

# 2020 LSA Board MINUTES

## Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting

**March 7, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Perkins at Little Falls, MN Board members present:** Tim Swanson, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Bob Ingle, Jacquie Rognli, Kim Salisbury, Dale Williams, Dave Graning, Don Kirchner **Guests:** Ardis Sandstrom, Bob Koll

**Board members absent:** Randy Kevern, Mark Frisk

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Swanson.

**Secretary Report:** Email Board Meeting minutes of November – December 2019 were approved. These email votes were to approve expenses for accounting software upgrade, publishing the high water special edition of the newsletter, and the matching \$5,000 for high water inflow mitigation (ditching, piping, etc. unrelated to the LID pumping project). Motion to approve the minutes, was seconded and approved.

**Communications:** Kim Salisbury reported 193 current members. Expiring memberships will be published in the spring newsletter.

**Treasurer Report:** Pat reviewed the finances to date:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report, was seconded and approved.

Lake Shamineau Association Treasurer's Report as of March 7, 2020	
Randall State Bank - Checking	\$10,388.96
Randall State Bank - Savings	15,123.74
Total	\$25,512.70
INCOME	
Donations - Emergency High Water Projects	\$9,775.00
EXPENSES	
Septic Inspection Grants (4 grants)	750.00
Accounting Software - Quickbooks	194.17
Scandia Valley Township (ditch)	500.00
Siphon piping supplies	406.58
Newsletter – December Special Edition	315.31
Total Expenses	\$2,166.06

**Donations for Emergency High Water Projects:** Contributions totalling \$9,775 has been donated to date and matched with \$5,000 from the Lake Shamineau Association. Thank you notes and receipts were mailed to the generous donors. Scandia Valley Township funded the major ditch project, which has been completed and requested that we donate \$500 toward it. They indicated that the rest of the donated funds should be used as needed for further water mitigation projects. The expenses for piping for siphoning and for additional ditching were \$406.58 and \$3,000. Motions were made for these two expenditures, seconded and approved. Emergency temporary pumping prior to the permanent solution is being investigated for this spring and summer. Bob Ingle will give an Emergency High Water Task Force presentation at the LSA membership meeting in May.

**Sand and sandbags:** Dale will check with Scandia Valley Township and Morrison County to see if they can provide a pile of sand at the township recycling location. Dale can obtain sandbags at cost and proposed offering 100 bags free per property at the same location, to be filled on site by local lake property owners. The board will consider approval of the sandbag cost once it is determined if the sand can be made available.

**Chamber of Commerce Membership:** Staples Chamber of Commerce has separated from the combined Staples-Motley Chamber. Discussion concerned whether to rejoin. A motion was made to rejoin to show local support from our Lake Association, was seconded and the motion passed.

**LSLID Update:** The bonding hearing at the Capital Investment Committee was attended by about 60 individuals from the lake. Representative Ron Kresha of Little Falls sponsored a bill to pay for the pumping project. Ardis presented the pumping project to the committee. Whether any funding will be approved is not yet known. Bob Kohl reviewed the steps of the project and listed the county grant applications for aquatic invasive species lake survey, sign repair at the accesses, the ambassador program to monitor boats at accesses, and for aquatic invasive species treatment. The Environmental Assessment Worksheet has been completed and is currently available for public comment. Cindy Kevern, current LSLID chair, will be asked to present an update at the LSA membership meeting in May.

**Water Quality:** Sandy has looked for automated rainfall measurement devices and will order and test one. She will also see if she can get Al Doree's rainfall records to tabulate and add to data from earlier years. Sandy also has contacted a water testing business in Brainerd which can test lake water for coliforms (ie. E.coli). Swimming safety is of concern to many lake residents due to leaking septic tanks. Sandy proposed the LSA pay for the testing for up to fifty samples at a cost of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A motion was made, seconded and approved. At the membership meeting, testing locations will be determined with property owners.

**Updating our Lake Shamineau Management Plan:** The last time the management plan was updated was in 2011. An updated plan is necessary for some grants. Jacquie and Pat will review and work on updates.

**Property Tax adjustments for Flood Impacted Properties:** Select properties affected by flooding were contacted by the Morrison County assessor's office to inform them of assessment reviews to be done this year that would lower their property taxes beginning in 2021. Assessments are reviewed this year, and every five years for all county properties.

**Other Business:** Dave Graning will check with the DNR regarding 2020 no wake zone rules for the lake.

**Expiring Board Terms:** Dave Graning, Randy Kevern, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams positions will be up for election. Board members present indicated they would continue on the board if new volunteers not interested.

**Spring Membership Meeting Plans:** Membership tables will be set up for new and renewal memberships. A table will be set up with resources and information for lake property owners. Board members should obtain drawing prizes for the meeting. Randy Kevern will be contacted to see if he can pick up donuts.

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

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

## **Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meeting via emails Spring 2020**

**Board members on email:** Tim Swanson, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Bob Ingle, Jacquie Rognli, Kim Salisbury, Dale Williams, Dave Graning, Don Kirchner. Randy Kevern, Mark Frisk  
Motions were proposed and voted on via emails. The following items were voted on:

### **CANCEL MAY 30,2020 LSA ANNUAL MEETING**

**April 1, 2020** - Sandy made a motion to cancel the May LSA spring meeting due to the coronavirus outbreak. Dale seconded the motion. April 8, 2020 - President Tim Swanson confirmed the motion to cancel the spring 2020 LSA meeting passed.

### **HIGH WATER MITIGATION – CULVERTS**

**April 9, 2020** - Pat made a motion to reimburse Chuck Ross for the purchase of culverts to aid in the diversion of water away from the lake. Don seconded the motion. The amount is \$1502.89 for three

culverts to be used to increase water flow. April 10, 2020 - President Tim Swanson indicated the motion passed.

### **INCLUDE HIGH IMPACT LAKE SURVEY IN SPRING LSA NEWSLETTER**

**April 15, 2020** - Pat made a motion to authorize a new high impact lake survey and pay the appropriate expenses to do so. Dave seconded the motion. April 18, 2020- Tim Swanson declared the motion to include the High-Water Impact Survey in the LSA spring newsletter has passed.

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

## **Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meeting via emails Summer - Fall 2020 (approved 10/6/2020)**

**Board members on email:** Tim Swanson, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Bob Ingle, Jacquie Rognli, Kim Salisbury, Dale Williams, Dave Graning, Don Kirchner. Mark Frisk

Expenditures from the LSA financial accounts were proposed and voted on via emails. The following items were voted on:

### **LEGAL REVIEW FOR DRAINAGE AGREEMENT – “TURN OFF THE FAUCET” PROJECT**

**September 12, 2020** – Bob Ingle made a request for the LSA to provide funds to pay for a legal review of the Drainage Release for one property owner along the “Turn Off the Faucet” project drainage route. Morrison County is covering the cost of the project itself.

**September 14, 2020** - President Tim Swanson counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion.

### **WEST END TEMPORARY PUMPING PROJECT FUND REQUEST**

**August 14, 2020** – Dale Williams made a motion that the LSA Board approve up to \$5000 to support the temporary West End Pumping Project (Ramey Pond). Funds to be available upon granting of the permit by DNR. Funds to be used for acquiring aluminum pipe, fuel and parts to assemble the system so as to move water from Ramey Pond to the ditch along US Highway 10. Treasurer Pat Held indicated the LSA has close to \$25,000 in all accounts at the time.

**August 20, 2020** –President Tim Swanson counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion. **Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams**

## **Lake Shamineau Association Fall Board Meeting October 6, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom online**

### **Lake Shamineau Association Fall Board Meeting**

#### **October 6, 2020 Online**

Board members present: Bob Ingle, Pat Held, Jacquie Rognli, Dale Williams, Kim Salisbury, Mark Frisk, Sandy Williams

Board members absent: Tim Swanson, Dave Graning, Don Ogilvie

The meeting was called to order by Bob Ingle.

**Secretary Report:** Reviewed “Summer - Fall 2020 Board Minutes – Via Email”. Motion was made by Jacquie to accept the secretary’s report, seconded by Kim, motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of Oct 10, \$910.47 in checking account and \$18,917.53 in savings account. High Water projects expenses were \$7,465.37 to date, of which the Ramey Pond project expenses were \$5,056. Sewer inspection grant expenses were \$950. Donations to support high water projects total \$14,455 donations (not including LSA \$5,000 match) from 40-50 donors.

Operating expenses, which are estimated to total \$15,000, for Turn Off the Faucet project to be funded by the lake association will be discussed in the future. Capital expenses for this project are to be funded by Morrison County.

Motion was made by Kim to approve the treasurer's report, Jacquie second, motion approved.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Fishing – Bob Ingle reports that walleyes are biting and fishing has been good this summer. “westenders” fishing off their docks have caught walleyes of good eating size, crappies are plentiful and all species seeming to do well.

b. Aquatic invasive species – LID – no velligers were detected in water sampling, indicating zebra mussels are not showing up in the lake.

c. Water quality – Bob Ingle's measurement indicates water level is 2.28 ft over OHW as of October 6.

d. Membership – Renewals have been slow due to Covid. Captains have not made in person visits which usually help boost memberships. There have been 32 renewals of which eighteen are three years, twelve are one year, two are associate memberships and there are three new memberships.

e. Loons and Wildlife – Diane Schroepfer submitted the newsletter article and there will be a link added for building a loon platform for next spring nesting. There were lower numbers of loons and offspring in 2020.

f. Facebook and Communications – Sandy will have the fall newsletter ready later in October and requested information for articles. Jacquie indicated the need for volunteers with graphics experience for creating and formatting the newsletter advertisements, and with website administration experience. Sandy will administer the LSA gmail account. Jennifer Buckentine administers the LSA Facebook account.

### **New Business**

a. Emergency Task Force update – Dale Williams reviewed the project information for the newsletter article. Bob Ingle showed photos of the Ramey Pond project, now in operation. A group of around 20 individuals installed the system. Jacquie will post a report at our web site with the article and photos.

Pat made a motion that LSA continues to fund the fuel for the Ramey Pond Project. Second by Kim. Cost is \$35 per day for fuel and is expected to run another month, pending weather and drawn down limits. Pipe and sandbags will be removed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, since the ditch then is reserved for the snowmobile club for the winter. Pat indicated a Sportsman Club may send money for one fill of the five-hundred-gallon tank. Continue request for donations. Motion passed.

b. LSLID update – Refer to LSLID website for any updates.

c. Plans for the spring 2021 LSA meeting are yet to be determined. The board continues to be in touch via email and will have their winter board meeting in late Feb or March 2021.

d. Open Board positions – Expiring terms: 2020 - Sandy Williams, Dave Graning, Don Ogilvie, Randy Kevern (resigning); 2021 – Jacquie Rognli, Pat Held. Elections to be held in 2021.

e. Officers - Dale made the motion that Board members whose terms have ended continue as acting board members in previous elected roles. Mark seconded, and the motion passed.

f. Non-profit advertising/sponsorship status – as 501c3 the LSA cannot participate in political activity. Pat had verified that our advertising income falls below the threshold of unrelated business income. Jacquie made the motion that advertisements not be in conflict with mission of the LSA. Pat seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Old Business**

a. Septic system inspection grants program status- Pat proposed that the grant program be suspended due to funding needs for high water projects. Dale moved, Mark seconded, motion passed.

b. Fund raising – Call for more donations will be included in the newsletter.

Motion was made to adjourn by Pat, Dale seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

## **Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meetings via email**

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### **RAMEY POND to LAKE LENA WATER TESTING – HIGH WATER EMERGENCY TASK FORCE PROJECT**

**December 4, 2020** – Bob Ingle made a request for the LSA to provide funds to pay for water tests for five to six area where water passes through Ramey Pond and the “missing” culvert under Aztec road toward Lake LENA. The cost is around \$50 per test. Bob will take the samples and transport them to AW Research in Brainerd. Dale Williams made a motion to approve the expense. Sandy Williams seconded the motion.

**December 5, 2020** - President Tim Swanson counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion.