

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Meeting

May 28, 2016 Lincoln Evangelical Church, 9 a.m.

Board members present: Randy Heltemes, Pat Held, Dave Graning, Sandy Williams, Jacquie Rognli, Randy Kevern, Mike Fedde, Bob Ingle, and Kerry Kupferschmidt

President's Welcome and Open Forum The meeting was called to order and President Randy Heltemes welcomed the members present and asked for any questions or comments from the membership. The question was raised on behalf of anticipated questions from renewing or prospective members as to why the association is needed now that there is a Lake Improvement District. Pat Held and Bob Koll listed the aspects of building a community, education, build and preserve wildlife and aquatic habitat, and social aspects of getting to know others on the lake. The member survey listed the many projects and programs the association has undertaken. The Lake Improvement District, as a government entity, has stricter guidelines of what it can do and does not have the ability to respond quickly to short term needs. Both are complimentary and not meant to replace the other. Other open forum comments included suggesting more user fees for lake access as a funding option for the state to consider to help support invasive control and regarding fishing, the concern over Muskies and suggesting taking off the slot limit on northern pike.

Secretary Report The minutes, as provide in the spring newsletter, were approved as written.

Finance Report Pat reported the bank balances, \$648.69 in checking and \$6,616.78 in savings, for a total of \$7,265.47. Pat proposed the loan to the Lake Improvement District board with interest at 1% over the prime interest rate, to be repaid in two payments, in order to begin projects prior to the taxes becoming available to them. The proposal was approved.

Fishing Report Rick Rosar, in absentia, reported that spring crappie fishing was excellent.

Water Quality Al Doree reported that we had 2.8 inches of rain in April and 1.56 inches in May to date. The water level was at 1275.99, 0.89 feet over the official high water level. Secchi disk reading of water clarity was at 17 feet. See the RMB web site for reporting results.

Membership Report Volunteers are making rounds and the committee encourages members to renew their membership.

Loons and Wildlife Report Diane Schroepfer volunteered to be our loon reporter. Bob Koll set out a 6 foot by 6 foot loon raft covered by vegetation, and a loon made a nest on it this spring. Boaters are respecting the area.

Communications Thanks to Jacquie for her continued excellent work on the newsletter. She encourages use of email addresses for distributing the newsletter and saving on the cost of mailings. Also good information is on the website and the association has a Facebook account where photos and information is regularly posted.

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Report Bob Koll listed the board members: Bob Koll, Fred Comb, Dale Mashuga, Judy Kupferschmidt, and Rick Rosar. Judy will be moving in

the near future and Bob encouraged other lake residents to volunteer for the open position when that occurs. Three of the five are required to be residents at the lake. Bob reported that they received a county grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) which is funding a lake survey by RMB – our lake quality monitoring company – approximately \$2,600. Also funded are signs at the boat accesses regarding the invasive species in the lake. Bob proposed a new funding process that will go to the county commissioners if the lake membership supports this. It will tax based on the value and will include a service charge per rental unit on commercial properties. There are other LID's that tax with this method and various versions of it. There were many comments in favor of this being fair, especially as it increases taxes for commercial properties that have heavy boating traffic coming into the lake from other places, potentially spreading or introducing AIS.

Door Prizes Door prizes were awarded including items or gift certificates from Scandia Valley Winery, Pine Ridge Golf Course, The Landing restaurant some fishing accessories and an original painting by Kerry Kupferschmidt. As a gift from our departing president, Randy Heltemes personally donated some of the prizes.

New Business A motion was made to change the date of the fall meeting this year to accommodate having the LID meeting following the Association meeting. It was approved to have the 2016 fall Lake Association meeting on August 27. New board members were elected, Tim Swanson, Duane Hendricks, Mark Frisk, and re-elected members included Jacquie Rognli and Bob Ingle. Dale Williams volunteered to head a high water committee to get facts about our high water on the lake. Also Deryl Ramey and Dave Graning volunteered to be on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary.