

Association spring membership meeting **CANCELED** – due to coronavirus outbreak

The Lake Shamineau Association board voted to cancel the May 23 spring membership meeting due to the coronavirus outbreak that is expected to peak in Minnesota this spring or early summer. The board will decide at a later date if the meeting can be rescheduled in the late summer as more is known.

The planned agenda for the spring meeting included the following important items:

- Election of Board Members – will be deferred to the next in-person meeting. Terms expire this year for Dave Graning, Randy Kevern, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams. Dave, Don and Sandy said they would like to continue to serve. Randy will retire from the board. Thanks for your years of service to the LSA Randy!
- Update from Emergency High Water Task Force – see report on page 3 for updates on projects addressing water inflows contributing to high lake levels.
- Membership Renewals – see list on page 5 for expiring memberships, and mail-in form on back page.

Please read through the newsletter for important updates, committee reports, the 2019-20 board meeting minutes. Spring membership meeting minutes were printed in the 2019 fall newsletter and will require approval at the next membership meeting. Also note that questions and feedback to the board is welcome at LakeShamineau@gmail.com. 🐾

LSA grant program funds for septic inspections still available

Because of the continued high-water problems and the danger of compromised sewer systems damaging the water quality of the lake, the Lake Shamineau Association is instituting a grant program to reimburse Association members who have their sewers inspected. Grants dispersed in 2019 totaled \$750, leaving \$4,250 available for 2020.

Any Association member who has a sewer inspection performed will be eligible for up to \$200 reimbursement upon presenting a paid invoice and filling out a short application. The application is available on the LSA website: [Septic Inspection Application](#).

Please contact LSA treasurer Pat Held for further information and/or to receive an application. 218-575-2400 or pcheld@brainerd.net. 🐾

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Complete the high-water impact survey by May 26

The LSA Board is asking property owners to complete the 2020 Lake Shamineau Property Owners High-Water Impact Survey. This will help inform us about the impact the high-water has had on our members and property owners. Information gathered could be useful in obtaining possible funding.

Only one submission will be accepted for a property, so your lake address must be included. All submissions will be anonymous. Results will be posted on the LSA website in June. Complete the survey online by clicking [here](#) or find the link on the LSA homepage. If property owners do not have internet access, a blue paper copy is inserted in this issue of the newsletter that must be received via mail by May 26.

Completion of the online version is preferred instead of the paper version as it simplifies data collection. 🐾



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

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Frisk, Dave Graning, Ray Gruber

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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.

Donations

The Lake Shamineau Association is a 501C3 non-profit institution. Donations and dues are tax deductible with your check as a receipt.

Meetings

Lake Association Membership meeting is held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published two times a year. Deadlines are April 15 & July 15. Submissions can be sent to Sandy Williams, editor at LakeShamineau@gmail.com



Association **President's** message

By Tim Swanson, Lake Shamineau Association President

Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse, here we are. What's next? Locusts? The sky raining frogs? Whatever it is, we'll get through it. Why? Because we all work together – even when we have to be six feet apart. Maybe especially because we have to be six feet apart. I think that the only reason we human beings have been able to survive – and thrive – without fur, fangs and a cunning instinct is because we are resilient. Even in our darkest moments, we won't accept defeat. At least not to each other. We might want to give up inside, but we sure don't want anyone else to know it. It's like the big collective secret shared by everyone that actually binds us all together in the process.

The farmer, shaking his fist at the sky after a hail storm has taken out his crops, the woman, who against all odds, becomes CEO of her company, or the fisherman who has snagged – and lost – the lunger of his life so many times that he just has to laugh when he really wants to cry. We don't give up.

The impassioned people – and there are so many sharing our lake – that have gotten together to overcome our problems, do so without begging for your help. So I will beg on behalf of them. Do what you can to support them in our collective cause, because after all is said and done, we all just want to get back to a place we were at, not so very long ago. I don't think that we took those better times for granted, we just didn't expect any of this. How could we? So please, don't give up the fight. The loss would be too unbearable. After all, this too shall pass.

I look forward to a previous time when I could look into your smile, shake your hand, and share stories about our lake experiences (even if some of them weren't entirely true). 🐾

Volunteer opportunities available to serve

Board Member - Terms expire this spring for Dave Graning, Randy Kevern, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams. Please consider if you would like to serve on the board. The Board usually meets twice a year and communicates other times via email.

Communication Volunteers - Members needed to perform communications tasks.

This job can be shared by several people taking on different aspects: website; advertising graphics and layout, email management; setting up meeting audio/visual. Contact Jacquie Rognli J_Rognli@msn.com. 🐾

Treasurer's report

By Pat Held, Lake Shamineau Association Treasurer

As of April 15, 2020:

- Savings balance \$15,123.74
- Checking balance \$6,680.84

Donations received \$9,875. LSA will be matching the first \$5,000 for high water projects. 🐾

New editor for our newsletter

This edition of the Lake Shamineau Association newsletter has been created by our new volunteer editor, Sandy Williams. Previous editor Jacquie Rognli will be retiring from the LSA Board in Spring 2021 and is excited that Sandy has taken on this task. 🐾

Floating bog permit available for members

Lake Shamineau Association members are able to utilize the Association's DNR Bog Mitigation Permit to remove floating cattail bogs less than 6X6 feet and re-locate larger bogs by reattaching them and securing them to land. More details of what is permitted can be found on the permit which can be accessed on the LSA website Lake Vegetation page < [2020 Floating bog permit](#) >. Non-members would need to apply for their own permit from the DNR. 🐾

Update from the Lake Shamineau Emergency Task Force

The Lake Shamineau Emergency Task Force (LSETF) is made up of individuals from all of the various groups that have been grappling with high water on Shamineau. Here is an update on projects.

The south of County Road 203 drainage.

The goal for this area was to have the original drainage ditch cleaned out so that impounded surface water could flow. This ditch exists between 30th Ave. and Morrison County Line Road west of Highway 10, just over 2 miles long. Scandia Valley Township paid for this project and water is flowing. An additional cleanout west of Morrison County Line Road was completed with funds provided by The Lake Shamineau Association with Todd County agencies cooperating. This was a needed addition to the ditch cleanup and improved the water flowing away from Shamineau. Any water removed from the drainage ditch allows for the water (aquifer) to move horizontally and this will aid in moving water away from Shamineau.

The southeast drainage area.

This area is east of 30th Ave to Bugle Road, south of Co. Road 203 and includes the area north of County Rd 3 on the north side of Lake Alexander. The goal for this area is to reduce the inflows to Lake Shamineau. We believe that most of the excess surface water from this area is now flowing north through the Aquatic Management Area (AMA) which flows into the southeast bay of Shamineau. This seems most pronounced in times of heavy rainfall and early spring runoff.

This area presents some challenges. Much of the area is a wetland, so permitting for drainage is difficult since the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) doesn't allow drainage of wetlands.

Currently, Morrison County is reviewing this area to help with ideas to assist us. We believe that modification to drainage and culverts that were made when County Road 3 was changed in 2006 (near The Castaway Club on Lake Alexander) restricts water from flowing south. The LSETF is exploring some possible options including: creating a water impoundment, overland pumping to an established ditch and reestablishing flows south.

There are many agencies involved, county/state/federal. Private landowners in this area are cooperative and hope to see less standing water. Scandia Valley Township is very positive and County support is building. Stay tuned. We continue to pursue options to stop the inflow of water into Lake Shamineau. Our new ditch has provided us with some new opportunities to move water away from the lake which we will continue to pursue.



Drainage ditch south of County Road 203

Your membership dues and generous donations help make this flood mitigation work possible.
THANK YOU!

Update on temporary pumping

The LSETF is working to install a temporary pumping station that will begin pumping ASAP. The DNR is granting a permit for emergency pumping. This is not the LID project as they are working on a permanent/long term pumping plan. Goals for the LSETF are to reduce lake levels by 12" by end of summer. The project seeks to be: quiet (pump may be electric); high capacity; and cost effective. 🐾

May 2020 lake level is measured at 3.1 feet above the ordinary high water level (OHWL).

Rainfall March through May 1, 2020 totaled 2.72 inches.

2019 Eurasian water milfoil survey and treatment summary

By Rick Rosar – LSLID Administrator

The last couple of years we have been using a combination of chemical treatments and SCUBA diver hand pulling to control Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and it has proven to be very successful. We are also utilizing a new herbicide that more specifically targets EWM and minimizes impacts on native vegetation. It is also less expensive at the water depths where the EWM exists on our lake.

The SCUBA divers from Waterfront Restoration arrived at Auger's Pine View Resort to pick up the boat rental at 8:30 on Sunday, July 28, 2019. After loading up the boat, they sent two divers to survey the entire shallow areas around the Shamineau Acres Resort docks. The other two divers took the boat and began a GPS guided search path between points that had been marked as areas where divers had previously removed EWM. This overlapped into areas that were chemically treated by PLM Lake and Land Management a few weeks prior.

All four divers rejoined at approximately 11:30 and performed tethered underwater SCUBA surveys throughout the bay which involves attaching three divers to the boat via rope and a quick release shackle. This survey allows the divers to get a wide view range underwater and

cover a large area in a shorter period of time. Other observations noted from the divers were that they noticed a thick layer of decaying weeds on the bottom as compared to previous years. The weather was also storming that day which caused the crews to take a few breaks to wait out lightning strikes nearby.

Overall, there was a dramatic drop in observed Eurasian water milfoil from previous years. 🐸

Lake Improvement District awarded invasive species grants



Bob Koll reported that the LID grant application to Morrison County for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) has been awarded as follows:

- AIS public access sign repair - \$200
- AIS management - \$5,000

The purpose of ambassador program in 2019 was to inform boaters at the accesses about AIS. The LSLID will fund our Ambassador Program this year if our west DNR access is not closed. 🐸

Lake Association membership report as of April 7, 2020

By Kim Salisbury, Membership Coordinator

We welcome new families to the lake and wish all the best to those who have left. We had good success last year with membership renewals. Thank you for your continued support. The board and volunteers work very hard to provide programs and information so we can all enjoy a better lake.

Today I look out at the lake at the grey ice. Yesterday it was mostly white. Lots of changes have been happening in the past few weeks.

Many events have been canceled or postponed due to the coronavirus and our meeting is one of them. With our meeting canceled, we won't be available to accept in-person renewals. Also, due to social distancing, I am asking my membership captains to refrain from going door to door this summer. **So, I am asking you to please check the list on the next page and hopefully send your membership by mail.**

Even though we want our volunteer captains to refrain from collecting memberships this summer, I do want to thank them for a great year. This success would not have happened without YOU!

Membership Captains

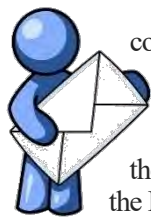
- East- East Shamineau Drive: Karen Roser and Kristi Hanson
- East- Oak Lane: Donna Farber
- South - Lake Shore Drive- NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED
- South- Augers, Arras, and Angle: NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED. Thank you, Pam Gowan for covering.
- South- Hillside and Axis Lane: Tom Heltemes
- South- (3000 and up) Pine View Blvd: Bob and Cheryl Koll and Donna Farber
- South- (2000 to 3000) Pine View Blvd: NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED
- West- West Shamineau Drive: Micheal Wieldhemson
- West- Aztec Road: Bob & Anne Ingle, and Pam Gowen
- North- Ridge Road, 18th Ave, 45th, Armore, Cantleberry, East Bay: Cindy Koubsky and Kim Salisbury. Could use a Captain here.

If you have any questions, please call me at 218-575-2097. One-year memberships are \$20 and three-year memberships are \$55. Membership forms are on the back page of this newsletter or you can print one from the website. REMEMBER, we are a non-profit organization and your dues are tax deductible. Membership signs are available for an additional \$5. Stay safe and thank you. 🐸

As a reminder, the following memberships are due in 2020, Thanks for your support!

Adolphson, David & Mary P	Hall, Stuart & Ellen	Koehnen, John A & Sandra Lee R	Schneider Family Trust
Amundson, Daniel Scott	Hanley, Lloyd Allen	Koll, John R & Lisa K	Schneider, Tony & Bonnie
Anderson, Don & Becky	Hansen, Chad & Amy	Koll, Robert E & Cheryl	Schulte, Anita L
Anderson, Rick & Maureen	Hanson, Larry & Kristy	Koubsky, Robert W & Cindy L	Schulzetenberg, Lori
Asmus, Sara J	Hanson, Thomas	Kratzke, Gary & Laurel	Sendy, Betty J
Auger Family Rev Living Trust	Hanson, Gerald W & Nancy L	Kuta, Patrick & Sherri	Shamaineau Park Association
Auger, Richard & Sharon R	Harris, Susan	Lehner, Trent & Erica	Shaver, Glenn M & Ellen B
Baker, Michael & Lisa	Heiling, Luella I	Liveringhouse, Donna	Sipe, Gary W & Barbara J
Batcher-Janacek, Joan	Heim, James K & Sara L	Lohman, Robert & Carolyn	Solberg, Peter D Or Mary Ann
Beckman, Troy & Misti	Hendricks, Duane & Linda	Lubke, Vicki L & Dennis L	Solorz, Esther M
Bellmont, Robert E & Mary Karen	Hendrickson, John	Lucconic, Micheal	Sonenstahl, Agnes
Bergman, Kevin S & Irene A	Henry, David W & Sharon A	Lukoskie, Jerry & Laurie	Spilman, Ernest
Berquam, Theodore Sr & Linda	Henton, Nicholas J & Deborah M	Madden, Michael A & Ann K	Springer, Amy L
Bisek, Robert & Linda	Herman, Donald A & Julieanne	Mashuga, Dale & Cheryl	Sprouls, Diane J
Bollin, Alice	Hines, Carl D.	Miller, Dan	St Martin, Patricia A
Bolnick, David & Jamie	Hintz, Curtis M	Mitchell, Jess P & Sheryl K	Stanoch, Rodney J
Borden, Jim & Rhonda	Hoernberg, Rose B	Mott, Paul & Judy	Stein, Thomas E & Joyce A
Brown, Mark A & Tamera J	Hoffman, Nathan & Angela	Motzko, Thomas L & Stephanie J	Stevens, Michael
Buckentine, William & Jennifer / Linz	Holien, Michael & Lisa	Mowan, Richard L & Florence S	Sullivan, Ted & Becky
Card, Alan Lee & Linda L	Holland, Russell K & Jill E	Murphy, Mark J & Jan I	Thatcher, James J
Carlson, Pam	Hougo, Michael N & Melanie C	Nelson, Arline	Thelen, Richard N & Mavis N
Carter, Lynden H & Pamela J	Ingle, Robert D & Anne M	Nelson, Rita R	Trantina, Joseph & Gretta
Chronquist, Michael G & Mary E	Jacobson, Jim & Deb	Olsen, Jeff	Trout, William J & Teresa H
Connelly, Timothy & Debra	Jacobson, John	Olsen, Margret G	Unger, Ronald W & Betty A
Cook, Cynthia	Jagielski, Micheal & Louella	Olson, Gene R & Patricia A	Vavreck, Lyn
Crawford, Thomas M & Patricia K	Jakusz, Mike & Janel	Parsons, Stephanie	Vogel, Timothy V & Cynthia L
Dick, James A & Lisa M	Jans, Glenn E & Jean M	Peppard, Gary	Wakeman, John & Julie
Dockry, Colin & Kimberly K	Jares, Nancy Jo & Floyd	Perfetti, David L	Weller, Karen & Shawn, Lynn
Doucette Russell	Jensen, Mark A & Deborah J	Peterson, Dennis	Prust
Doyle, Patrick D	Jk Landscape Construction	Ploof, Galen H & Cheryl A	Wicktor, James H & Carol J
East, Steven	Johnson, Bev	Quiring, Steven & Kathryn	Wilhelmson, Michael J & Loann M
Entgelmeier, Eugene	Johnson, Larry E & Lois M	Ramey, Deryl L & Nancy J	Williams, Karsten J & Cherryll I
Erickson, Gary	Johnston, Darryl & Jill	Reber, Paul	Wilson, John G
Fenske, Ronald D & Cindy	Jones, Curtis R & Joan K Kramer	Reber, Steve & Anita	Wohlert, Lavern & Dolores
Gabbert, Timothy C. & Janet M	Kahler, Wayne H & Susan L	Rieck, David	Zak, Ronald Wayne & Juli Anne
Girtz, Allison & Kalen	Kalis, Jeffery & Tina	Rittenhouse, David & Monica	
Granberg, Leland M & Alvina	Karnowski, Thomas & Sheri	Romero, Marge	
Gulland Family Revoc Trust	Kern, Diane	Rosar, Philip & Karen	
Hagg, Paula	Kirchner, Donald & Marijo	Sather, Legh Ann	
	Kmetz, Emily	Schmieg, Rob	

Update your contact information



The Lake Shamaineau Association (LSA) has a contact list that includes current and past members as well as property of record. These contacts and owners have been gathered through membership records and by members contacting the LSA with updates. Members wishing to receive the LSA Newsletter electronically have provided the LSA with email addresses.

If you have corrections to your contact information or wish to add an email address, email the LSA at LakeShamaineau@gmail.com.

The LSA has adopted a privacy policy that limits emails to two newsletters per year or to distribute timely information that the Board deems important enough to warrant notification of members.

The LSA will never sell, rent or share a member's personal information to third parties for their use without the consent of the member. 🐾

Save the date for Scandia Valley Summerfest



The Scandia Valley Summerfest is a community event put on by multiple non-profit organizations in the Lincoln Lakes Area. The 2020 Summerfest is currently scheduled to take place Saturday, August 1st at the site of the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320th Street, Cushing from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Visit the Scandia Valley Fire Department Facebook page for updates. For sponsor information: 218-851-2185 or kerikuklok@gmail.com, Craft booth: 218-575-2806. 🐾

MN-DNR targeted walleye survey-September 2019

by Rick Rosar LSA Fisheries Committee

A targeted survey was conducted on Shamineau Lake in September of 2019 which consisted of two sampling efforts:

- 1) Night electrofishing for juvenile walleye,
- 2) Gill netting to provide an index of walleye abundance.

Night electrofishing is performed annually to assess walleye fry stocking success as the lake is stocked each year with fry. The fall gill net survey was the initial effort of this type. The purposes of this fall gill net sampling were to determine if an adequate index of walleye could be attained using a smaller number of selected sets and to assess whether fall sampling resulted in higher catch rates and sample sizes for the effort expended. Only three young-of-year walleye were captured during night electrofishing suggesting a relatively weak year class was generated in 2019. Low catches of young-of-year walleye were typical on the lake up until 2017 when 18 per hour were sampled and 2018 when 61 per hour were observed. The strength of the 2018-year class was apparent in the 2019 electrofishing effort as 27 yearling walleye were caught. smallmouth bass have just recently appeared in Shamineau Lake, being initially observed in 2017. Five smallmouth bass were captured during the 2019 electrofishing sampling including one young-of-year. The smallmouth bass population is likely in the process of expansion. Two muskellunge were also caught with the larger fish measuring 34.5 inches.

Gill nets were set on September 23 and 24 with surface water temperatures in the upper 60sF. The walleye catch rate was 7.5 per lift compared to 4.4 per lift from the same nets in the summer of 2017. The average catch of the eight selected nets from the past four surveys dating back

to 2006 was 6 per lift. The fall gill nets

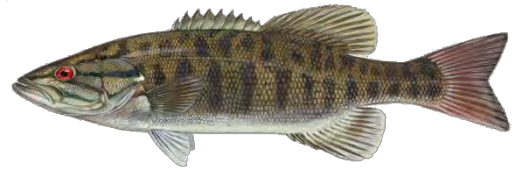
appeared

to be successful in capturing good numbers of walleye.

Walleyes measured in 2019 ranged from 8.3 to 26.3 inches with a mean length of 16.3 inches. A uniform distribution of fish from 11.5 to 22.9 inches was characteristic of the length frequency data. Nine yearling walleye were observed corroborating the presence of this stronger year class in the night electrofishing. The most strongly represented year classes were produced during fry stocked years. The northern pike ranged in length from 15.7 to 29.7 inches with a mean length of 22.1 inches. The yellow perch catch rate was like recent summer surveys. Catch rates of other species, including black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, white sucker, and yellow bullhead, were low when compared to summer catches.

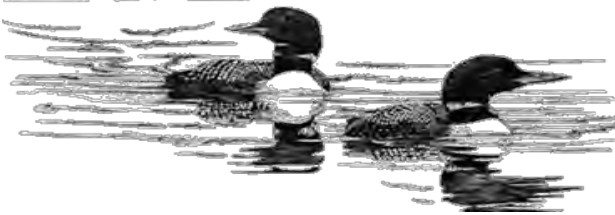
Fall index gill netting proved successful in sampling walleye but did not show a substantially increased rate of capture compared to summer efforts. Catch rates of yellow perch were also acceptable but catches of many species including northern pike appeared to be reduced compared to summer sampling. The application of targeted fall gill netting seems most appropriate if additional information is desired regarding the walleye population and/or questions arise from the results of standard surveys.

Although the young-of-year walleye catches were down in 2019 overall, the walleye stocking program continues to be a huge success. 🐟



Loon and Wildlife Report

By Diane Schroeffer



A few interesting facts about loons, birds, and wildlife.

1. Low water is just as dangerous as high water for loon nests. Where high water can flood nests, low water prevents the loon from easily sliding on and off the nest.
2. Predators are a big factor in nesting success. Raccoons, otters, crows, birds of prey, snapping turtles, and big fish can all destroy the eggs.

3. High insect numbers such as black flies can drive the loon off the nest.
4. In the spring, a small brush pile near your feeders, helps small birds avoid migrating birds of prey.
5. Not all birds use high feeders. Some feed on the ground!! Yes, you will also be feeding rabbits and squirrels.
6. Hummingbird feeders are not just for hummingbirds. Orioles and some warblers will visit too. Have them out in early May.
7. When startled, white tail deer fan their ears and raise their tails as a white flag to warn other deer.
8. Baby deer in Northern Minnesota are usually born in late May.
9. Raccoons are most active at night. During the day, they can be spotted sunbathing in trees.
10. Don't forget to clean out those bird houses. Squirrels, raccoons and other creatures like to use them too. 🐿



Swimming safety concerns due to flooded septic holding tanks

Concerns have been raised about the safety of swimming in the lake near areas where septic holding tanks have been compromised due to lake flooding or the high water table. Water sample testing for

coliform bacteria can indicate fecal contamination of the water.

Coliform bacteria is a category that includes E. coli. Most E. coli bacteria are harmless and are found in great quantities in the intestines of people and warm-blooded animals. Some strains can cause illness. Most outbreaks of E. coli that cause serious illness are a strain known as E. coli O157:H7. Health effects of disease-causing coliform bacteria can include stomach and bowel upset or flu-like symptoms including fever, nausea, abdominal cramps and diarrhea.

Suggestions for prevention of any lake or river waterborne illness include the following from the Minnesota Department of Health:

- Stay out of the water if you have diarrhea
- Shower before and after swimming
- Don't swallow the water
- Take children on frequent bathroom breaks
- Change diapers frequently and away from the water. Wash your hands and the child's hands after changing diapers.

A.W. Research Laboratories, Inc. in Brainerd, MN does water sample testing for coliform bacteria. Currently, due to the coronavirus, they are not doing tests unless mandated by government agencies. The Lake Association Board approved covering the expense of lake water testing for up to approximately fifty samples. Test cost per sample is \$22.00. The sample collection effort will be coordinated by Sandy Williams this summer when testing becomes available. Submit the form below or from the LSA website if your location is at risk and you wish to request sampling. 🐾

Lake Water Test Request for Property with Suspected Septic Leaks

Please mail this form to Lake Shamineau Association, P.O. Box 152, Motley, MN 56466
or email information to LakeShamineau@gmail.com

Owner Name _____

Property Address _____

Email or Phone number to contact _____

You will be contacted when tests are available and can be done at your location.

Septic holding tank recommendations

Here are comments passed on by an area septic pumping service after discussing septic holding tanks with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: If a holding tank is underwater, its use should be discontinued until the lake level recedes so that the water level is below the inlet to the holding tank. Most tanks have a cover sealed by an asphalt rope not necessarily meant to keep water out. The inlet to the tank is maybe 6-8 inches below the cover. High ground water can fill a holding tank around the cover and/or around the inlet pipe. Using the holding tank under flood conditions can cause plugging and leaking of sewage as the tank can be full. Until the lake level gets to a more normal level so that the inlet is below the water table, cabin owners should use portable toilets. Then when the water table goes down, the holding tank should be pumped clean. 🐾





News from the capitol

By Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR)

The Legislative session started out very well for lake issues. MLR and lake association partners did a great job last summer and fall meeting with legislators. We highlighted the great work being done across the state by lake associations. We shared some of the challenges and emerging issues with which they must contend.

Our goals for the year were:

- Increase grant funding for lake association AIS efforts,
- Increase the fines for AIS violations,
- Increase education for boaters on safety, ecological impacts of boating, and AIS,
- Increase funding for No Child Left Inside grants, which can be used to get local school kids out on lakes doing science.

We believe that by connecting lake associations with local schools we can increase the energy, membership and effectiveness of lake associations. When kids understand aquatic sciences, they will become the next generation of lake advocates.

Another issue was the Department of Revenue, DOR guidelines for Short Term Rentals. With the internet, it is possible for cabin owners to rent out their cabins. Some have entered into this as a business, buying multiple properties to rent, booking them for much of the year, if possible. Others rent their properties infrequently, mostly in an effort to help pay the costs of taxes and upkeep on these family places. Some problems have arisen, including noise complaints from neighbors, increased traffic on small roads and lakes, an increased risk of AIS introduction among others.

Many cabin owners that occasionally rent out their places are not in the Hospitality Business. Due to the new DOR guidelines, these properties were being reclassified as commercial properties. Some owners would have seen property tax bills double or more. At the same time, these properties would be removed from the State General Tax on cabins, spreading a \$43 million-dollar statewide burden on fewer properties.

Private property concerns

With the spring flooding, many property owners around Lake Shamineau are seeing an increase in vehicle and foot traffic to view the flooded areas around the lake. Everyone - lake residents and others - need to be respectful of ALL the private property/landowners around the lake and refrain from trespassing. Also, vehicle traffic on fragile areas is destructive. All curious individuals need to observe and abide by "No Trespassing" signs as well as avoid flooded areas where possible. Thank you for your respect of private properties. 🐾

Our bills were moving and things looked very good

As the legislature was approaching the bill deadlines, things looked very good. The budget forecasts were estimating a \$1.5 billion surplus. Our lake bills were getting bi-partisan support in both the House and the Senate. And then people in Minnesota began to fall ill with the Coronavirus. The Legislature suspended hearings, and re-focused on Covid-19 related measures. Gov. Walz was empowered to declare emergency measures to protect public health by the MN Legislature.

The good news is that the self-quarantine measures, at this writing, seem to be working. Infection rates per population in Minnesota are among the lowest in the country. Death rates per capita are also very low. The costs in terms of jobs lost, businesses lost, education and so forth have been incredibly high. The \$1.5 billion dollar budget surplus is largely gone. Future revenues for public services also seem destined to be very low heading into 2021.

In April the Legislature did find a way to meet safely, and began to address more Covid-19 related issues, but progress is slow. It seems likely that after the constitutionally mandated adjournment on May 18th, the Legislature will continue to meet in a series of special sessions throughout the summer. For the end of March and into April, MLR worked with DNR and legislators on Covid-19 issues as they pertain to lakes.

All decisions in Minnesota are being driven by the best available science, and there has been ongoing concern that as the weather warms, and more people return to Minnesota from sunnier climes, or go from the cities up to lake places, infection rates in rural Minnesota would rise, quickly overwhelming rural medical facilities.

MLR will make use of their Citizen's Action Network to keep our members informed as legislation and Covid-19 related measures are implemented or repealed. This legislative session is the end of the biennium, and so all bills not signed into law by adjournment will expire. If an opportunity arises during a special session this summer, MLR will work to advance our lake agenda. We will also work to reintroduce legislation next biennium. These are strange days and we are all in uncharted waters. Our primary concern is to protect rural Minnesota's people, economy and lakes. Look for MLR emails as events unfold.

Sign up to receive MLR's Citizen Action Network (CAN) emails: [Citizen Action Network \(CAN\)](#)
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The LSA supports MLR with our membership contribution.



Property tax impacts of lake flooding

In December 2019, the Morrison County Land Services Department sent letters to property owners that were identified as being highly impacted by rising water. Those properties had current damage to structures from the high water and/or had standing lake water that affected access or usability of the property. Based on reviews of these properties by Morrison County Appraiser Brian DeZurik, the estimated market value was reduced for the 2020 property tax assessment, for taxes payable in 2021.

All properties within Scandia Valley Township will be reviewed this summer as part of a normal five year review cycle, with any adjustments due to that review reflected on the 2021 assessment, affecting taxes payable in 2022.

The result of the flooding impacted assessments was a reduction of taxes from Lake Shamineau and Crook Neck Lake of \$8 million dollars, per Jean Popp, Land Services County Assessor. This reduction in taxes is made up by increases in taxes on other properties within Morrison County, Scandia Valley Township and the local school district. Impacts differ depending on the total market value of property within those jurisdictions. For instance, the county has a large tax base (total market value of all properties) so the county's portion of tax increase would be very small per property. Each jurisdiction's total market value and each property's estimated market value determines tax impact per property. 2

MINUTES

Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meeting via emails Fall – Winter 2019-2020 (approved 3/7/2020)

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

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

QUICKBOOKS ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE UPGRADE – TREASURER

November 15, 2019 - Jacquie Rognli made a motion to reimburse Pat Held for the Quickbooks accounting software upgrade required due to his upgraded computer system. Cost is \$300 plus tax. Sandy Williams seconded the motion.

December 29, 2019 - Vice President Dave Graning counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion.

MATCHING FUND DRIVE- DITCH CLEANING – HIGH WATER MITIGATION

December 19, 2019 – Dale Williams made a motion that the board approve a \$5,000 matching fund drive to assist in the cost of cleaning ditches along the south side of County Road 203 west to State Highway 10 to allow water to move toward Fish Trap Creek. Funds donated would be matched by the Lake Shamineau Association up to the amount of \$5,000. The project is being directed by Scandia Valley Township with cooperation from Morrison

County. Motion seconded by Dave Graning. Pat Held noted that the LSA savings account is over \$15,000.

December 20, 2019 –Dave Graning, vice president counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion.

SPECIAL EDITION OF THE LAKE SHAMINEAU NEWSLETTER – COMMUNICATE FUND DRIVE AND UPDATES RELATED HIGH WATER PROJECTS (EMERGENCY TASK FORCE AND LSLID)

December 19, 2019 – Jacquie Rognli made a motion to create a special edition of the LSA newsletter to include updates of the work being done on the lake high water this winter. The High Water Emergency Task Force is made up of volunteers from the Lake Association, the Lake Improvement District, Options for High Water and private property owners. Estimated cost of the mailing is \$200. The motion was seconded by Sandy Williams. Discussion ensued regarding information to include in the mailing.

December 27, 2019. Vice President Dave Graning 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,
Secretary 2**

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 🐾

MINUTES

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 Ice Report

Ice Over:

November 12, 2019

Ice Out:

April 18, 2020



High winds the third week of April caused large slabs of ice to pile onto shorelines causing damage to cabins, decks, sheds, boat lifts and docks.

No wake zone to be determined



The DNR public boat access on the west side of the lake is closed. The DNR will be installing signs at the west Shamineau public access to temporarily close the site, due to the flooding. Until conditions improve, they will leave the signs in place.

The township boat access on the east side of the lake is experiencing shoreline erosion from the wake of boats launching or exiting. There is no protective vegetation at that location like there is at the west access. Boat wakes impact the shoreline, as well as cabins, decks, docks, etc. that are flooded. Use no wakes in the area.

The County is currently in the process of potentially declaring a total lake No Wake rule. There will be a public hearing prior to a final rule. The county will publicize the date for the public hearing. 🐾



LSLID Annual Meeting Saturday, August 29, 2020

The LSLID publishes an email informational newsletter for updates. If you would like to be added to the Lake Improvement District electronic newsletter subscriber list, send a text to 22828 with the message LAKESHAMINEAU or send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com

LSLID Board meetings are open to the public. Announcement of meetings and agendas as well as minutes can be found on the LSLID website with instructions for attending electronic meetings.

More details of LSLID updates and supporting documents can be viewed on their website: <https://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamineau/lid/>

Lake Improvement District (LID) Schedule LID meetings and activities coming up over the next several months:

- On May 16th a regularly scheduled LID Board meeting will be held. The meeting will be held through our online conference tool due to the COVID-19 crisis. If you wish to join the meeting, send an email to Fred Comb to receive an email invitation to the meeting atfred@homeinspectionsofmin.com. Instructions for online meetings can be found on the LID website.
- In June, a letter will be mailed to property owners advising them that nominations are open for three director seats.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors will be due in July.
- At the end of July or early August, a letter will be mailed to property owners advising them of the Annual Meeting.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on August 29th.
- On September 19, 2020 a LID Board meeting will be held. New and continuing directors will be introduced and welcomed onto the Board.



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2020 Lake Shamineau Association Membership Form

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Date _____

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LAKE SHAMINEAU HIGH WATER IMPACT SURVEY 2020

The Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) would like to gather information on the impacts that property owners have experienced from the record high lake water levels. The following survey asks the same questions asked in a 2017 survey to allow us to make a comparison three years later. There are also additional questions in this 2020 survey. Submit your responses by MAY 26, 2020 (Memorial week). Only one submission per property will be accepted. Your personal information will not be shared, and your answers will remain anonymous. Results will be posted on the LSA website. This mailed paper survey is to be used only if you do not have internet access.

If you are able, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE. (Follow the survey link on the LSA HOME PAGE) Data collection is much easier for us using the online survey. Otherwise, mail this paper copy before May 26, 2020 to:

Lake Shamineau Association • PO Box 152 • Motley, MN 56456

1. Email address (optional) _____

2. Lake property address (REQUIRED) _____

EFFECTS ON YOUR PROPERTY

3. How has your property been affected by the high-water levels of Lake Shamineau? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Erosion | <input type="checkbox"/> Wave/wind damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to cabin or house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat destruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to dock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Icejacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced water clarity due to erosion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic vegetation changes | |

4. Describe the changes you have seen in lake level.

5. How serious would you rate the effects? (Circle one number.)

Minor **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** *Serious*

6. What damage has your home/cabin sustained? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooded crawlspace | <input type="checkbox"/> Mold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet basement | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged beyond repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooded basement | <input type="checkbox"/> Home/cabin abandoned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooded home/cabin | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

7. What other associated property damage have you sustained? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Septic system | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced accessibility to property (i.e. road) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat lift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat house | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outbuildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | |

8. What are your future plans for your Lake Shamineau property? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> Sell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continue normal maintenance (little to no damage) | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair/remodel | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuild | |

YOUR ECONOMIC IMPACTS

9. How much would you estimate that you have spent on any of the following expenses due to high water level? (Mark only one per row.)

	\$0-\$99	\$100-\$499	\$500-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$4,999	\$5,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000 +	\$100,000+
Shoreline repair								
Landscaping								
Aeration								
Dock repair								
House/Cabin repair								
Septic repair								
Well repair								

10. What do you estimate the cumulative dollars you have spent on high-water response in the last five years? (Answer must be a number.) _____

11. What actions have you taken in response to high water? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandbags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sump pump | <input type="checkbox"/> Aeration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple sump pumps | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline alteration (i.e. rip rap) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power back-up equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Removed contents of home/cabin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-graded | <input type="checkbox"/> Made changes to insurance coverage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trenching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Added fill | |

12. What experiences have you had with insurance on your property? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Received payment from insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rates have increased | <input type="checkbox"/> Denied payment from insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rates have decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Able to obtain flood insurance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tried but unable to obtain flood insurance | |

13. What do you estimate are your total dollars lost from damages and/or reduced property value? (Answer must be a number.) _____

14. Looking at the taxable market value your property that has been assessed by Morrison County for your tax payment this year (2020), how does that amount compare to what you perceive as the ACTUAL market value of your property at this time? (3=about right. Circle one number.)

Too low 1 2 3 4 5 Too high

15. Have you contacted the Morrison County Assessor about re-valuing your property? (Mark only one.)

- ☐ No ☐ Planning to do so
☐ Yes

YOUR CITIZEN RESPONSE

16. What civic actions have you personally taken in response to the high water? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ None
- ☐ Attended Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) information meetings
- ☐ Reviewed High-Water Mitigation Project information posted on the LSLID website
- ☐ Attended public hearings
- ☐ Submitted public hearing comment in person or written form
- ☐ Contacted state law makers
- ☐ Contacted Morrison County commissioners and/or staff
- ☐ Donated to the High-Water Emergency Task Force fund
- ☐ Volunteered with the High-Water Emergency Task Force
- ☐ Have done volunteer assistance for the LSLID
- ☐ Distributed information in response to the proposed high-water mitigation project
- ☐ Other: _____

FURTHER COMMENTS (Enclose additional paper as needed.)