues of water in Minnesota more globally so that all responsibility doesn't fall on small groups. He thought we need to be contacting local legislatures for help like more funding for the DNR. He suggested a letter writing session at the fall meeting. It was

also suggested that we encourage support of Conservation Minnesota who is acting on these issues.

Rick and Pat will provide contact information, writing materials, and a suggested draft for the meeting. Jacquie will get Conservation Minnesota membership information for the meeting and promote it in the fall newsletter and website.

Fall Membership Meeting Planning

- Speaker: Bob Koll will ask Russ Nygren to attend
- Donuts & Coffee: Kim will contact Sandy to organize this.
- Letter writing: Rick and Pat
- Letters to support LID: Jacquie
- Membership: Bob Ingle
- Minnesota Waters Info: Jacquie
- Building Key: Bob Koll
- AV: Jacquie
- Door Prizes: \$50/committee to obtain prizes

Adjourn 10:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted by Jacquie Rognli 🐾

Raising the dock - - again



Do you have pictures of your high water woes at Shamineau? Email them to LakeShamineau@gmail.com by August 28, 2014. We will compile them into a slide show for the Fall Membership Meeting. 🐾

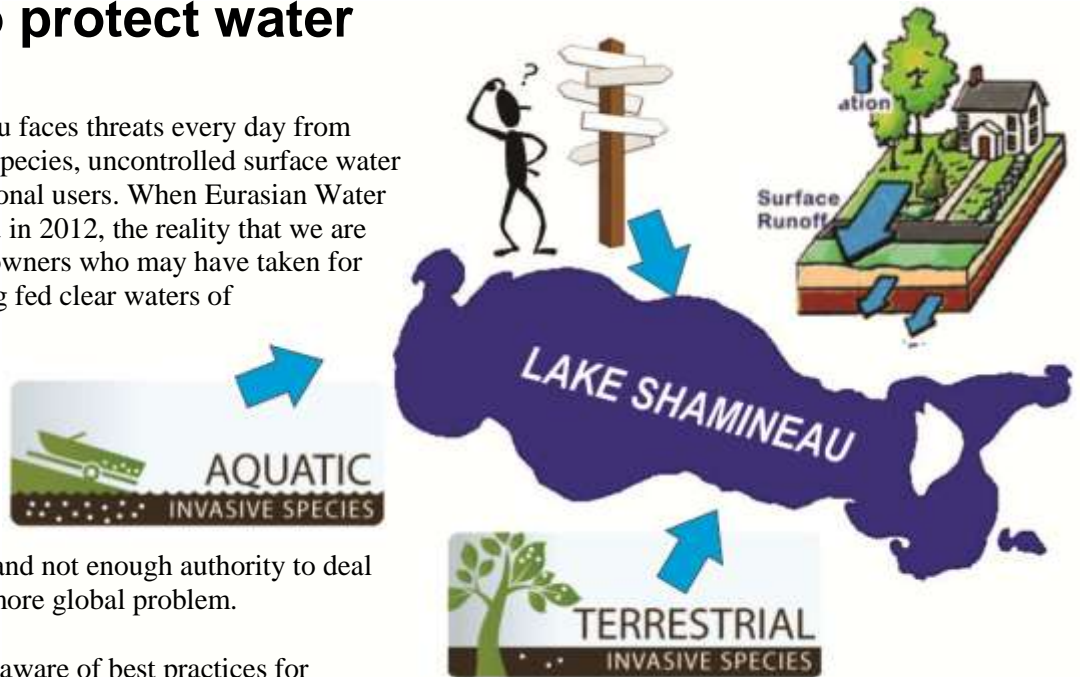
Help needed to protect water quality

Our beautiful Lake Shamineau faces threats every day from aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, uncontrolled surface water run-off and uninformed recreational users. When Eurasian Water Milfoil was found in Shamineau in 2012, the reality that we are all in this together hit property owners who may have taken for granted the sandy bottom, spring fed clear waters of Lake Shamineau.

The threat facing surface water is a bigger problem than concerned individuals and lake associations can handle on their own. The Department of Natural Resources has limited finances and not enough authority to deal with all of the issues. This is a more global problem.

So what can we do?

- Educate yourself. Be aware of best practices for shoreland management, boating, and preventing aquatic hitch hikers.
- Pass this information on to others.
- Join and support your local lake association.
- Support the formation of a lake improvement district, enabling the raising of money for lake management and education.
- Send in a signed copy of the statement of support for the Shamineau Lake Improvement District found inside the back cover of this newsletter or on the website.
- Support organizations that work for legislation and education for Minnesota waters. Conservation Minnesota is an excellent choice.
- Contact your legislatures and let them know of your concerns. Letter writing materials and contact information will be available at the August 30 Fall Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting. 🐾



Mission: Protecting the Minnesota you love

Volunteers organized the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters in 1984 to help connect Minnesotans who care about conservation with elected decision makers in the State Capitol. On July 1, 2002, an affiliated charitable organization was launched with its own Board of Directors, a part time executive director, and a part time program manager. Today, this organization is called Conservation Minnesota.

In the past few years, Conservation Minnesota's programs and impact have expanded to include the only comprehensive analysis of the state conservation budget and innovative tools and communications that keep Minnesotans informed as they enjoy and protect our state's natural resources. They have helped Minnesotans shape job-producing clean energy policies, water cleanup, habitat protection and the 2008 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the State Constitution.

Today, the Conservation Minnesota family of organizations includes Conservation Minnesota, Conservation Minnesota Voter Center, and the Conservation Minnesota Voter Fund. Each of these affiliated organizations plays an important role in helping Minnesotans turn their love of the great outdoors into the laws that protect it for future generations.

The Lake Shamineau Association supports the work of Conservation Minnesota through our membership. They host the Association's website. You can also support them through your membership and express your concerns and opinions on their website. Learn more at <http://www.conservationminnesota.org/>. Membership payments and tax deductible donations can be made securely online at conservationminnesota.org/invest/.

Your support helps Conservation Minnesota fight for clean air and water, smarter government decisions, and a bright future for the next generation of Minnesotans. Conservation Minnesota was rated a 2011 Top Non-Profit by Philanthropedia and Guidestar for its high-impact approach. 🐾

Why I Support Forming a Lake Improvement District (LID)

By Fred Comb

Going to the lake has always been a great pleasure of mine. I have had the pleasure of visiting Lake Shamineau as a part-time weekend resident for more than 60 years. My Grandfather built our cabin in the late 1920's and it has been handed down through three generations. My family and I have all had many wonderful memories at our cabin on Lake Shamineau!

It was at Lake Shamineau that my family all learned to swim and water ski, start the outboard motor and take our first solo trip around the lake. We discovered the outdoors, learned how to catch frogs and dig for worms. We heard our first loon calls and saw our first bald eagle. Lake Shamineau has been the place where my family grew up. It is a place that has been imbedded in my family's history and I think it is a safe assumption that most cabin owners are in the same boat.


Through the years, I have seen many changes take place in and around the lake. The beach my kids once played on is under five feet of water and the lawn I mowed as a kid is under even more water. Trees that I could not reach around as a youngster are now stumps in the lake. The ski jump that I used as a teenager is a distant memory. Twenty years ago we didn't know what a deer tick was, but we now check ourselves every day in May and June as many of my family members have discovered the powerful effects of these tiny creatures. Most of us check our boats for Eurasian Milfoil and clean our boats of weeds and other vegetation every time we launch and retrieve our boats at the boat launch. We read about the discovery of invasive Zebra Mussels in nearby lakes and we read about flying fish in other lakes right here in Minnesota. We also regularly check the water level in our front yards and crawl spaces for fear that the lake is once again on the rise thanks to the many culverts and drainage points into the lake, some of which capable of handling 1,000,000 gallons of water an hour.

We have previously thought the DNR and County would watch out for the lake and do what's best. Over the years we have found this to be generally true, but not always to the extent that is required to maintain a proper lake level, to keep the lake free of invasive species and protect the habitat of the loons we listen to and the fish we catch. The Lake has seen many changes over the years and it is abundantly

clear that many more changes are heading our way. If you have a desire, like I do, to help protect this beautiful lake for generations to come, I hope you will consider learning more about what you can do to help protect the lake by recognizing and supporting the benefits of forming a Lake Improvement District (LID).

Why A LID?

- To fill a need that neither government nor the private persons are capable of addressing.
- To fairly and effectively share the cost of managing and protecting the lake from invasive weeds and damaging water run-off.
- To be proactive in the protection of the lake from non-native and invasive species.
- To educate and enforce lake users with respect to protecting and preserving the lake for future generations.
- Manage the expense of performing lake surveys including vegetation, water quality, etc.
- Manage the expense of ongoing hand pulling and controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).
- To enable interaction with other organizations such as other LID's, the DNR and Morrison County
- To develop a contingency plan and emergency funds to help manage unknown future lake issues like zebra mussels and flying fish.
- To help ensure future generations may enjoy a healthy lake.

Please join me in support of forming a LID for Lake Shamineau by signing the statement of support included inside the back cover of this newsletter. 



The Comb family cabin on Lake Shamineau in the 1930s.

Statement of support for the Shamaineau Lake Improvement District Morrison County, Minnesota

Most recently, Shamaineau Lake has been under attack from Eurasian Water Milfoil and extremely high water. Unfortunately, this is outside of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN-DNR) authority to manage these issues and the voluntary dues collected from Lake Association members aren't enough to protect our lake.

We, the undersigned, representing the record owner of land within the proposed Lake Improvement District (referenced lots of parcels of land abutting or have an easement or access to Lake Shamaineau) wish to express to the Morrison County Board our support of creating a Lake Improvement District for the necessary purpose of controlling invasive species, maintaining lake water quality, environmental concerns and related services to Lake Shamaineau. The proposed Lake Improvement District is legally described as follows:

Named: **Shamaineau Lake Improvement District**

The lake improvement cost will be allocated among all primary property owners. Each residential land owner of lands abutting or having an easement or access to Lake Shamaineau will be assessed for one unit. It is estimated at \$35 per property in 2016 for the first year of the assessment. Businesses, resorts and campgrounds may be assessed at a higher rate. All assessments are to be in compliance with statutory regulations. This lake improvement district would provide a total assessment amount of \$13,300 in the 2016 taxing year. This amount is estimated based upon prior years' spending and anticipated expenses. Budgets for subsequent years shall be determined during the prior year of the assessment and will be subject to public hearing.

We, the undersigned realize that the improvement shall be conducted in accordance with plans for the same to be prepared, reviewed and approved by the Morrison County Board, and that the costs thereof, including expenses connected with engineering, planning and legal costs will be assessed against each parcel of land within said proposed district. This statement of support is submitted pursuant to Minnesota Rule 6115 and Minnesota statute 103B.

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