

Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 25, 2019

9:00 am at Lincoln Evangelical Church

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

Board members absent: Dave Graning, Pat Held, Duane Hendricks

Welcome: President Tim Swanson welcomed members and the board members introduced themselves. Tim introduced the Sheriff Department Water Patrol officers who reminded members of the NO Wake Zone of 300 feet from the shoreline that is in effect. Tim introduced a practical Code of Conduct for our membership meetings – emphasizing respect and civility in our discussions. This includes, letting members speak without interruption, and no heckling, harassment or disruption.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers Report as of March 1, 2019 was printed in the spring 2019 Association newsletter. Bank balance in the checking account was \$1,015.02, and the savings account was \$14,680.61. We received the loan repayment with interest from the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID). A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved. Thanks to our advertisers was expressed. Those fees help support the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter. We encourage email addresses for sending the newsletter and saving the cost of mailing.

Fishing Report: Rick Rosar reported on the good size of blue gills this spring and the winter crappies on a good day could be in the 11-12", larger ones were present in the 13 to 14" size. Fish houses were stuck in the slush this spring and it was a later ice out than average. Rick indicated that the fish with black spots are okay to eat, it is a parasite from snails. The DNR walleye stocking has been changed from fingerlings to fry, a million at a time, which has improved survival rates. Many six- to eight-inch walleye are being caught.

Invasive Species: No zebra mussels have been detected yet. Eurasian milfoil treatment with chemicals last summer was effective in the area it was used. This summer will include scuba divers manual pulling and chemical treatment in the northwest bay. Next year there will be a survey of the entire lake again for invasive species. These mitigation efforts are funded by the LSLID,

Bob Kohl described the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Ambassador Program which is supported by a grant provided to the Quad Lakes LIDs. Three individuals are to be trained to educate boaters at boat accesses. Bob also reported on the veliger testing (microscopic zebra mussel stage). The testing is conducted at the boat accesses and near the underwater sand bar between June and July 4th and again after July 4th. Methods of transfer of invasive species include boats, trailers, docks, inboard motors, ski boats with water bladders and live wells. It is required to dry out these things for five days and when transferred by dock installers, they use hot water at 1,200 degrees to clean them.

Water Quality Report: Al Doree reported that the lake level was at 1276.96 which is 1.86 feet above the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL). From April 16 to May 25, there has been 6.32 inches of rain. Ice out was April 22. The Secchi disk reading for water clarity was 17.8 feet.

Ice Jacking Report: The question was raised if an aeration permit can be obtained for the entire lake. The DNR requires permitting authority of a governmental entity to manage that. The DNR provided training for aeration this past winter. In the next year or so it may be mandatory to attend. This past winter a number of aeration systems were included in one public notice in the Morrison Counter Record. This saved a little expense.

Membership Report: Kim thanked the co-captains who visit properties and help to get new or renewal memberships. It has been a good year for membership renewals and it is good to see support for the Association and the work of the volunteers in the interest of our lake.

Loons and Wildlife Report: Diana Schroeffer noted the trumpeter swans and hooded mergansers were seen on the lake this spring. She noted that birds have been late in coming through on their migrations. Loons were seen on the lake right at ice out. Facebook photos of the lake and its wildlife are appreciated!

Communication Report: Jacquie expressed thanks to advertisers in support of newsletter costs. Bob Kohl recruits advertisers each year. The newsletter is on the web site going back a number of years and the email sent to members has the link to the web site. Jacquie also indicated that she is retiring from this volunteer position in 2021 and we will need volunteers for the following: maintaining and updating the web site, creation and distribution of the newsletter with advertising layout, member email management, audio visual work for the meeting, board communication, and monitoring the Association email.

Jacquie demonstrated the use of the county Beacon web site regarding property ownership. It is important to update ownership with the county for accurate addresses. Instructions for use of Beacon is on its home page.

Recognition: Al Doree was recognized for his years of lake monitoring. He was presented with a \$50 Moreys gift certificate and an appreciation certificate. Al has measured lake level, rainfall, lake clarity and taken samples for RMB labs regarding the chemistry of the lake, for many years. Because of his work as A Citizen Lake Monitoring volunteer, we have good data and trend information. The Water Quality monitoring program for Lake Shamineau was named for Al going forward.

LSA Grants for Septic System Inspection: It had been noted that some low-lying holding tanks were filling up with lake water from the high water table. Some property owners have had those tanks resealed by local pumping businesses.

Scandia Valley First Responders: Kim Salisbury baked brownies to sell for \$5per plate as a fund raiser to assist the First Responders need for life saving equipment. She also said that she would ask the Association board to consider matching the funds raised.

Board Elections: Terms were expiring for Mark Frisk, Duane Hendricks, Bob Ingle and Tim Swanson. Duane expressed interest in retiring from the board, and the others were willing to continue to serve.

Dale Williams volunteered and was nominated to fill the open position. A motion was made to elect the slate of volunteers. The motion was seconded and approved.

Options for High Water Report: Maureen Anderson spoke on behalf of the Options for High Water group. She reported that pumping through a six-inch pipe in the northeast corner of the lake was moving 60 gallons per minute to a swale west of Bugle Road. They have a private DNR permit limiting the amount of water allowed to pump to fifty million gallons which could lower the lake one inch. She said that this was a test, not a long-term solution. Maureen also mentioned that a warm windy day could evaporate up to one-half inch of water off the lake. The OHW has shared an elevation survey with the LSLID.

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Report: Cindy Kevern reported on the High Water Project budgeted for \$165,000 for 2019, of which \$65,000 can be covered by a DNR grant. The SLLID has chosen WSN as the engineering firm to continue to planning for high water mitigation options. The northeast pumping option is being studied with a plan completed by August 1st. Permitting by November 1 is a target. Pumping to a gravel pit that has characteristics to infiltrate the water and filter any invasive species. Future grant monies to support the project are expected. A July 6th informational meeting is scheduled including questions and answers. The LSLID sends out a newsletter and if property owners provide their email it will save on expenses. A notice for nominations for election of officers at the annual LID meeting in August will be sent out in June. A fact sheet is available for more information. Cindy indicated that 470 million gallons equals one foot of water in the lake.

Other: An Association member was wondering whether some areas of the lake would be designated a flood plain. One property owner indicated that they pay \$755 per year for \$75,000 of flood insurance currently.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary