

Association membership meeting date is July 10, 2021 – 9 AM

The Lake Shamineau Association membership meeting is planned for Saturday July 10 instead of the customary Memorial Day weekend. The midsummer date was chosen hoping that the coronavirus case numbers will be low. The location of the meeting is yet to be determined. Watch for a postcard around July 1st for updated meeting information.

The planned agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

- Election of Board Members –Dave Graning, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams' terms expired in 2020 and are willing to serve another term. Jacquie Rognli and Pat Held's terms expire in 2021. Jacquie will be resigning and Pat is willing to serve one year to transition Treasurer position to a new board member. We are seeking nominees to serve on the LSA Board. Please consider volunteering!
- Membership Renewals see list on pages 4-5 for expiring memberships. Use the mail-in form on the back page of the newsletter to renew your membership. In addition, membership renewals will be available at the meeting on July 10. Membership dues are a critical part of supporting the association's mission and have contributed to the ongoing efforts to mitigate high water issues.

Spring 2019 membership meeting minutes were printed in the 2019 fall newsletter and will require approval at the next membership meeting. Spring of 2019 was our last membership meeting. Also note that questions and feedback to the board is welcome at LakeShamineau@gmail.com.

No wake zone 2021



The No Wake zone is 300 feet from the shoreline in 2021.

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 west public access is open but may be closed if it is flooded. Watch for signs at that location for any changes. 2

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, July 10, 2021 9:00 AM

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- 1) Pre-Opening Membership renewals
- **2**) Call to order 9:00
- 3) President's Welcome
- 4) Open forum 15 minute time limit
- 5) Secretary's Report
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Committees Fishing Water Quality Membership Loons & Wildlife Communications
- 8) High Water Task Force Report
- **9**) LSLID Report
 - a. Milfoil Removal
 - b. High water project
- 10) Election of Board Members
- 11) New Business
- 12) Fabulous Door Prize Drawing
- 13) Adjourn

Treasurer's report

By Pat Held, Lake Shamineau Association Treasurer As of April 29, 2021:

- Savings balance \$18,476.25
- Checking balance \$1,131.64

Donations for ETF high water projects received from members were \$16,145 and donations from foundations were \$194.06. LSA will also be matching the first \$5,000 for high water projects. See page 3 for details. Project expenses paid out so far are \$12,901.30 (additional expenses are pending).

Balance of ETF designated funds equals \$8,437.76 and of LSA funds equals \$11,170.13.



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

Association Board Members

President.: Tim Swanson, 651-698-8246 Vice Pres: Dave Graning, 763-261-4812 Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-357-7062 Treasurer: Pat Held, 218-575-2400 Mark Frisk, 218-352-6697 Dale Williams, 651-357-0762 Bob Ingle, 612-759-6711 Jacquie Rognli, 763-441-7239 Kim Salisbury, 218-575-2097 Don Kirchner, 218-368-9560

Volunteer Committees

Communications: Newsletter & website-Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams Fishing: Rick Rosar Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey Membership: Kim Salisbury Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll Lake Level: Dale Williams, Bob Ingle, Mark Frisk, Dave Graning, & many others Loons & Wildlife: Diane Schroepfer

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 normally held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (pandemic exception).

<u>Newsletter</u>

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



Association President's message

By Tim Swanson, Lake Shamineau Association President

Lake Folk: The Proud. The Elite.

The Effe. We know the ripe smell of an outhouse in August. Double maintenance, double taxes and double insurance (for many). Flaming marshmallow wars. Poison ivy. Mosquitos and mayflies. June bugs and spider webs. Dead rodents under the cabin. Epic campfires. Breathtaking sunsets. Shimmering water. Summer breezes. The lonely drone of an outboard motor at dusk. Crazy card games.

Communal sleeping.

Unholy sounds coming from the loft after midnight. It's in our blood. We're drawn to it because it's an integral part of who we are, carried from one generation to the next. A bond that transcends Family and Friends and is as timeless as the water that binds us.

And so here we go again. Another season of all of the above – and so much more. We love our lake, but for many of us there is just too much of it. I think that it is important to try to focus first on the blessings that Shamineau provides, before letting problems get us down. This will give us strength to deal with the issues that have, for some, been devastating.

Please help and support those who are tirelessly fighting to keep our lake clean and lower the water to an acceptable level. They never give up. We shouldn't either. After all, we are lake folk. 2

Volunteer opportunities available to serve

Board Members - Terms expired in 2020 for Dave Graning, Randy Kevern, Don Kirchner and Sandy Williams. Terms expiring spring 2021 for Jacqui Rognli and Pat Held. Dave, Don and Sandy remained on the board through 2020 due to the pandemic cancelation of the membership meeting. Randy resigned in 2020 and Jacquie will resign in 2021. Please consider if you would be willing to serve on the board. The Board usually meets twice a year and communicates other times via Zoom and 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, or setting up meeting audio/visual. Contact Jacquie Rognli J_Rognli@msn.com. **2**

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 < 2021 Floating bog permit>. Non-members would need to apply for their own permit from the DNR.

Lake Improvement District awarded invasive species grants

Bob Koll reported that the LID grants for 2021 have been awarded as follows:

-AIS management - \$3,270

-AIS Morrison County Partnership Grant - \$16,843 🔺

Update from the Lake Shamineau Emergency Task Force

The ETF is a group of 8-10 individuals who meet (by Zoom) 2-4 times each month to discuss projects that have some impact on water levels affecting Lake Shamineau. Past projects include clean-out of the threemile ditch south of County #203, efforts to establish pumping of water from areas west of 40th Ave to the cleaned ditch ("Turn off the Faucet"), pumping of Ramey Pond and identifying and controlling beaver dams that restrict water movement away from the watershed. The ETF works closely with Lake Shamineau Association and its Board, with government entities (township, county, state and federal) and with local private land owners. Current projects include:

Pond pumping project - Controlled pumping of Ramey Pond was started last September and was monitored for 5 weeks until an early freeze up. Permits from DNR and DOT were re-instated for 2021 and pumping was started again in mid-April. We are currently installing an electric submersible pump to operate through the remainder of this season. This project offers benefit to residents along Aztec Road. We are waiting to realize any marked movement of water through the watershed as water infiltrates to the pond rather slowly. Our past efforts indicate we can pump down 1.5" each normal operating day then the pond recharges at a rate of about .5" per day. We hope to draw water from a larger area this season and see if the pond will recharge at a faster rate through the summer.

Turn off the Faucet (TOF) - This project is on hold presently until we get agreement from all private property owners to allow water to pass through their property. The intent of this project was to divert water away from the Aquatic Management Area (AMA) along CR#203 and into the newly cleaned ditch at 30th Ave. Because the land east of 30th Ave is considered wetland, we were prohibited from extending the ditch east. In times of heavy rainfall and seasonal run-off there appears to be a marked increase of inflows through the AMA.

South watershed wetland - The ETF is gathering elevation measurements in the three-section land area (2,000 acres) between CR #203 and CR#3. Water from this area flows south into Lake Alexander and at times north into Lake Shamineau. This is an important land area and excessive surface water can impact Lake Shamineau significantly. We are engaged with local landowners on ways to help move excessive water and keep existing waterways open and free from beaver dams.

Long Prairie River Watershed Advisory Planning Committee- we are an active member of this citizen advisory committee and are working diligently to have the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) new plan for our area watershed address problems that affect Lake Shamineau. 2

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update - Winter 2020/2021

by Rick Rosar-AIS Committee

The AIS program for Lake Shamineau has been very successful in controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). In a lake delineation survey in spring 2020 only one plant was found on the Southeast side of the lake. No EWM plants were found at the west end of the lake from this initial survey. This type of survey is done by driving a boat back and forth between shore and 17 ft of water, this is called the "Littoral area" where EWM will typically grow. With this type of survey, the crew uses visual observation, electronics and rack tosses depending upon conditions.

Our EWM program has been one of the most effective in the state and we believe it is because we are using a three-pronged approach. First completing a delineation in the spring followed by herbicide treatments and culminating with scuba divers that "search and destroy" any remaining plants once or twice a year as needed. Although one plant was found during the spring delineation process, during another search by scuba divers later in the year they found a few other plants on the west end which they removed by hand pulling.

In 2020, the LSLID received an (AIS) Partnership Grant from Morrison County, which assists with offsetting costs for surveying vegetation to locate AIS, funding repairs for flooded signage, and providing chemical and scuba diver treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

Recent water tests for zebra mussels, which were completed by the DNR and RMB laboratory, have not shown any indication of this invasive species. Thanks to the AIS ambassadors for their work to educate boaters about invasive species and the requirements for draining and cleaning boats and trailers. These same ambassadors that have been hired by the LSLID have also been notifying boaters about the no-wake zone around the lake. **2**

From University of MN -Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

Lake lovers of any education level are encouraged to register for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Detectors certification that is fully online for the first time this year. The certification is an introduction to aquatic invasive species science, identification, and surveillance. Participants learn how to report invasive species to government officials, best practices for preventing the spread of AIS, relevant rules and regulations, and how to search for AIS on their own. Course fee: \$150. Click here to <u>Register today</u>! **>**

Lake Association Membership Report as of April 18, 2021

By Kim Salisbury, Membership Coordinator

Spring has sprung! The lake has been open now for over a week and has welcomed all kinds of life. How they know still baffles me. We welcome new families to the lake and wish all the best to those who have left. Last year has been a very challenging year. Covid has restricted travel and getting together with friends, family, and neighbors. I hope this summer there will be more celebrations, gatherings, and plenty of hugs.

When it came to renewing membership, it was also a challenging year. I thank those who were able to send in their renewals but without an annual meeting and no person contact our numbers are down.

So...let's hope for a Big Year! We will have tables accepting renewals at our annual meeting, and the hope that we will have membership captains reaching out to neighbors. (It may just be a card in your doorway).

I also want to thank all the membership captains and hope they will continue taking time to reach out to their neighbors (as they feel comfortable). This success would not happen 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 are interested in helping or have any questions, please call me at (Kim) at 218-575-2097. One year memberships are \$20 and three 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.

As a reminder, the following memberships are due in 2021, Thanks for your support!

Amundson, Daniel Scott	D
Anderson, Don & Becky	D
Anderson, Rick & Maureen	D
Asmus,Sara J	D
Auger Family Rev Living Trust	Е
Auger, Richard & Sharon R	Е
Baker, Michael & Lisa	Е
Batcher, Joan	Е
Beckman, Troy & Misti	Fa
Bellmont, Robert E & Mary Karen	F
Bergman, Kevin S & Irene A	G
Bisek, Robert & Linda	G
Bloomquist, Herbert & Debra	G
Bollin, Alice	Н
Bolnick, David & Jamie	Н
Borden, Jim & Rhonda	Н
Card,Alan Lee & Linda L	Н
Carlson, Pam	Н
Carter,Lynden H & Pamela J	Н
Christianson, Todd O.	Н
Comb,Fred	Н
Connelly, Timothy & Debra	Н
Cook, Cynthia	Н
Craft, Micahel & Laurie	Н
Crawford, Thomas M & Patricia K	Н
Delucca Properties LLC	Н
Dick, James A & Lisa M	Н

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Dockendorf, Jacob Dockry, Colin & Kimberly K Doucette.Russell Doyle, Patrick D ast. Steven ELLC Intgelmeier, Eugene rickson, Gary agereng, Rick & Shirley enske, Ronald D & Cindy Gabbert, Timothy C. & Janet M Girtz, Allison & Kalen Graning, David W & Janice C lagg, Paula Hanley, Lloyd Allen Hansen, Chad & Amy lanson, Larry & Kristy lanson, Thomas Harris, Susan lead, Charles E & Renee L leiling, Luella I leim, James K & Sara L Hendricks, Duane & Linda Hendrickson, John & Carol Henry, David W & Sharon A Herman, Donald A & Julieanne Hindrichs, Paul & Dawn

Hines, Carl D. Hintz, Donna Hoffman, Nathan & Angela Holien, Jason & Amy Holien, Michael & Lisa Holland, Russell K & Jill E Hougo, Michael N & Melanie C Ingle, Robert D & Anne M Jacobson, Jim & Deb Jagielski, Micheal & Louella Jares, Nancy Jo & Floyd Jaskowiak. Adam & Janet Jensen, Mark A & Deborah J JK Landscape Construction Johnson, Bev Johnson, Larry E & Lois M Johnston, Darryl & Jill Jones, Curtis R & Joan K Kramer Kalis, Jeffery & Tina Karnowski, Thomas & Sheri Kern.Diane Kirchner, Donald & Marijo Klitzke, Lynn & Lori Kmetz, Emily Koehnen, John A & Sandra Lee R Koll, John R & Lisa K Koubsky, Robert W & Cindy L

Kratzke, Gary & Laurel Kuta, Patrick & Sherri Lake Alexander LID Lehner, Trent & Erica Liveringhouse, Donna Lohman, Robert & Carolyn Lucconic, Micheal Madden, Michael A & Ann K Mashuga, Dale & Cheryl Mattson, Jeff & Marlene R Mike1754 LLC Miller. Dan Mitchell, Jess P & Sheryl K Motzko, Thomas L & Stephanie J Mowan.Richard L & Florence S Nelson, Arline Nelson, Rita R Oestreich, Justin & Tami Olsen, Jeff Olson, Gene R & Patricia A Parsons, Stephanie Pawlenty, Virgil & Judith A Perfetti, David L Peterson, Dennis Quiring, Steven & Kathryn Radmer, Michael J & Laurie J Ramey, Deryl L & Nancy J

Raymond, Tom & Lisa Reber, Paul Reber, Steve & Anita Rieck, David Rittenhouse, David & Monica Romero, Marge Roske, Cheryl Sather, Legh Ann Schmieg,Rob Schneider Family Trust Schneider, Tony & Bonnie Sendy, Betty J Shamineau Park Association Shaver,Glenn M & Ellen B Sipe, Gary W & Barbara J Solberg,Peter D Or Mary Ann Solorz, Esther M Spilman, Ernest Springer, Amy L Sprouls, Diane J Stanoch,Rodney J Stevens, Michael Sullivan, Ted & Becky Swanson,Wendell L & Donna M Taylor, James P & Martha C TC2020 Properties LLC Thatcher, James J Thelen, Richard N & Mavis N Thorn, Thomas N & Sandra Thunstrom, Jason S Trantina, Joseph & Gretta Trout, William J & Teresa H Unger, Ronald W & Betty A Vavreck, Lyn Wakeman, John & Julie Weller, Karen & Shawn, Lynn Prust Wicktor,James H & Carol J Wilhelmson,Michael J & Loann M Williams,Karsten J & Cherryl I Wilson,John G Winberg, James Wohlert, Delores Wohlert, Lavern & Dolores Xeroteres, Charles & Julia Zak,Ronald Wayne & Juli Anne

Update your contact information

The Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) has a contact list that includes current and past members as well as property of record. These contacts 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

LakeShamineau@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. 2

Loon and Wildlife Report



By Diane Schroepfer

As I sit at my table this cloudy, cool Saturday morning, drinking my coffee,

and watching the birds, I thought how much I enjoy spring as the birds return. I am watching a pair of hooded mergansers, wood ducks, mallards, loons, assorted woodpeckers, a pair of northern flickers, blue jays, chickadees, juncos, red winged blackbirds, and assorted other birds. I thought about my assorted feeders and how what I see changes with the seasons. Your type of feeders, and what you put in them attracts different birds in the spring, and with the right trees, under brush, etc, they may stay around.

- * Clean and repair your feeders from the winter abuse. A weak bleach solution can be used.
- * Use different type of feeders such as tube, open platform, suet, and hoppers. Remember many birds are ground feeders.

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 2021 Summerfest is scheduled to take place Saturday, August 7th at the site of the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320th

Street, Cushing.

Visit the Scandia Valley Fire Department Facebook page for updates. For sponsor information or questions call 218-851-2185 or <u>kerikuklok@gmail.com</u>. 2

- * Use different seeds in different feeders. Sunflower seeds, suet, mealworms, nectar, fruit, peanut butter, peanuts, corn, and mixed birdseed should all be available for spring birds to sample.
- * Remember that many birds eat insects. If you can keep these spring birds around, you may need less pesticides in the summer.
- * For hummingbirds, reminder that the red coloring is actually harmful to the hummingbirds.
- * Plants to attract hummingbirds include: Bee Balm, Black-Eyed Susans, Corn flowers, Zinnias as well as many others.
- * Cranberry bushes, Dog Wood, Sunflowers, and Fountain grass make good plants that provide food into the fall.

These are only a few ideas to attract our feathered friends. My disclaimer: I understand that deer love some of these plants. The deer think my hostas are candy. I do have separate squirrel feeders, and most of my bird feeders are on a 15-foot pole! \searrow

MN DNR to undertake two more projects this year in addition to their regular Muskie population assessment, Bass electrofishing and gill net sampling



By Eric Altena (MN DNR) and Rick Rosar (LSLID)

The DNR will be doing their population estimate of muskies again and keeping track of other species as they always do. This will take place as soon as the ice goes off the lake. They will also be doing their typical bass electrofishing with an added population estimate (typically a May time frame) and summer gill net sampling (July

26-30) this year. In conjunction with that, fellow research colleagues will be doing some additional work to help understand bioenergetics in lakes with muskie populations. There will be additional work performed to try and get a better understanding of the unique dynamics of prey and predator populations in some of these lakes around the state. They will be posting signs at the accesses. \rightarrow

MN DNR Research Projects on Shamineau Lake

The MN DNR has two research projects starting on Shamineau Lake in the spring of 2021. These are collaborative projects between the Little Falls Area Office, Fisheries Research, Bemidji State University, and the University of St. Thomas.

Project Summaries

The first project will examine diets of muskellunge, walleye, northern pike, and largemouth bass in the spring, summer, and fall of 2021. The goal is to examine what prey species are being eaten by each predator species. This essentially consists of making the fish regurgitate their food and releasing them unharmed!

The second project will examine how much food is being eaten by the muskellunge, walleye, northern pike, and largemouth bass populations. To do this, we will combine the diet information with estimates of how many individuals of each species live in the lake. To get those population estimates, we will be intensively sampling this spring over several weeks and marking fish with a small fin clip and then examining how many we recapture.

Sampling plans

Fieldwork will begin as soon as the ice comes off the lake in 2021. Sampling will occur daily for approximately 5 weeks, with 2-3 MN DNR crews sampling each day. We will be using multiple sampling gears, including trap nets, day and night electrofishing, and short-term gillnets. We selected these gears to minimize fish mortality.



News from the capitol By Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR)

The 2021 MN Legislative session is working on a number of issues: 1) Establishing baseline funding for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center from the AIS surcharge on 3-year boat registrations. 2) Advancing a Water Operators Certificate with training in safety, etiquette, and ecological impacts with a focus on Best Practices for AIS protocols and wakeboard boats. 3) Funding the Stop Starry Program which would put boat cleaning stations on every ramp on the 16 lakes infested with starry stonewart, to help contain this aquatic invasive species and preventing its spread to other Minnesota lakes. 4) Requiring the MN DNR to write a comprehensive statewide plan to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species – the last plan was written in 2009.

Citizens Action Network (CAN) is your tool for lake and river advocacy. You CAN check up on important bill status, write your legislators, send letters to the editors of media in your area, find out the status of important legislative committees and more. With CAN, you CAN and will make a difference. No one else is going to protect your lakes for you. <u>Take Action | Minnesota Lakes &</u> <u>Rivers Advocates (mnlakesandrivers.org)</u>Sign up to receive MLR's Citizen Action Network (CAN) emails: <u>Citizen Action Network (CAN)</u> MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates ~ PO Box 22262 ~ St. Paul, MN 55122 www.mnlakesandrivers.org ~ 952-854-1317 **2**

The One Watershed One Plan process presents a remarkable opportunity for Minnesota's Lake Associations

by Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

In 2008 Minnesotans voted overwhelmingly (+60%) for the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment which created a three-eighths of one cent sales tax for twenty-five years. This was a remarkable achievement for Minnesotans in a year when anti-tax politics were in ascendance. Minnesotans voted our shared values and created a remarkable opportunity for our state.



One-third of revenues raised will fund the arts and state parks. One-third will fund grants to permanently protect wildlife habitat, most typically through Conservation Easements. The final one-third will fund projects to protect and rehabilitate our public waters. This "clean water" portion of the Legacy Fund is directed by

the Clean Water Council, a group of citizens and legislators.

Their work began with an almost complete survey of Minnesota's lakes and rivers to see which were impaired and which were still relatively pristine. The results were alarming. Fifty six percent of Minnesota's surface waters were listed as impaired by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MPCA.

Aquatic systems are far more complex and difficult to restore than terrestrial environments. In fact, many push back on the idea that "restoration" of an aquatic ecosystem is even possible, and point to goals like rehabilitation, or resilience.

Two facts further complicate rehabilitation and resilience efforts; all waters are connected, and water flows across political boundaries. One source of pollution will contaminate all the waters downstream. In Minnesota that is a big deal. Minnesota is one of only two places in the world where three continental-sized water basins originate; the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, the Red River flowing north through the vast Canadian wetlands to the Arctic Sea, and down the face of the Laurentian Divide into the Great Lakes and east to the North Atlantic.

In order to address the fifty-six percent impairment of our surface water, the Clean Water Council created the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) process through the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR). 1W1P supports partnerships of local governments in developing prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans for each of the fifty-four watersheds in the state. These watersheds include multiple political entities, townships, counties, watershed districts, and cities.

The 1W1P process requires all of these disparate groups to partner, identify areas of concern, pool resources, coordinate efforts and work together towards solutions. The Clean Water Council funds an initial planning process. Once the plan is approved by BWSR, the Clean Water Council makes funding available for implementation.

During the initial planning phase, the Clean Water Council encourages significant outreach, engagement and involvement of a wide range of stakeholders. Lake Association leaders are intimately familiar with water issues in their jurisdiction. By committing to this process, they can help ensure that the focus of the final Comprehensive Plan includes their issues. During the implementation phase, there is also a significant role for lake associations. Over the course of the 1W1P process hundreds of millions of dollars will go towards water projects. It is an unprecedented opportunity to protect, rehabilitate or increase the resiliency of our shared water resources. 2

More information about One Watershed, One Plan is available at:

http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/one-watershed-oneplan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The LSA supports MLR with our membership contribution.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Recorded Webinars <u>Leaving a Lake Legacy - How to Pass the Lake Place to the Next</u> <u>Generation</u>

Looking to plan for the future of your lake home or cabin? Join attorney David Salter in the Cabin Trust Webinar. David is a long time MLR member with a family cabin - he gets family legacy! https://www.anymeeting.com/601-008-786/E959D883814D30

<u>Septic Secrets</u>



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A healthy septic system saves money and protects water quality. This webinar by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will cover what you can do as an owner to make sure that your septic system operates at peak efficiency. This will reduce costs and extend useful life of the system. If you love the lake, making sure your septic system is functioning properly is probably the most important thing you can do to protect it for the future. www.anymeeting.com/292-823-

"Get the Lead Out" Protect Loons With Lead Tackle Alternatives

Between 100 and 200 loons are killed every year in Minnesota from ingesting lead fishing tackle, as well and many swans and other waterfowl. The MPCA and MLR partnered to present this webinar on what you and your lake association can do to promote using safe fishing tackle alternatives. <u>https://www.anymeeting.com/601-008-786/E959D883814D30</u>

Enhanced Wake Watercraft Impact on Lakes

Enhanced wake technology, or wakeboard boats, use massive ballast tanks, a redesigned power train and huge engine to create large wakes that people can surf on. The surfer remains close to the boat and maximum speeds are perhaps 10 knots, so the surfer can talk with the passengers. These watercraft are quickly becoming the most popular form of lake based recreation and represent one of the fastest growing sectors of the boating industry.

While they are fun, there is also risk. The massive wakes these boats put off can damage sensitive shorelines, docks and boats. They can imperil those in smaller watercraft. The thrust can go down 16 feet, destroying aquatic plants and churning up sediments. This webinar will introduce you to these boats, and cover the issues related to them. <u>https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EE52DA80894739</u>

Historical photo – Lake Shamineau early 1930's



The cabin in this photo of the Fred Comb property now has the lake level up to the main floor level above the walkout basement. The basement level was filled in over the years as the lake level rose.

"Minnesota Grown" Local Markets

Staples Farmers Market Location: Lakewood Health System, Staples Thursdays 2-5:30p

Brainerd Lakes Area Growers Market

Location: Viking Harley Davidson parking lot, 7915 Hwy 210 Baxter, Mid-May – Mid-Oct, Fridays 8a-12 Tues location: Franklin Arts Center, Hwy 210, Brainerd, 8a-12

Stone Hill Farms

Location: 26997 Cty 18, Browerville U-pick strawberries, blueberries and seasonal vegetables. PYO or pre-picked strawberries available mid-June and blueberries in July. Farm fresh vegetables are available July-October.

Merv's Home Grown Sweet Corn

Pick your own sweet corn Location: 35075 70th Ave, Cushing

Little Elk Organic Farm

Location: Randall

Spring through Fall Farm hours: Early to late all days EXCEPT Saturday. A Certified Organic You-Pick vegetable and flower garden. Year-round: raw Organic milk and cream, eggs and occasionally beef by the quarter from our Organic herd.

Kleinschmidt Farms

Location: 44910 County 21, Staples May – November: Over 60 varieties of garden produce & pastured chickens (eggs & meat). Periodic sales of pastured beef and canned or baked goods.

Zetah's Sweet Corn

Location: 35087 Hwy 10, Motley July – September, Sweet corn & cucumbers

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Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) Board Meetings via email

Winter 2020 - 2021

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

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.

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. 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.

February 5, 2020 - 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 By, Sandy Williams Secretary, Lake Shamineau Association **2**

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

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 2

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 Shamineau 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 2



Ice Over: November 30, 2020 Ice Out: April 6, 2021



During 1954 to 1999 the average ice out date was April 20, and during 2000 to 2021 the average ice out date was April 15. There has been more variability since 2000 with four years of ice out in March and three years in May, and 1954 to 2000 there were no ice outs in March but in four years ice out was in May. The lower the trend line, the earlier the ice out.



The LSLID publishes informational newsletters. 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. The latest LID newsletter was also mailed to all lake property owners in April 2021 and is posted on their website.

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**. The next LID board meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 6 pm.

More details of LSLID updates and supporting documents can be viewed on their website: https://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamineau/lid/ **2**

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