

## **2018 LSA Board MINUTES**

### **Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting**

**April 7, 2018 at Perkins, Little Falls**

**Board members present:** Dave Graning, Tim Swanson, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Mark Frisk, Bob Ingle

**Board members not present:** Duane Hendricks, Randy Kevern, Jacquie Rognli, Kim Salisbury, Don Kirchner

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District members present:** Bob Koll

**President Dave Graning called the meeting to order 9:15 am**

#### **Treasurer's Report by Pat Held:**

Balance Sheet and Income Statement: January 1, 2017 to April 7, 2018 total income was \$2,454.18. Total assets were \$15,659.23 which includes checking and savings of \$3,659.23 and the outstanding loans to the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District totaling \$12,000 at an interest rate of 4% APR. Bob Koll indicated that the LID will be repaying the loan in 2018.

Total Income was \$4,939.41. Membership dues income was \$4,126.00. Newsletter advertising sales income was \$800.00 and interest on bank accounts was \$13.41.

Total expenses were \$2,485.23. Board insurance and legal fees totaled \$342.90. Membership dues in MN Lakes and Rivers and Conservation Minnesota dues, website and other costs were \$461.90. Newsletter, mailings, supplies and communication expenses were \$1,269.76. Conference and convention expenses were \$410.67.

Motion was made by treasurer Pat Held that the Association make a donation to the LID of \$2,000 toward expense such as milfoil removal due to our strong financial position, motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **Spring Membership Meeting Planning**

Pre-Opening – Membership; Social mixer activity; photo montage onscreen; survey

Call to order 9:00 am

Vice president's welcome

Open forum – 15 minute time limit

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Vice president's report

Board Election – Pat Held term expires; rebalance board turnover due to moves to LID

Bylaw changes to be discussed and voted on

Committees

Fishing

Water Quality

Membership

Loons & Wildlife  
Communications

Speaker possibilities – report on the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit attended by Dave Graning and Duane Hendricks; Fishing Museum representative

Lake Improvement District (LID) updates –quad lakes grant approved; milfoil removal plans 2018

New Business

Adjourn

### **Membership Survey**

Jacque Rognli proposed including a membership demographics survey in the spring newsletter and on Google to be collected by the spring meeting with the incentive of entering a chance in the door prize drawing. A proposed list of measures was reviewed and edited. A concern regarding privacy was expressed and is especially sensitive regarding online responses these days. Who will respond – one survey per property? Anonymous responses?

Board members suggested the following measures from the proposed list be on the survey: Age (list ranges only – under 19, five or ten-year brackets, over 80 as examples); Full Year or Seasonal residents; Type of dwelling (list options); Morrison County resident (yes/no); Activities members participate in (list with option to fill in other); available means of communication (list).

### **Proposed Bylaw changes**

Bylaw changes will be voted on at the membership meeting with two-thirds affirmative vote of the majority present required for changes.

Article VI: Meetings - Suggestion to change the association meeting requirements in the current bylaws to allow more flexibility. Currently lists Association membership meeting be on the Saturday of Labor Day. It is suggested that it state a requirement of a minimum of one meeting per year and not specify the specific date. Board discussion indicated that Memorial Day Saturday would continue to be our main meeting and there was general agreement that a short meeting before the August LID meeting was still appropriate for end of summer reports or issues –i.e. milfoil reduction report, other topics or concerns that might arise. Same flexibility for the dates of the board meetings. Instead of the currently stated Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, perhaps state that the board meeting be held prior to membership meetings for planning purposes and other times as deemed necessary by the board.

Article V: Officers, Section 4. Term of Office - proposed changes to indicate three-year terms for board members, no more than half of board members to be elected each year and shorter term adjustments can be made to ensure a more even turnover if necessary.

Article V: Officers, Section 5. Duties - suggestion to add attendance requirements for board members in the bylaws was discussed and the general consensus of the board members present was that because this is a volunteer position that we prefer not to add rules for removal of board members due to attendance. Email allows for input from each board member and the board is of a sufficient size that a quorum has always been present.

Also a proposal to strike in Article X: Suspension of Bylaws - propose to strike the statement “**for emergency purposes only**” regarding suspended or amended bylaws with the two-thirds vote of the majority present and voting.

### **Board New Business**

Association Bylaws Article V: Section 5.D. states “The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Association.” Pat Held will check with our insurance agent to get this coverage.

Renewing Association Memberships – Proposal to automatically renew Association memberships annually unless an objection is raised (Conservation Minnesota, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, Website payment, Insurance premiums, contribution to Lincoln Evangelical Church for use of meeting space). Is this a membership vote or a board vote?

Bob Ingle noted that the Outdoor News publication has had negative information regarding lake associations. He feels it is important that we speak up for all of the positive impacts of lake associations and their missions regarding protecting and improving our lake resources.

Bob Koll provided discussion about the LID Hearing on April 21 regarding next phase of the water pumping feasibility report.

Board to do’s for the May 26 Association Membership meeting:

- Tim to inquire about speaker about the MN Fishing Museum
- Bob Ingle to connect with Dave Graning and Duane Hendricks for report on the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit to present at meeting
- Randy pick up donuts? Who can bring coffee and cups?
- Need early arrival coffee brewer volunteers.
- Bob will confirm with church and get the key.
- Door prizes – all board members get some door prizes.
- Sandy to create Lake bingo sheets.
- Newsletter article deadline from Jacquie.
- Survey preparation and board approval (email) by Jacquie

**Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved at 11:15 am.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary**

## **Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board**

**Meeting May 26, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church**

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

**Board members not present:** Dave Graning

Election of Officers: By unanimous consent, Tim Swanson, President; Dave Graning, Vice President; Treasurer, Pat Held; Secretary, Sandy Williams

**New Business:** Summer board meeting will be held on July 21, 2018 at 9 a.m. Location will be communicated by email. A motion by Pat Held was made to have the board meeting breakfast paid for by the association. Seconded by Tim Swanson, passed unanimously. Board members are unpaid volunteers. A motion by Sandy Williams was made to continue as members of the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, at a cost of \$200. Seconded by Tim Swanson, passed unanimously. A request was made to donate to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. This will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

**Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary**

## **Lake Shamineau Association Summer Board Meeting July 21, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Countryside Restaurant, Motley MN**

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

**Guests present:** Bob Koll, Chuck Ross, Daryl Ramey

**Secretary Report:** Motion made and seconded to approve board minutes of April 7, 2018. Approved. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of May 26, 2018 board meeting. Approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Pat reviewed the finances to date. Bob indicated that the loan to the LID is being paid back currently. Pat reviewed the cost of a bond for the treasurer at \$187 per year. Motion made and seconded to approve the financial report. Approved. Motion made and seconded to approve purchase of the bond. Approved.

**Water Quality:** Need a new volunteer for the water quality testing, as Al Doree is retiring from doing this. We send water samples to RMB Lab, measure the thermocline and read water clarity with the Secchi disk. The Lake Improvement District (LID) has recently been paying for this testing. Chuck Ross will consider doing this. Moved and seconded that we bring the water testing process and expense back to the Association. Approved. Question as to if someone can record rainfall and report to DNR or PCA. We need to ask Al if he will continue to read the lake level. The DNR sets the gauge annually in the spring on Al's property.

**Ice Jacking:** Interest in the blanket permit for the lake was expressed at the membership meeting. Daryl Ramey indicated that every property has to have \$500,000 liability insurance, one permit per pump and contiguous properties.

**Membership:** Fewer membership renewals as of this time compared to last year this time. Fewer returns from mailed newsletters with wrong addresses. Discussion regarding the fact that the bylaws require one membership association meeting per year. Motion made and seconded to follow the bylaws and have one meeting per year on Memorial Day weekend. Motion was approved. There will not be a fall membership meeting this year.

**Loons and Wildlife:** Board members noted seeing approximately 10 loons on the lake, a bear was sighted on Pine View Blvd, and there are lots of blue herons. Communications: On the website, Jacquie separated LID home page and Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) home page. Discussion regarding newsletter containing both LSA and LID information. Discussion of adding Lake Improvement District color newsletter as an insert to the LSA newsletter. Motion seconded and approved.

**LID Update:** Bob Koll updated the LSA board regarding the high water project and provided a sample of mailing to be sent out to all property owners regarding the Lake Improvement District annual meeting August 25, 2018.

**Winter Board Meeting:** Scheduled for March 2, 2019, 9 am at Little Falls Perkins Restaurant.

**Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary**