

Lake Shamineau Association 2021 Spring Membership Meeting

July 10, 2021, 9:00 am at Lincoln Evangelical Church

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

Board members absent: Tim Swanson, Dave Graning, Jacquie Rognli, Don Kirchner

Welcome: Treasurer Pat Held welcomed members. The meeting included a Zoom option and Pat indicated that speakers need to use the microphone for best audio.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous spring membership meeting in 2019 were printed in the Spring 2020 newsletter. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Held reported that the bank balance in the checking account was \$1,538.19, and the savings account was \$16,476.25. Donations for the High Water Emergency Task Force (ETF) projects from members were \$16,270, from foundations were \$196 and from a matching grant from the Lake Association was \$5,000 for a total of \$21,466. Expenses approved by the board for ETF projects totaled \$13,981.30 leaving \$7,484.7 for additional projects. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Fishing Report: Bob Ingle indicated that he catches walleyes. A lot of ice fishing activity was observed last winter. They were catching crappies, northern pike, and walleyes in 14 inch size. Not much crappie bite in spring was probably due to odd weather. Bob advised using shiners and night crawlers and floating Rapalas over weeds for walleyes.

Membership Report: 2021 is a big year for membership renewals. Kim noted there were no visits by captains in 2020 due to Covid which resulted in fewer or lapsed memberships. On the north side of the lake, east end of Pine View and West Shamineau are areas where captains are needed – one person volunteered. Kim asked for members new to the lake to identify themselves – Michael Krause is a 4th generation owner. We encourage email addresses for sending the newsletter and saving the cost of mailing. Printing and postage cost is \$5 per newsletter.

Communication Report: Sandy recognized Jaquie Rognli for her 17 years of incredible work on the newsletter, audio visual for meetings, website, advertising graphics and many other tasks. Sandy now does the newsletter, and we are using the church's audio/visual system. The website work will be transferred to new volunteers also.

Board Elections: Pat Held is stepping down as Treasurer after 14 years and will continue on the board for one more year to transition the role to new Treasurer. Jerry Lukoskie and Michael Krause volunteered for open positions. Also expired board members from 2020 Dave Graning, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams agreed to new terms. A motion was made to elect the slate of volunteers. The motion was seconded and approved.

High Water Emergency Task Force (ETF): Dale Williams explained the task force which has frequent Zoom meetings, often weekly. He recognized the members of the group: Dan Amundson, Ardis Sandstrom (LID representative), Ray Gruber, Pat Held, Dave Graning, Mark Frisk, Chuck Ross, Dale Williams, Jerry Lukoskie, Tim Rice (LID representative), and Thomas Schuler. All members are volunteers. Minutes are taken of the meetings. Dale thanked the association members for their generosity in funding the ETF projects. Dale reviewed past projects, including a siphon to move water past beaver dam west of Highway 10, the ditch cleanout south of county road 203 to drain excess wetland water with Scandia Valley Township funding and support, proposed additional work to move water that is coming into the lake from south of county 203 and east of the ditch, but not all landowners approved so county funding of the proposed plan was put on hold, and the pumping of 10-acre Ramey pond west of Aztec Road. The pond pumping project met approvals from DNR, DOT and Morrison County. The Lake Improvement District (LID) obtained the required permits for this project. Agencies receive weekly reports on this water movement. It was hoped that this project would move underground water from the lake, but the Houston Engineering test wells indicate the pond feeds the lake instead of the other way around. The project provided both a small reduction in water moving into the lake from the pond and provided a good working relationship with the DNR, DOT, Morrison County Soil and Water, and the golf course, as well as benefits to the residents on Aztec Road with flooded buildings. The latest ETF proposal is to request outlets to allow

water to move to Lake Alexander that historically were present before County Road 3 road work eliminated those outlets.

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Report: Bob Koll reported on the milfoil which has reduced in area after annual divers remove plants. This year is the third year where additional chemical treatment is being applied. Bob also described the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Ambassador Program which is supported by a grant from Morrison County. Four individuals were trained to educate boaters at boat accesses on weekends and holidays. 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 in June and again after July 4th. No zebra mussels have been detected yet.

Tim Rice spoke on behalf of the LID and noted that the LSLID sent out a newsletter on June 28 which included a notice for nominations for election of officers at the annual LID meeting in August. The two open board positions are required to be permanent residents of the lake by law. The high water project informational meeting will be on Thursday August 5. The voting process will be using the company that administered the voting in 2020. The petition for water flowage through Ditch 41 (Fish Trap Creek) in Todd County is in process. One public hearing was held and will be continued. All landowners on the route to Ditch 41 have granted easements.

New Business: Sandy presented "Get the Lead Out" slides from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Lead is toxic to wildlife and even in small amounts kills loons, eagles and trumpeter swans. Lead is responsible for up to 25% of loon deaths. Loons pick up lost tackle while gathering pebbles for their gizzards and while eating fish that have ingested lead. Lead is toxic to people also. Samples of non-lead tackle was available to members at the meeting and a collection box for lead tackle was at the meeting and will be at future meetings. The collected lead will be brought to a hazardous waste collection site. Check this website for a list of lead-free tackle manufacturers

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/leadout>. This program is supported by the BP settlement for the 2010 oil spill in the gulf.

Mark Frisk reported that he observed boats at the west public access were getting their boat trailer tires and axles stuck between the concrete ramp sections. Mark contacted the DNR and the ramp problem has been fixed. Other improvements at the access are yet to be completed (potholes and dead trees).

Donated prizes were given out to the members present at the meeting via a drawing. Thanks to the many generous local business donors!

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary