

Lake Shamineau Association Fall Member Meeting

September 5, 2015, 9:00 AM Lincoln Evangelical Church

Board members present: Pat Held, Dave Graning, Randy Kevern, Mike Fedde, Brian Salisbury, Bob Ingle, Sandy Williams, Kerry Kupferschmidt

Not present: Randy Heltemes, Jacquie Rognli

Dave Graning, Vice President, called the meeting to order, welcomed the members, and introduced the Lake Association board members and the Lake Improvement District board members present, Bob Koll, Rick Rosar, Fred Comb, Judi Kupferschmidt.

Open forum: Preserving Wildlife – a plea was made to stop using lead when fishing. Anglers can now use sinkers and jigs made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy. Birds such as eagles, hawks, and osprey are neurologically damaged by ingesting lead and can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing tackle. Eating just one lead sinker can poison a loon. Examples were given of places that ban lead, including Great Britain and Denmark. Many states ban sales of lead fishing sinkers. Read this article online for more information <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/livinggreen/nontoxic-tackle-lets-get-lead-out>.

Treasurer's report: Pat Held reported the balance in our checking & savings account was at \$10,945.47. Net loss for the period was -\$3,079.75 primarily due to milfoil control. Donations of \$120 were received and also we thank Donna Snyder for the \$250 grant from Carlson Co, which is much appreciated.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the spring Lake Association were approved as written. Fishing: Rick Rosar provided brief comments for a fishing update. He had been finding large northern on deep weed lines, and large bluegills around docks,

Water Quality: Bob Koll continues to assist Al Doree 5 with the lake conditions. They report monthly on rainfall, water clarity, lake level, and other measures.

Milfoil Report: The dive team has pulled Eurasian milfoil twice this summer with almost a ton in weight pulled. Questions were raised regarding ideas on how can we as users on the lake can mitigate the spread of the invasive milfoil, including patterns of boat traffic through infested areas.

Membership: Bob Ingle expressed thanks to those updating their dues. Bob indicated he had taken the membership position for a limited time and asked for a volunteer to lead the effort. He encouraged members to stay with the Association, we can be a "rudder" to guide the LID (Lake Improvement District) board. Our association's mission continues to be to create community, provide education for maintaining and improving the lake and shore land, and is a small investment in our community,

Lake Improvement District: Bob Koll discussed the membership of the board. Three of five board members need to be permanent residents. Bob expressed the opinion that the state should step up to help the costs of controlling invasive species in our lakes. He noted that as an LID,

more grants will be available to us to help offset the costs we are incurring in controlling the Eurasian milfoil. He encouraged members to write to our legislators regarding our support for grants and financial support. Bob indicated that the LID tax collections will be available half in late June 2016, and half in November 2016. Any taxes collected late would be available in January 2017. This will require the LID to borrow from the Lake Association to get through the control of the milfoil in the summer. The LID has an annual meeting where they present a report of what was done so far, next year's plan, and a proposed tax for the following year. Bob proposed having the fall LSA meeting for 2016 on Saturday Aug 27, with the LID meeting following. Questions and discussion of LID processes continued.

Other business: A question was raised about the resorts' lake access, whether there is any authority to monitor these. Answer is that we can't force a resort to have signs like there are at the public accesses. Door prizes were awarded including \$25 gift certificate for Pine Ridge Golf, two Ken Maddux handmade pottery mugs, and two Lake Country Toyota caps.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary