

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 26, 2018 9:00 am Lincoln Evangelical Church

Board members present: Tim Swanson, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Mark Frisk, Duane Hendricks, Bob Ingle, Randy Kevern, Jacquie Rognli, Kim Salisbury, Don Kirchner

Board members absent: Dave Graning

Welcome: Vice President Tim Swanson welcomed members and the board members introduced themselves. Tim reminded members of the No Wake 7 Zone of 200 feet from the shoreline that is in effect.

Open Forum: The bog permit for association members allows bogs up to six feet in size to be cut up and hauled away, or preferably they be staked firmly in place to protect shoreline. Cattails have disappeared in areas where aeration has occurred, or another theory is that the high water has uprooted many. A member reminded others to call their legislative representatives to encourage action regarding the high water issues.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the fall membership meeting is printed in the newsletter. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat expressed thanks to Bob Koll for his efforts to get paid ads for the newsletter that helps to offset the cost of printing, mailing and website fees. Current bank balances in the checking account is currently \$215.42, the savings account is \$3,304.80, and loans receivable is \$12,000. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Water Quality Report: Tim Swanson mentioned that his Secchi disk readings have shown a slight decrease in water clarity over time. Readings done by volunteers for the Citizen Lake Monitoring program have been done by Al Doree and Bob Koll.

Ice Jacking Report: Daryl Ramey reported that there were 32 permits for aeration systems this past winter. A member asked if a permit can be obtained for the entire lake, or if one newspaper notice could be for all the systems to save on cost. These questions will be researched by the board.

Membership Report: Kim thanked the co-captains who visit properties and help to get new or renewal memberships. There were ninety-one memberships paid in the fall. Help on the north side of the lake is needed. Kim indicated the reasons for joining include education, communication and grant availability (shoreline restoration was a grant example).

Loons and Wildlife Report: Five loon pairs were sighted and a bear was reported between Lake Shamineau and Crookneck Lake. Early arriving birds were hurt by the late snow in April. Rob Russell, retired biologist, talked about phoebe's, birds in the flycatcher family that eat a lot of flies and mosquitos. Phoebe houses are available at Fleet Farm stores. Wood duck houses are available at the Randall Lumber Yard. They are made by local boy scouts. Face them south or east and place on a post or in the water. Loons have been discovered to have traces of a

carcinogenic chemical that dispersed oil from the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. There are around 12,000 loons in Minnesota. A legal settlement from BP provides some funds to Minnesota to benefit the loons.

Communication Report: Jacquie reviewed the results, so far, of the demographic surveys returned by members. She also asked for updated email and home addresses for sending the newsletters. The Facebook group online has fifty-nine followers. Appreciation was expressed for the tremendous work that Jacquie does for the association.

Program: Brenda Perlowski, Executive Director of the Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame at 304 Wes Broadway, Little Falls gave a presentation including photos and video. “The Minnesota Fishing Museum is not “just a collection of old fishing items,” but rather a collection of historical possessions that belonged to individuals from across Minnesota who were (and are) a part of the history of freshwater fishing in our state. The museum holds a priceless collection of fishing-related antiques and memorabilia tracking the heritage of freshwater angling in Minnesota.” See mnfishingmuseum.com for more information.

Lake Improvement District Report: Bob Koll summarized the work of the LID. Rick Rosar and Cindy Kevern were attending the Crookneck Lake Association meeting to communicate about the high water project proposal for Lake Shamineau. A grant from Aquatic Invasive Species funding would allow for a lake survey of curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil, and has provided for brochures and signage at the boat accesses. Chemical treatment of the Eurasian milfoil is scheduled for the southwest portion of the lake where the weed is spreading aggressively. Property owners can opt out for the area in front of their shoreline. Testing for zebra mussels is county funded and scheduled for the week of June 28 and the second week in July. Three locations for the zebra mussel testing include at the public access at ten feet deep, at the flats in the middle of the lake and at the township access. The high water project was discussed and it was noted that it is at the feasibility stage and has not been approved at this time. See LID report and LID board minutes in the spring newsletter for more information, as well as on the minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamineau website. Bob Koll was hindered from making a complete report for the LID due to a couple of disruptive visitors.

New Business: Speed monitors are to be requested by Pat Held for Aztec Road and Pine View Boulevard for the week of July 4. Lake Shamineau Association Bylaws changes as noted in the spring newsletter were all approved by the membership. Revisions were made to clarify and align them with current operations.

Elections to open board positions: Pat Held and Jacquie Rognli were reelected to board positions and a term adjustment was made to even out turnover. Drawings for door prizes were held, with many happy winners. Thanks to board members who acquired prizes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary