

# Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

May 28, 2022

9:00 am at Lincoln Evangelical Church

**Board members present:** Dale Williams, Jerry Lukoskie, Sandy Williams, Mark Frisk, Kim Salisbury

**Board members absent:** Dave Graning, Don Kirchner, Michael Krause

**Welcome:** President Dale Williams welcomed members and the board members introduced themselves. Two speakers are present to talk about fish studies on the lake and planting trees for shoreline management.

**Open Forum:** Members' questions were addressed regarding how to handle a very large bog that floated to the east end of the lake. The association applies for a bog permit each year from the DNR. The permit allows association members to remove bogs up to six-by-six feet in size. Anything larger than that must be moved and staked in place or left where it rests. Vegetation in public waters is regulated by state law.

The other concern raised was regarding properties that are under water and appear abandoned. The county has been questioned about it a number of times and they state they cannot do anything on private property and as long as taxes are paid the properties are not in forfeiture.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balances as of May 6, 2022 were printed in the spring 2022 Association newsletter. Jerry summarized the overall profit/loss. Below are the details of income and expenses.

## Lake Shamineau Association - Profit & Loss

June 1, 2021 through May 8, 2022

### Income

Interest	9.01
Donations	150.00
Advertising	750.00
Membership Dues	<u>3,064.00</u>

### Total Income

**3,973.01**

### Expenses

#### Ramey Pond

Brichacek Electric	800.00
Crow Wing Power	<u>486.00</u>

#### Ramey Pond Total

1,286.00

#### Operations

Newsletter	930.36
Postage, Box Fee	269.20
Supplies	267.39
Decals/Signs	<u>177.17</u>

#### Operations Total

1,644.12

**Other Expenses**

Surety Bond	187.00
501(c)3 Filing Fee	200.00
West Bend Insurance	400.00
Lincoln Church	100.00
U of M Foundation - AIS	200.00
Conservation Minnesota	200.00
Minnesota Lakes & Rivers	200.00
Clyde Mertens – pipe rental	100.00
<b>Other Expenses Total</b>	<b>1,587.00</b>

**Total Expenses** **4,517.12**

**Net Loss** **-544.11**

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

**Fishing Report:** Eric Altena, DNR Fisheries Manager, Little Falls, presented an update on fish stocking and studies on the lake. The following has been done over the last few years: Electrofishing for population estimates was done in fall of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Netting was done in 2021 for population estimates and diet study of what the fish are eating (study by University of California – Davis and Bemidji State University). In spring 2021 1.5 million walleye fry were stocked and in 2022 one million walleye fry were stocked. Results of the sampling and studies will be published in the fall LSA newsletter. Eric indicated that the high water has caused loss of bullrushes which are good habitat for fish.

**Shoreline Improvement:** Shannon Wettstein, Morrison County District Manager of Soil and Water Conservation District provided information about tree selection for shorelines. Tall trees recommended include Silver Maple, Red Maple, Paper Birch and Willow. Conifers recommended include Black Spruce, Tamarack, and White Cedar. Shrubs recommended include Red-osier Dogwood, Highbush Cranberry, Black Elderberry and Alder. When planting make sure that all roots are pointed down or out. If not they J-hook and it eventually kills the tree. The first year the tree will need at least one inch of water each week, either from rain or watering. Dale Williams brought cuttings of red-osier dogwood that can be stuck into the bank, especially where there is rock rip-rap, that will establish roots to help hold the soil and will shade the rock which heats up in the sun and warms the water encouraging algae near the shore.

**Water Quality Report:** Al Doree was not present to provide the lake measurements. After the meeting he reported that the lake level as measured by the DNR was at 2.1 feet above the ordinary high water level (OHWL).

**Membership Report:** Kim thanked the co-captains who visit properties and help to get new or renewal memberships. She reminded members that the year stickers are free. The cost of the metal signs has risen but members are charged the original rate of five dollars. If lakeshore owners have signs that are not in use, we would appreciate repurposing them to save the cost of buying new ones. Active member numbers enable us to lobby for our lake with the township, county and state. Memberships are important.

**Communication Report:** The Minnesota hosting site for the LSA website has been retired. A new website will be built this summer.

**Recognition:** Pat Held was not present but was recognized for his service on the lake association board since 2004 and as treasurer since 2007. A card and gift card will be given to him as a thank you from the association.

**Board Elections:** Terms were expiring for Mark Frisk, Dale Williams, and Kim Salisbury. Mark indicated he is retiring from the board. Dale and Kim were willing to continue to serve. Ty Peterson and Rick Fagereng volunteered to be on the board. A motion was made to elect the slate of volunteers. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Report:** Bob Koll reported on the Ambassador Program, the invasive species grants and the high water project. Member questions included what obstacles still remain on the high water project. For LID board meeting dates and to contact the LID with questions see the LID's new website: <https://LakeShamineauLID.org>. The LSLID sends out a newsletter and if property owners provide their email it will save on expenses.

**Other:** A road cleanup was organized among the area lakes and Scandia Valley township in early May. Next year we hope to do it again and in the meantime, pick up litter while on walks to keep our neighborhoods looking good. Thanks to those who helped!

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary