

2021 LSA Board MINUTES

Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meetings via Zoom

February 2, 2021

Board members on Zoom: Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Kim Salisbury, Dale Williams and Mark Frisk
General discussion was held regarding notifying and encouraging members completing the survey from the Long Prairie River One Watershed, One Plan planning group. The Morrison County Record has published a notice, the LID will be including information in their upcoming newsletter, it is on the Lake Shamineau Association website and Facebook pages. Sandy will send the link and information to those LSA members that we have emails for. Broad participation is encouraged. Dale Williams volunteered to be the LSA representative on the Advisory Committee to this plan. Pat Held will nominate him for this and the board will vote on this appointment.

The Spring Board Meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 2021 membership meeting, LSA newsletter and other topics.

A quorum was not present. **Meeting notes submitted by Sandy Williams**

LONG PRAIRIE RIVER ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN

February 2, 2021 – Pat Held made the motion that that Dale Williams be nominated to be the Lake Association's representative to the Long Prairie Watershed Plan Advisory Committee. Sandy Williams seconded the motion.

February 5, 2021 - President Tim Swanson counted the votes, a board majority was in favor and the motion passed. No votes were against the motion.

LONG PRAIRIE RIVER ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN – LSA STATEMENT

March 3, 2021 – Dale Williams presented the following statement of concerns to submit to the Long Prairie River One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee. President Tim Swanson noted that a board majority approved of the statement. It was emailed to Lance Chisholm at Morrison County Soil and Water.

Lake Shamineau is a 1,650 acre lake located in the NE corner of the Long Prairie watershed. Fish Trap, Lake Alexander, Crook Neck, Lake Lena and Lake Shamineau, collectively known as the 'Lincoln Lakes' are all known for their pristine water and are cherished for water recreation and for summer get-a-ways. They rival popular lakes in the Brainerd and Walker areas and are known for good fishing, clean water, sandy lake bottoms and pine studded shores.

In recent years water levels on Lake Shamineau have risen to more than 3' over the Ordinary High Water (OHW) level. This has caused millions of \$ in damages to lake cabins and shoreland. Rising water levels are believed to have been caused by excessive rainfall, unusually high inflows into the lake and restricted movement of water away from the lake. These restricted outflows are believed to be beaver dams on streams and creeks and clogged ditches carrying water away from Lake Shamineau.

On behalf of the Lake Shamineau Association, a non-profit 501c organization open to all 330 lakeshore property owners, we as the elected Board of Directors request that the Long Prairie Watershed Planning Commission consider:

Actions to limit the inflows of surface water into Lake Shamineau from the surrounding watershed and ways to divert this water away from the lake. This is especially important for the land area south and east of Lake Shamineau and Crook Neck Lakes, where water is now entering Lake Shamineau near the Aquatic Management Area along Highway 203.

Continued attention to allowing water to move from the Lincoln Lakes through Fish Trap Creek enroute to the Long Prairie River. Fish Trap Creek is vital to moving surplus surface water away from the Lincoln Lakes.

Cooperation with the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) the Lake Shamineau Association, Morrison County Commissioners, NRCS, DNR and other public agencies to assist in managing water levels and making land use decisions that help to stabilize lake levels that are nearer the OHW for Lake Shamineau.

We ask that the Long Prairie Watershed Planning Committee address these issues for Lake Shamineau and seek solutions within the watershed that help to stabilize water levels on Lake Shamineau.

Adopted and signed this 3rd day of March, 2021 Lake Shamineau Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams Secretary, Lake Shamineau Association

March 4, 2021

Board members on Zoom: Dave Graning, Bob Ingle, Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Dale Williams, and Mark Frisk

RAMEY POND PUMPING PROJECT – HIGH WATER EMERGENCY TASK FORCE PROJECT

Dave Graning called the meeting to order and presented the motion from the Emergency Task Force to request funding for the Ramey Pond Pumping project equipment and operating costs.

Dale Williams presented information on the prior fall season pumping. After getting permits, pumping ran for 280 hours. Pumping from underground water table removed one inch per day and pond replenished one-half an inch for day. Goal is to pump 24 hours a day for entire season. Electric pump will be more efficient than diesel tractor driven. Goal is to continue the draw down, testing the recharge from underground water source and has had the support of key stakeholders and agencies (DNR, LID, NRCS, DOT, Morrison County, golf course).

Dave Graning presented the motion to move that the Lake Shamineau Association support the Ramey Pond Pumping Project for 2021 in covering costs up to \$5000. Money to be disbursed as needed for electrical hookup, pump acquisition and buying a flowmeter. LSA agrees to cover pumping costs not to exceed \$500 per month. Utility costs paid on a monthly basis as accrued. LSA will limit its funding to this project to \$5000+-10%. The motion was seconded. Pat Held indicated there is approximately \$10,000 available for the task force projects. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary, Lake Shamineau Association ➤

Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meeting via Zoom

April 15, 2021

Board members on Zoom: Dave Graning, Sandy Williams, Jacquie Rognli, Bob Ingle, Kim Salisbury, Dale Williams, Mark Frisk

Not Present: Tim Swanson, Pat Held, Don Kirchner

Dave Graning, Vice President, presided over the meeting.

Secretary's report – Minutes of past year's Board meetings for March 7, 2020, Spring 2020 via emails, Fall 2020 via Zoom, Winter 2020 – 2021 via emails, and Winter 2021 via emails and Zoom were presented and are recorded in newsletters for Spring 2020, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 and on the LSA

website. Kim made a motion to approve the LSA Board minutes from March 2020 to Spring 2021. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed. None opposed.

Newsletter – Sandy will request outstanding articles and information for the Spring 2021 newsletter. The newsletter will be mailed and emailed a week before Memorial Day weekend. Jacquie is preparing the advertisements. We need a volunteer with graphics skills to replace Jacquie. Ads received are in various formats and need appropriate preparation for print.

Treasurer's report – Pat provided the following information:

Checking: \$ 498.96

Savings: \$ 19,971

- Motion to renew membership in MN. Lakes & Rivers Advocates \$200, motion from Pat, seconded by Dale, Motion passed.
- Motion to donate to U of M Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. We have donated before. Recommend \$200, motion from Pat, seconded by Jacquie, Motion passed.
- Staples Chamber of Commerce \$50 annually, Motion from Kim, Dale seconded, Motion passed.

Septic System grant program, should we reinstate? Not yet, wait to determine membership renewal income and association expenses.

Pat indicated he would be willing to serve for one more year to transition to a new treasurer. Discussed possible volunteers and how many new replacement board members we need to recruit. The Bylaws do not specify size of the board, but indicates no more than half shall have expiration of terms in a single year.

Membership update – Kim indicated there were 41 renewals in 2020. 159 are up for renewal in 2021. There are 322 on the communications list, including property owners, associate members and others requesting communication (for instance, non-owner family members). The newsletter and meeting reminder postcard will promote membership renewals. Due to Covid, membership captains have not made in-person visits to solicit memberships. Sandy has requested property sales information from the county for new owner's names and addresses to update the communication information.

Expiring board terms – Pat (one more year) & Jacquie (resigning) expire in 2021. Expired in 2020 were Randy (resigned), Dave, Don, & Sandy. Dave, Don and Sandy remained on the board during the covid year.

Spring membership meeting – July 10, 2021. Postcard will be mailed around July 1 with details on location and final details. Meeting will have zoom option or in person. Agenda items will include committee reports and the High Water Task Force and LID updates.

No wake zone – Dave will get an update from the Sheriff's office, expected to be 300 feet again, which will be noted in the newsletter. West boat access status, watch for posting at access. Jacquie will follow up with contact person.

Bog permit – Al Doree will request it and send the permit to Jacquie to be posted on the website and noted in the newsletter.

LID report – LID will send out a letter (through US Mail) to property owners in the next few days which will provide LID updates.

Lake level – Elevation on 4/14/2021 from Mark Anderson (DNR) is 1277.55 or 2.45 feet above the OHW.

Long Prairie River - One Watershed, One Plan – Dale reported that the first Citizen Advisory Committee Zoom meeting was held on April 15. Committee members are from lake associations and one ag producer was present. They introduced themselves and provided comments. Dale noted that our main issue is high water and noted the change in water movement related to Lake Shamaineau over the

years. High water concerns rank very high for this group. Our website has a link to the One Watershed website for information and updates, including survey results.

Lake Steward Program (Minnesota Lakes and Rivers) – Sandy attended an introductory session on Zoom. This program is similar to the 2011 Restore Your Shore program that LSA participated in. Due to high water and excessive shoreline erosion, we will consider this program when lake level is stabilized and lower. Important information was shared regarding herbicides and especially pesticides. Songbird populations are reduced from birds eating poisoned insects. Fireflies are rarely seen compared to years ago. A presentation on this subject from the University of Minnesota could be a future topic at a membership meeting.

ETF (High Water Emergency Task Force) Update – The Ramey pond pumping project has been restarted. It will switch to an electrical pump when permits are complete which will be more efficient and lower cost. The group toured the SE watershed. They may expand pumping to include an adjacent pond depending on permission. Scandia Valley pumped water and raised the road on West Shamineau Drive. Mark made a motion that Brichacek Electric be hired to do the pond pumping electrical work for \$1,000 (lower bid than \$1500 from another electrician). Jacquie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mark made a motion for Chuck Ross to rent equipment for GPS elevations for \$210. Jacquie seconded. Motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn, was seconded and approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary

Minutes approved via email, April 23, 2021

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting August 17, 2021 via Zoom

Board members on Zoom: Dave Graning, Sandy Williams, Pat Held , Kim Salisbury, Mark Frisk, Jerry Lukoskie, Michael Krause

Not Present: Tim Swanson, Don Kirchner, Dale Williams, Bob Ingle,

Election of Officers – Nominated for Vice President, Michael Krause, for Treasurer, Jerry Lukoskie, and for Secretary, Sandy Williams. President remains open for nomination. Pat Held made a motion to approve the nominated officers, Kim Salisbury seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Website - The Minnesota Waters hosted website will be shut down at the end of this year. Options include the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and others for hosting our website. Michael checked and found that the domain name of lakeshamineau.org is available. He will investigate the options including cost, and will report to the board his findings.

Fall Newsletter – Sandy recommended that the fall newsletter be mailed to members and recent members, but not to those who never join or who lapsed over two years ago. This is to save some money and work. The spring newsletter will continue to be sent to everyone on the lake. Current and past newsletters are online at our website and can be accessed by anyone. Michael made a motion to accept this proposal and Dave Graning seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other business - Treasurer Jerry Lukoskie indicated that the accounting software is not loading and asked that if unsuccessful, would we fund a new version. – Pat made a motion to approve the expense if needed, Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jerry noted that in reconciling the checkbook, there are old checks that have not been cashed. A motion was made to adjust checkbook for uncashed checks by Pat, Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jerry also asked if the LSA owns pipe and electric pump that is used by the Emergency Task Force. This was confirmed, and in the future if it is no longer needed it will be sold by the LSA. A motion was made to adjourn by Michael and seconded by Kim. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Board Secretary.

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting September 8, 2021 via Zoom

Board members on Zoom: Sandy Williams, Pat Held, Jerry Lukoskie, Michael Krause, Don Kirchner

Not Present: Dale Williams, Kim Salisbury, Dave Graning, Mark Frisk
Vice President Michael Krause called the meeting to order.

Board Resignations - Sandy made a motion to accept the resignations of Tim Swanson (moving out of state) and Bob Ingle (elected to the Lake Improvement District board). The motion was seconded by Don, and was approved.

Election of Officers – Pat made a motion to nominate and elect Dale Williams for President, and seconded by Jerry. The motion was approved.

Website - Michael checked and found that the domain name of lakeshamineau.org is available. He recommends building our own website with a hosting cost of \$30 for the first year and \$140 annually thereafter.

Sandy made the motion to set up a website committee with members to be able to manage it and include a member from the LID for their subdomain. Jerry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Pat made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Board Secretary.

Minutes approved by the board on September 14, 2021 via email.