

## 2014 LSA Board Minutes

### Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting

January 11, 2014 Friendly Inn

**Members present:** Randy Heltemes, Randy Kevern, Bob Koll, Mike Fedde, Bob Ingle, Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Dave Graning, Sandy Williams

**Members absent:** Jacquie Rognli, Pat Held

**Fall 2013 Eurasian Milfoil Control Efforts** - Discussion about the efforts in the fall to control the Eurasian milfoil infestation. Divers pulled the plants based on GPS coordinates provided by the DNR. Chris Jurek, Invasive Species Specialist with the DNR stopped at Shamineau Acres resort several weeks later and found more. He recommended that Lyn and Pam Carter, resort owners, apply for a permit to chemically treat the Eurasian milfoil up to 150 feet from shore in the north side of the bay (northwest bay of the lake). Chris also recommended that using scuba divers to pull the plants occur in June to early July.

**Lake Survey Plans** - Rick Rosar has looked into companies that do lake surveys. We are interested in a survey of the entire lake. He learned from one company that bottom soil composition determines growth also. Cost for adding soil sampling increases the cost. Estimates around \$2,000 and up. Recommended to do in June to early July depending on weather for growth. Randy Heltemes made a motion to hire a company to do a lake survey, cost not to exceed \$3,000. Bob Koll seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. **Grant**

**Possibilities for AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Control** - Pat communicated to the board that he is looking at a grant for the DNR to provide interns at the west public access to check boats. A motion was made and approved to have Pat look into this grant.

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) Committee** - The goal of this committee is to learn about and plan for a possible Lake Improvement District for Lake Shamineau. A motion was made and approved to have Pat Held set up a meeting with the volunteers in February with Don Hickman of the Initiative Foundation, who has indicated he will help guide us through the process. Richard Lindemeier of Lake Alexander has emailed Bob Koll a brief list of the steps to take and the first step is to form the committee and create a lake management plan. Then at a general meeting of all property owners, the purpose and responsibilities of the LSLID are explained. Also how property owners are assessed as a special assessment on their property tax statements, one assessment per property owner regardless of how many lots they own. If approved at the meeting to go forward, a letter is sent to each property owner to approve or not approve the LID. Sixty percent or more voting yes is required and then the request goes to the Morrison County Commissioners for their approval. If approved, the next step is a Lake Management Plan and formation of a Board for the LID (recommend 5 members). The LIS is then responsible for implementing the plan as written. The Lake Alexander website includes their LID meeting minutes for more information on their experience and their assessments (see <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/lakealex/welcome>). Crookneck Lake has a Lake Improvement District (see <http://www.crooknecklake.com>). Fish

Trap Lake also has a Lake Improvement District as well as has started an endowment with the Initiative 7 January 11, 2014 Board Minutes continued Foundation to assist in the costs of maintaining and improving lake water quality (see <http://fishtraplake.com/index.cfm/newsletters>)

**Spring Membership Meeting** - We hope to have the general LID information meeting as part of the spring membership meeting. Communication regarding this would be in the spring newsletter and in the Morrison County Record newspaper. Plans for the spring meeting will be determined after the LID committee meets

**Bog Removal Permit** - Al Doree has applied for bog removal permit for Association members for 2014.

**Building Permit Variance Notification** - As in the past, the association president, Randy Heltemes, will receive variance notices and will be forwarding those to the board for awareness and in case individuals on the lake wish to express their opinions to the county. Motion was made and approved

**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 (i.e. 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.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by 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. Consensus 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 Sheriff 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. 7 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. Jacquie 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**