

Lake Shamineau Association Fall Member Meeting

August 27, 2016 - Lincoln Evangelical Church

Board members present: Dave Graning, Pat Held, Sandy Williams, Jacquie Rognli, Mark Frisk, Tim Swanson, Randy Kevern, Kim Salisbury, Kerry Kupferschmidt

Not present: Bob Ingle, Duane Hendricks

Dave Graning, President, called the meeting to order, welcomed the members, and introduced the lake association board members.

Open forum: Jeff Schmidt mentioned that the west side of the lake missed the Forth of July boat parade. Boats apparently were avoiding the heavier milfoil area in the northwest bay. The association does not sponsor the parade due to liability and is communicated by lake residents on social media.

Treasurer's report: Pat Held reported the balance in our checking and savings accounts was at \$13,421.46. Net income for the period was \$4,474.11. Income was from memberships and newsletter ads; expenses included the newsletter, Minnesota Waters membership and a conference fee. Treasurer's report was approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the fall 2015 Lake Association membership meeting were published in the spring newsletter and a correction was noted. The LID tax was proposed not to be based on the value of the property, but on each parcel of a property owner and each association and deeded access lot. Commercial property owners would be for each parcel and an additional 35% of the residential fee for each rental unit site and cabin. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Discussion: Jacquiedescribed the differences between the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District and the Lake Shamineau Association. Bob Koll indicated that a study of the high water would cost an estimated ten to fifteen thousand dollars. A question was raised about if the Lake Improvement District recommends, and the county rejects the annual report and plan. Kevin Mauer indicated that it is the members that influence the plan and the county takes into consideration what the members have indicated they want.

Fishing: Report from Rick Rosar that bass fishing was good around the deeper weed lines and there were more of the larger northern pike. Also, he is seeing larger bluegill from winter into summer. Mark Frisk asked if walleye stocking has been effective and indicated he was in favor of ending the slot limit. Rick mentioned that he catches walleye in the winter, and that stocking is necessary in all lakes.

Loons: Eleven young have been spotted with ten loon pairs.

Membership: Thanks to over one hundred renewing members. This membership is considered a tax-deductible donation. The membership committee still needs helpers to visit and encourage memberships.

Guest Speakers: DNR Area Hydrologist Ken Zeik provided facts about the high water level in Lake Shamineau. The water level is influenced by rainfall and evaporation. Recent years have had heavy rainfall events. Development around a lake that increases the impervious (hard) surfaces also leads to increased runoff into a lake. Ken indicated that a permit to change any potential outlet from the lake requires a vote of one hundred percent in favor. Pumping water would involve the Army Corps of Engineers and 470 million gallons would lower the lake by one foot. A study of possible impacts in the watershed over the years could provide some additional answers to the rising water levels. County Commissioner Kevin Mauer provided county updates on a variety of topics. He addressed the rules regarding dirt fill in yards, of interest due to the extensive shoreline damage this spring. The rules are dictated by DNR state rules and county ordinances. Fill just moves the water to the neighboring yards. He discussed the county tax levy and budget, to clarify amounts of increases – noting that the county will be debt free in January of 2018. Bog disposal in the county gravel pit is free. The lake association gets a group permit each year to remove a limited size bog by any association member. He mentioned that County Road 1 will have larger shoulders in the next couple of years – it is a ten-ton road. He also indicated the county was doing road culvert studies, elevation studies and mappings in the county. Ninety-three individuals were present for the meeting.

The association meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am followed by the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District annual meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary