



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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Spring meeting May 28

The spring membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held Saturday, May 28th, 9:00 AM at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.

Before the meeting starts, membership volunteers will be on hand to collect Lake Shamineau Association dues. We have a whopping 174 members up for renewal this spring. Check out new chair Kim Salisbury's report on page 4 to see if you are on the list.

Opinion surveys are also being collected to get your input on past actions and the direction the Lake Shamineau Association will take going forward. The survey is inserted in this issue, on the website, and copies will be available at the meeting. Some great donated door prizes will be drawn from the submitted surveys. Just trade yours in for a drawing ticket. You can also mail yours in if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Elections will be held for Lake Shamineau Association board members. Terms are expiring for Randy Heltemes, Bob Ingle, Mike Fedde, and Jacquie Rognli. Please consider volunteering to serve on the board. New faces are welcome.

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. 🐾

Shamineau Lake Improvement District News

Check out the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) pages on the Lake Shamineau Association website (<http://minnesotawaters.org/LakeShamineau>) and inside this newsletter.

Because no funds are available to the LSLID until fall, the Lake Shamineau Association is loaning it money to cover immediate expenses.

The first annual meeting of the LSLID will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016. This is the opportunity for all property owners to vote on a plan and budget presented by the volunteer board.

The LSLID board is seeking one other member to replace Judy Kupferschmidt who will be resigning. The board member must be a full-time resident of the Shamineau Lake Improvement District. Contact Bob Koll if interested (218-296-2933, 218-575-2577).



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March 29, 2016

(2015: April 9)

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, May 28, 2016 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Pre-Opening – Membership renewals; Complete your survey
- 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 Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)
- 10) Door Prize Drawing from opinion surveys submitted
- 11) New Business
- 12) Board Elections
- 13) Adjourn

Fall Meeting Date Change

The 2016 Fall Membership Meeting will be held one week earlier in order to have the annual Lake Improvement District meeting on the same date.

**Lake Shamineau Association Membership
and
Shamineau Lake Improvement District
Meeting
Saturday, August 27, 2016**



Lake Shamineau Association
P.O. Box 152
Motley, MN 56466

<http://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamineau>

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

Board Members

President: Randy Heltemes, 612-308-2245
Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-487-7916
Treasurer: Pat Held, 218-575-2400
Mike Fedde, 651-452-2966
Dave Graning, 763-261-4812
Bob Ingle, 612-759-6711
Randy Kevern, 218-575-2844
Kerry Kupferschmidt, 612-986-5396
Jacquie Rognli, 763-441-7239
Brian Salisbury, 218-575-2097

Committees

Communications: Newsletter & website-
Jacquie Rognli; Secretary-Sandy Williams
Fishing: Rick Rosar
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey
Membership: Kim Salisbury
Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll

Lake Improvement District

Fred Comb, Treasurer, 612-840-0709
Bob Koll, Chair, 218-296-2933
Judi Kupferschmidt, Sec., 651-308-3962
Dale Mashuga
Rick Rosar, 612-709-6402

Membership

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau 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 Shamineau 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

Lake Association or Lake Improvement District?

The Shamineau Lake Improvement District has been formed at the request of property owners to create a means to raise funds to cover projects planned to keep the lake healthy. Goals of the two organizations are similar, driven by member concerns. Below is a quick comparison of the differences between the Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) and the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID).

LSA	LSLID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership and dues are voluntary. • Non-profit 501c3 organization. • Projects, activities and spending not bound by law. More freedom to do projects. • Performs an educational and communication role with newsletter, website, meetings, projects. • Activities, plans and projects can move on a shorter timeline as approved by the board. • Nonprofit grant options possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All property owners are required to participate in funding. Money assessed by property. Funds collected are administered by county government. • LSLID is a government district. • Reports and accountability bound by law. Annual plans and projects must be approved by county. • Predictable funding provides ability to cover planned projects. • LSLID members have a voice by voting for board members and voting to approve annual budget and plan. • May open more grant possibilities. 🐾

Treasurer's thoughts

By Pat Held

Income from membership dues, donations, newsletter advertising sales and interest totaled just over \$3,000. The expense for removing milfoil in 2015 was \$6,502. Other expenses, including newsletter, postage, Minnesota Waters membership, association meeting expense, and water quality testing came to a total expense of \$8,546. This has resulted in a net loss of over \$5,000 for the Lake Shamineau Association in 2015. In 2016, the cost of milfoil control and water testing will be covered by the Lake Improvement District.

The board agrees that the direction of forming a LID was done just in time, as the Association's bank balance is being quickly depleted by invasive species mitigation. It is also clear that this problem is rapidly getting beyond the ability of the Association to have enough funds to do what is necessary to deal with this issue. 🐾

Bog permit for members

Water quality volunteer Al Doree has obtained a 2016 bog permit for our members from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that can be downloaded from the Lake Shamineau Association website. With our permit, floating bogs less than 6 X 6 feet can be dragged up on shore and removed or you can use them along your shoreline to enhance your buffer area. Vegetation in public waters is regulated by state law. Larger bogs can be staked in place, but not removed. 🐾



Lake data available online

Al Doree continues to perform volunteer citizen lake monitoring for Lake Shamineau. Analysis and reports are available from RMB Environmental laboratories. There is a link on the Lake Shamineau Association website. 🐾

Loons and wildlife

The Association Board is hoping that someone would like to take on the loons and wildlife committee. There is no job description. Do as much or as little as you want, but we would like to have someone letting us know the status of loons and wildlife on Lake Shamineau. We haven't had anyone reporting on this interest since we lost Carolyn Held who had a passion for loons. 🐾



Morrison County Comprehensive Planning Meeting notes

By Kerry L. Kupferschmidt

I have been attending some of the meetings of the Morrison County Comprehensive Plan Committee. Amy Kowalzek of Planning and Zoning and Ben Oleson of Hometown Planning set up the meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to update the County Land Use Plan. I was present to voice concerns that our Lake Association members and others have in regards to several shore land issues. Amy and Ben asked for input from Lake Associations in Morrison County.

The November 12th, 2015 meeting was to address shore land issues such as water levels, water quality and invasive species. Many owners of shore land on Lake Shamineau

have had concerns about such problems. I expressed some of the difficulties we've had with high lake levels, fighting to control invasive species, impervious surface issues and others. Some other shore land owners from Fish Trap Lake and Sylvan Lake were also present with similar stories.

Our input to the writers of the updated land use plan will hopefully have a strong impact on the plan. Ben Oleson kept detailed notes of our worries about maintaining water quality, buffer zones, water levels, sewer inspections and invasive species. I have Ben's recap from the shore land meeting, which was of most interest to owners or users of Lake Shamineau, available by e-mail if you are interested. 🐾

Boating courtesy

There are laws and rules that clearly govern the operation of boats on our waterways: where a boat can travel, at what speed a boat can travel and who generally has the right of way when travelling. Beyond this, there should be the expectation that the operator of every vessel will operate the vessel safely and with courtesy to other boats in the vicinity.

Boaters must always be aware of the impact their wake can also have on the shoreline. Large waves from boats moving quickly can cause shoreline damage. This erosion and the cost of repair can become a problem and have consequences if the boater responsible is apprehended. Boaters need to know that they are responsible for any and all damage caused by their wake.

Therefore, exercising caution and showing courtesy is always the best rule. Stay out from shore.

Other areas of courtesy are also to be considered.

- When boating in or around known swimming areas the captain should be extra cautious and courteous. Small children swimming can be easily knocked down into the water by waves from a large boat. Staying at least 600 feet from the swimming area when travelling fast will help the waves to settle before reaching the swimmers.
- The first boat to arrive at a fishing area gets to set the tone regarding how others arriving later should fish. If the first boat starts trolling counterclockwise, you should too. If the first boat anchors up, back off a respectable distance and drop anchor. If you want to be the one setting the standard, get there earlier.
- If anglers in a boat are obviously working a stretch of shoreline, pass behind them without leaving a wake. Anything else is rude.
- Personal watercraft users need to keep in mind that the rules apply to them as well. A smaller craft does not equate to smaller courtesy requirements.
- Littering is wrong.
- Respect your neighbors. If you have a loud boat (kids, music, barking dogs, smoky grills), make sure you leave plenty of space. Sound carries much farther on the water, and you can be heard clearly from a good distance away. Keep the volume at a courteous level. 🐾



Common Pet Manners

Make sure your pet is courteous of your lake neighbors. Clean up animal waste. Confine pets to your own property. Roaming and loud pets can interfere with others enjoyment of peace, quiet and nature at the lake. 🐾

Membership Report as of May 15, 2016

By Kim Salisbury

Hi, my name is Kim Salisbury. Bob Ingle has been helping me take on this position as membership chair, but I ask for your patience as I try to learn the ins and outs of this task. I moved up to Lake Shamineau about five years ago, but my history with the lake goes back over fifty years when my grandparents built a cabin on Pineview Blvd.

Welcome new members. I hope the new Shamineau signs that were requested were found at the right place. If

not, please let me know. This year we have many memberships up for renewal, so I want to take a moment to let you know what your money goes towards. In the past, funds went towards programs like bog permits, water testing, shoreline analysis, restoration programs, communications and so many more things in addition to the treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil which our newly formed LID program will cover in the future.

One-year memberships are \$20, or three-year memberships are \$55 which are due in the spring. You can bring your dues to the spring meeting and pick up your sign sticker or you can send them via mail. The membership form is on the back page of this newsletter or you can 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. The year sticker on the sign represents when memberships are due.

Note: DO NOT attach signs to utility poles. 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 organization going and let me know if you're interested in helping these captains. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and build a stronger community.

As a reminder these members are up for renewal this year. Please continue your support. Thank you!

Adolphson, David & Mary P
 Asmus, Sara J
 Auger, Richard & Sharon R
 Batcher-Janacek, Joan
 Becker, Tim
 Beckman, Troy & Misti
 Belling, Cheryl D & Robert
 Bemboom, Gerald G & Barbara A
 Bergman, Kevin S & Irene A
 Bertelsen, James A
 Bisek, Robert & Linda
 Bollin, Alice
 Bolnick, David & Jamie
 Borden, Jim & Rhonda
 Brown, Mark A & Tamera J
 Brusegard, John & Sharon
 Bushinger, Lynn M.
 Camp Shamineau Of The
 Cattleberry, Judith M
 Card, Alan Lee & Linda L
 Carter, Lynden H & Pamela J
 Christensen, Rodney L
 Chronquist, Michael G & Mary E
 Christianson, Todd
 Cross, Thomas E
 Defoe, Dalen J & Lynn M
 Dockry, Colin & Kimberly K
 Dockter, Bradley J & Sharon L
 Doree, Alderic J & Shirley A
 Doucette, Russell
 Duren, Jim & Donna
 East, Steven
 Edeburn, Pat
 Edeburn, Earl G
 Edwards, Ralph J & Beverly M
 Entgelmeier, Eugene
 Farber, Mickey & Donna
 Faust, Rita T
 Fedde, Mickiel P & Betty F
 Fenske, Ronald D & Cindy
 Flynn, Charles H & Alice S
 Freeman, David & Mary

Friedl, James P & Marlene L
 Frisk, Mark & Sherry
 Gabbert, Timothy C. & Janet M
 Ginder, Mike
 Gowan, James & Pamela Mary
 Granberg, Leland M & Alvina
 Graning, David W & Janice C
 Gulland Family Revoc Trust
 Hagg, Earl H & Paula K
 Hanley, Lloyd Allen
 Hansen, Chad & Amy
 Hanson, Gerald W & Nancy L
 Hanson, Thomas R & Kathleen J
 Heiling, Hugo J & Luella I
 Held, Patrick & Carolyn
 Heltemes, Randy J & Denise M
 Heltemes, Thomas E & Darlene A
 Heltemes, Thomas E & Darlene A
 Hendricks, Duane & Linda
 Henkemeyer, Roger L & Marjorie
 Hennen, James M & Kelly J
 Henry, David W & Sharon A
 Hermanson, Sue
 Hindrichs, Paul & Dawn
 Hoernberg, F W & Rose
 Hoff, Timothy J & Jenifer R
 Hoffman, Nathan & Angela
 Holien, Michael & Lisa
 Holthus, George A & Evelyn E
 Horvath, Eugene P & Harriet J
 Hougo, Michael N & Melanie C
 Huesman, Michael & Katherine
 Huffman-Nordberg, Lujean
 Jacob, Richard A & Jean Kathleen
 Jakusz, Mike & Janel
 Jares, Nancy Jo & Floyd
 Jensen, Dwayne & Pat
 Jensen, Mark A & Deborah J
 Jex, Richard W & Rosemary A
 Johnson, Bev
 Johnson, Warren E & Yvonne F
 Johnston, Darryl & Jill

- East- East Shamineau- Russ Holland (Russ could use another volunteer to help on the east side)
- East- Oak Lane- Donna Farber
- South- Lakeshore Drive- Jen Buckentine, HELP WANTED!
- South- Augers, Arras and Angle- NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED!
- South- Hillside and Axis Lane- Tom Heltemes
- South-(3000 and up) Pine View Blvd- Bob and Cheryl Koll
- South-(2000 to 3000) Pine View Blvd- Dale Mashuga
- West- West Shamineau- 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- Judi Kupferschmidt, HELP WANTED!

Jones, Curtis R & Joan K Kramer
 Kahler, Wayne H & Susan L
 Kalis, Denis J. & Laverne
 Karnowski, Thomas & Sheri
 Kevern, Randall W & Cindy A
 Kmetz, Emily
 Koehnen, John A & Sandra Lee R
 Schroeder, Melvin & Sandra
 Koll, Robert E & Cheryl
 Kytter, Robert D & Verle A
 Kubicek, Mark R & Cynthia A
 Kuta, Patrick & Sherri
 Kutz, Kenneth F & Linda
 Lake Alexander Lake
 Improvement District
 Lambaere, George R
 Liveringhouse, Bruce & Donna
 Lohman, Robert & Carolyn
 Lubke, Vicki L & Dennis L
 Lundberg, Ted C & Billy Jean
 Macalus, Steve & Nanette
 Madden, Michael A & Ann K
 Maddux, Kenneth Eugene Jr
 Marcott, Marion L
 Mattson, Norris S & Rose Mary
 Mcdonells, David W & Wendy M
 Meyer, Dave & Connie
 Minette, William & Janet
 Mott, Paul & Judy
 Mowan, Richard L & Florence S
 Nelson, Arline
 Nelson, Dewayne & Rita R
 Neuerburg, Herb & Trudy
 Ogilvie, Donald E & Cynthia L
 Olson, Gene R & Patricia A
 Olson, Richard E & Marjorie A
 Ploof, Galen H & Cheryl A
 Raymond, Tom & Lisa
 Reber, Paul M
 Reich, Gregory F & Marianne D
 Remme, Junell & June Remme
 Rice, Tim & Lynn

Riebe, Ron
 Rinzel, Peter G & Trisha
 Romero, Marge
 Roske, Cheryl
 Ross, Chuck & Marilyn
 Salisbury, Brian L & Kim S
 Sandstrom, Terrance M & Ardis L
 Schindler, Erik & Julie M
 Schneider Family Trust
 Schneider, Tony & Bonnie
 Schroepfer, Diane M
 Schulzetenberg, Lori
 Sendy, Betty J
 Shaver, Peter & Cynthia J
 Shaver, Jerald E & Delores M
 Shipman, Donald & Nancy
 Sisk, Harriet
 Snyder, Robert E & Donna D
 Solorz, Esther M
 Sonenstahl, Archie & Agnes F
 Sonnenburg, Dave E & Beverly A
 Spilman, Ernest
 Springer, Amy L
 Stanoch, Rodney J
 Stevens, Michael
 Swenson, Wayne P & Kathrine K
 Thatcher, James J
 Thelen, Richard N & Mavis N
 Trapp, Steven R & Mary Beth
 Unger, Ronald W & Betty A
 Vogel, Timothy V & Cynthia L
 Weller, Karen & Shawn, Lynn rust
 Werner, James R & Sandra E
 Weyer, Rupert C & Joan M
 Whaley, Rodney A & Jeanette M
 Wicktor, James H & Carol J
 Wilhelmson, Michael J & Loann M
 Williams, Dale A & Sandra R
 Williams, Karsten J & Cheryl I
 Wohler, Lavern & Dolores
 Zablocki, Richard E & Mary L

Late fall, winter and early spring fishing season 2015-2016

By Rick Rosar



Well this late season was much different than last season. Last year we were ice fishing in wheel houses in November and driving full size trucks out there shortly after that. This year we didn't get the big house out until the end of December and had to use an ATV to pull it out. Full size trucks were not safe to drive out until January.

This year we were fishing in our boat all the way through November which is unusual for our lake which typically caps over before then. While fishing on one of the last Saturdays in November, we had to break through some thin ice to get to our spots. As we were trolling Saturday evening, the ice started creeping in on us. Where our lures passed through open water only minutes ago they started bouncing off the approaching ice that was forming. We decided to call it a night and put the boat on the trailer. The next morning we awoke to a completely frozen lake.

Once the lake finally froze we got strong northwest winds which broke it up again pushing large sheets and shards of broken ice onto the shoreline and refreezing making the ice even more treacherous. When the ice finally did freeze enough to get out, it was extremely uneven in thickness. Drilling holes from shore to our fishing spot we found a variation from 4 inches to 7 inches. Obviously we were walking out. Even late into January we found the ice from 7 inches to 12 inches thick in a very small area of the lake which is why you must not trust when others are driving on the ice. Check it yourself!

Once we were able to ice fish, the walleyes were fairly cooperative, but the bite only lasted a couple of weeks and tapered off quickly.

Typically the walleye bite is the best during the early ice season; unfortunately we did not have an early ice season because of the marginal ice conditions. We finished off the ice season

concentrating on "sunnies" (bluegill). This year we had good luck finding a larger than average year class in deeper water. This continued on after ice out as well. For those of you targeting sunfish and bluegills this year, you should be pleasantly surprised to find some larger fish mixed in. You may have to sort through a few smaller ones, but the big ones are out there. 🐟



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/living-green/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

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 🐾

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting

March 12, 2016, 12:30 PM

Hitchin' Rail, Lincoln, MN

Board Members present: Randy Heltemes, Sandy Williams, Mike Fedde, Bob Ingle, Kerry Kupferschmidt, Jacquie Rognli, Dave Graning, Pat Held, Kim Salisbury

Not present: Randy Kevern

LID Loan: A loan has been requested from the Lake Association for the startup costs of the Lake Improvement District. Bob Koll gave an estimate for the LID of \$1,650.00 for insurance, AI's Citizen's Monitoring expenses for May and June, and some administrative expenses. Randy Heltemes indicated he would draw up a promissory note for the LID for \$2,000, payable in two parts in June and November at 2.3% interest. A motion was made by Randy, Pat seconded, all in favor.

Fall Meeting Date: The LSA bylaws indicate specific dates for our meetings, the Saturdays of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. We will suspend the bylaw for the fall meeting time for 2016 to coordinate with the LID annual meeting to be held after the lake association meeting. During their first year the LID is required to meet in June, July or August. Pat made the motion to approve, Randy seconded. The motion was approved. After the first year's annual meeting, the LID can change their meeting date to ours.

Treasurer's report:

Pat provided the financial statements for January 1, 2015 through March 11, 2016. Income from membership dues, donations, newsletter advertising sales and interest totaled \$3,163.53. Expenses for removing milfoil was \$6,502.12, plus other expenses including newsletter, postage, Minnesota Waters membership, association meeting expense for a total expense of \$8,546.40, resulting in a net loss of -\$5,382.87. The bank balance for checking and savings is \$9,012.35. Milfoil was pulled three times in 2015, and it was discovered to have spread to the area in front of the old Tesch's resort in the southwest corner of the lake. In 2016, this cost of milfoil control will be covered by the Lake Improvement District. The board agreed that this direction of forming a LID was done just in time, as the Association's bank balance is quickly depleted by invasive species mitigation.

Membership report: 174 memberships are due in 2016. Kim Salisbury has volunteered to be the new member committee chair. Bob Ingle recommended using Google Drive for sharing the spreadsheet of member records.

Some of the membership drive captains who have computer access can access the record directly. Backups are made to ensure no issues arise from multiple people accessing the file.

Board Elections: Terms expire for Randy Heltemes, Jacquie Rognli, Bob Ingle and Mike Fedde terms. Many board members have volunteered for years. New members are welcome.

Other business: Kerry reported on land use planning for Morrison County (the Comprehensive Land Use Plan).

Spring Meeting: It is important to provide reasons to our members for the LID and Lake Association – what the benefits and responsibilities are of each. We plan to do a survey at the spring meeting about the LSA and solicit suggestions members might have to maintain and grow our association. Randy, Kerry, Sandy will be getting prizes. It was suggested that we remind people of courtesy to our neighbors on the lake, including keeping our dogs from creating a nuisance (waste, noise). The spring meeting is May 28, 2016 at the Lincoln Free Evangelical Church.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, secretary. 🐾

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District News

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)

By Bob Koll, SLID Chairman

The LSLID Board has been busy seeking grants, securing insurance, revising our budget and developing By-Laws. We applied for two state grants and were unsuccessful with both. One, for watercraft inspections at public accesses by DNR staff, went to the highest use accesses and the most frequented lakes in Minnesota. The second category, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control projects, saw available statewide grant funds dropping from \$675,000 to \$200,000, this year. These grants were awarded on a first come first serve basis and were depleted of funds in a few days.

We were successful with a Morrison County AIS Partnership Grant with four of the five LIDs in Morrison County. Because of this grant, lakes Alexander, Crookneck, Fish Trap and Shamineau will each be funded for an AIS Vegetation Survey, signage at each public and private access (with owner approval), and brochures at local businesses and landings. The signs will be a map of the lake identifying the types and locations of AIS in each lake. The brochures will have this information for all four lakes plus additional information about AIS. The idea is to reduce boater disturbance of infested waters and to limit the spread of AIS within and among the area lakes.

Our current LSLID assessment method of our riparian properties is one fee per each property owner, regardless of number of parcels owned. Many property owners did the economical thing. This was to form family trusts and to change names of multiple parcels owned by separate owners to single owners. This resulted in a loss of 65 parcel charges and a loss of \$2,275.00 to the LSLID budget.

To keep our assessment for each riparian property

owner as low as possible, the LSLID Board is looking at ways to fairly assess each parcel of each owner. Each rental property unit with access to Lake Shamineau through commercial property, as determined by Morrison County, will also generate a service charge. These service charges will be the responsibility of the commercial property owners. This type of assessment process would allow our LSLID Board to keep the cost per property fair and as low as possible in order to fund the needed projects.

Riparian property owners own shoreline, not the lake. Lakes are state resources and all users should contribute to the care, repair and preservation of our lakes. Please communicate this to your legislators and also consider joining Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, representing over 6,000 families that own lakeshore and forestland. Their goals include major tax reform, water quality, AIS, shoreline regulations, habitat protection, forest fragmentation and shoreline over development. (Jeff Forester, 952-854-1317, jeff@mnlakesandrivers.org) Jeff gives us a voice with thousands of others to advocate for our lakes with policy makers. He is accessible and provides excellent feedback to members.

Our Annual Meeting will be held August 27th after the SLA Fall Meeting, to reduce our time away from the lake. We will review progress of LSLID ongoing projects; approve the 2017 annual budget; approve any new projects having a cost in excess of \$5,000; elect any new directors needed; and consider other business as it comes before us. I hope to see you at the Spring SLA Meeting, to discuss further any of your concerns. Enjoy your summer at our Beautiful Lake Shamineau! 🐾

Board of Directors Meeting

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District - LSLID

Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 2:00 PM

Hitchin Rail - Cushing, MN

Call to Order:

This special meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Bob Koll, Chairman.

Directors present: Bob Koll, Rick Rosar and Fred Comb

Absent - Judi Kupferschmidt and Dale Mashuga In the absence of the Secretary, Fred Comb took the minutes.

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the last Board meeting were not available and approval was deferred.

Insurance:

Bob Koll presented insurance information. Bob Koll and Fred Comb signed an application form to participate in the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT).

Rick and Fred expressed concern that Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance does not appear to be included in the MCIT insurance as presented.

Fred will contact* Joel Swanson 651-209-6400 ext 6427 and inquire about D&O coverage.

Morrison County Grant:

Bob talked about the grant that Bob and Adolph worked on. The grant was approved and will provide \$25,700 to be used by Lake Shamineau, Lake Alexander, Crookneck Lake and Fish Trap Lake LIDs. Funds will pay for new signs at boat landings, brochures, vegetation studies and education at each lake.

Adolph and the Crookneck Lake LID will be the fiscal agent on behalf of all LIDs.

Budget:

Bob discussed items in the budget that was approved in 2015 that can be paid by the new Morrison County grant. This will free up LID dollars which can be used in other areas of the budget. Bob presented a revised budget proposal as follows:

	APPROVED EXPENSES	REVISED ESTIMATE
Eurasian Water Milfoil Control	\$ 4000.00	\$6,130.00
Aquatic Vegetation Surveys	\$ 2,500.00	0 - grant
High Water/No Outlet (Study-Planning-Permits)	\$ 1,000.00	0
Water Quality Monitoring	\$ 800.00	\$300.00
Public Access Cooperative Projects	\$ 2000.00	0 - grant
Liability Insurance	\$ 1500.00	\$1,640.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Wetlands Condition Study	\$ 545.00	0
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 12,845.00</u>	<u>\$8,570.00</u>
PROPOSED NET	<u>(\$2,275.00)</u>	<u>\$2,000.00 *</u>

* The revised estimate leaves \$2,000 in reserves rather than a net operating loss.

HUGE thanks go out to Bob and Adolph for spearheading the grant efforts!

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):

Rick is negotiating* with vendors for AIS work to be performed this summer. Exact cost is unknown. Two pulls are proposed to be performed by SCUBA divers as in the past. New for this year is a proposal for one pulling by mechanical equipment of the more matted area along the southwest area of the lake.

Lake Surveys:

Bob will meet* collectively with other LIDs in the next few weeks to discuss the lake surveys.

Morrison County Hydrologist:

The Board will engage* Ken Zeik, Morrison County Hydrologist and discuss high water levels.

Board Resolutions:

- The Treasurer*** is authorized to open a checking account for the LSLID at Randall State Bank.
Moved – Bob, 2nd – Rick, passed unanimously
- The Treasurer*** is authorized to receive funds from a loan by the Lake Shamineau Association and to repay those funds with interest, if any, to the Lake Shamineau Association. The exact terms will be negotiated by the Treasurers of each organization.
Moved – Rick, 2nd – Bob, passed unanimously
- The Chairman*** is authorized to make application to the Minnesota Secretary of State as necessary for LSLID start up. Application cost paid by the Chairman shall be reimbursed by the LSLID.
Moved – Rick, 2nd – Fred, passed unanimously
- Rick Rosar shall be Vice Chairman of the LSLID.
Moved – Fred, 2nd – Bob, passed unanimously

Bylaws:

Considerable discussion was had about the proposed bylaws and many revisions were discussed.

The newly revised draft bylaws (v 4-2-16) including markups/changes will be circulated to board members as an email attachment. **All Board members are encouraged to review and comment on the bylaws ASAP*.**

Adjournment:

Moved – Rick, 2nd Bob, unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM

Minutes submitted by Fred Comb

*** Items in RED are action items**



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Lake Shamineau Association

2016 Member Opinion Survey

The Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board of Directors and the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) Board value your opinion on projects past and future. Please complete the following opinion survey to let them know how you feel. Submit at the Spring Membership Meeting May 28 where you can turn it in for a door prize drawing ticket. If you are unable to attend, you can mail your survey to Lake Shamineau Association, PO Box 152, Motley, MN 56466 or email it to LakeShamineau@gmail.com.

I. Projects and Programs Mark your opinion on the following projects and programs that the Lake Shamineau Association has done.		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
<i>I think it has been a good idea for the Lake Association do the following projects and programs:</i>							
1. Eurasian water milfoil removal							
2. Water quality monitoring							
3. Shoreline restoration information and planning							
4. Organizing the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)							
5. Partnering with DNR & Scandia Valley Township to improve the east side public landing							
6. Membership signs							
7. Lake vegetation surveys							
8. Grants and matching funds for shoreline restoration							
9. Maintaining membership in Conservation Minnesota							
10. Partnering with Fish Trap, Alexander and Crookneck LIDs							
11. Guest speakers and presentations at annual membership meetings							
12. Advertisers for the newsletter to offset costs.							
13. Reports on fishing and DNR fishing surveys							
14. Facebook page							
15. Membership recruitment volunteers							
16. Bi-annual newsletter							
17. Web page							
18. Open forum at membership meetings							
19. Pine trees given away at annual meeting.							
20. Partnering with local government and state agencies (Morrison County, Scandia Valley Township, Minnesota DNR).							
21. Beaver baffles on east end							

II. Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Mark your opinion on the following prospective about the newly formed LSLID.		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
1. The LSLID should take over the cost of water quality monitoring.							
2. The LSLID should take over the cost of aquatic invasive species control.							
3. The LSLID should research lake level causes and solutions.							
4. The LSLID should work on public access cooperative projects.							
5. The LSLID should study surrounding wetlands and their affect on Shamineau.							
6. It is fair that all property owners pay for the work of the LSLID as everyone benefits.							
7. All property owners should pay the same amount.							
8. Properties with more shoreline should be assessed higher payments.							
9. Properties that generate more users (i.e. resorts, properties with multiple dwellings) should be assessed higher payments.							

(Survey continues on the back.)

III. Short Answer Input

1. List any program or projects that you would like to have the LSA take on in the future.

2. List topics that you would like presentations or speakers to cover at an annual meeting.

3. Leave any other comments you would like to make.

4. New volunteers are always welcome for committees, projects and board of directors. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know and leave your contact information below:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Areas of Interest: _____