



## LSA membersip meeting date is May 24, 2024 – 9 AM

The lake association membership meeting is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church located at 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443.

Lake Shamineau Association membership volunteers will be on hand before the meeting for Association membership renewals.

The planned agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

- Eric Altena, Area Fisheries Manager, MN DNR lake plan for fish management on Lake Shamineau
- Spring 2024 membership meeting minutes are printed in this newsletter and will require approval at this membership meeting.
- Election of board members for the coming membership year. These board members are up for reelection or retirement: Dale Williams, Kim Salisbury, Ty Peterson, and Rick Fagereng. 🐾

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## Roadside Clean Up 2025

Come volunteer to help clean up clean up ditches in Scandia Valley township on May 17, 2024. Meet at the firehall between 8 and 9 am. The township provides safety vests,. LSA provides trash “grabbers” and collection bags. 🐾

## Volunteers with Pontoon or Boat Needed

The Staples Sportsmen’s Club sponsors a Fishing Day for the Staples/Motley fourth graders. They purchase fishing rods for each child and supply the bait. The Staples Lions Club sponsors a lunch for the kids after fishing. The event will be held at Camp Shamineau May 16 . They are asking for volunteers with boats or pontoons to come to the camp at 9 am. Helpers will be onboard, they just need boats with drivers. Hope you can help – it is a fun morning for all! 🐾

## Treasurer’s Report

–By Rick Fagereng, Lake Shamineau Association Treasurer

Current approximate balances as of April 27, 2025:

- Savings balance \$900.00
- Checking balance \$7,300.00
- CD balance \$21,000.00

Financial statements will be available at the membership meeting. 🐾



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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.: Dale Williams, 651-357-0762  
Vice Pres: Jerry Lukoskie, 651-210-3231  
Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-357-7062  
Treasurer: Rick Fagereng  
Nicole Robinson  
Ty Peterson  
Mark Murphy  
Kim Salisbury, 218-575-2097  
Don Kirchner, 218-368-9560

#### **Volunteer Committees**

Communications:

Newsletter - Sandy Williams  
Website – Sandy Williams

Fishing:

Membership: Kim Salisbury  
Water Quality: Dale Williams  
Loons & Wildlife:

#### **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.

#### **Newsletter**

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](mailto:LakeShamineau@gmail.com)



## **Association President's message**

By Dale Williams , Lake Shamineau Association President

### **We Are Lucky**

I have a friend who has a sign in his front yard near his lake home which reads "If you're lucky enough to have a home near the lake, you're lucky enough". As a native Minnesotan, I'm feeling pretty lucky myself as I'm able to enjoy this time of year at our lake cabin. Temperatures are moderating, jackets not always required, birds are back, my garden grows and soon the pontoon will be ready to set sail! Life is good!!

There are several things coming up where we can share our good fortune of being on the lake. Take a kid fishing, sponsored by the Staples Sportsmen's Club is coming up May 16th. Their group provides fishing gear and the experience of catching panfish on Shamineau to elementary students from Staples/Motley. If you can captain your pontoon or boat call or text Lauri at 218-296-2120 and meet at Camp Shamineau that morning at 8 AM. Great fun to share the excitement with kids!

Scandia Valley Roadside Roundup is scheduled for Saturday, May . Meet at the SV Firehall between 8-9 AM.

Our annual LSA meeting is Saturday May 24 at 9 AM at the Evangelical Free Church in Lincoln. Come early, get a donut and coffee, bring a neighbor. See you then!

Dale Williams 🐾

## **Lake Ice Report**

Ice Out: April 13, 2025

During 2000 to 2021 the average ice out date was April 15.

### **Lake Shamineau Association Spring Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 29, 2025, Zoom online meeting, 7:10 pm**

**Board members present on Zoom:** Dale Williams, Mark Murphy, Sandy Williams, Jerry Lukoskie,

**Members not present:** Don Kirchner, Kim Salisbury, Ty Peterson, Rick Fagereng, Nicole Robinson

**President Dale Williams called the meeting to order 6:30 pm**

Plans for the spring membership meeting were discussed. Ideas for a speaker will be followed up by Dale, possibly Amy Kowalzek to answer questions about the land use regulations recently sent to lakeshore owners. We will check if a LID board member will be present for updates on their projects. We will ask Kim if she can get the donuts and coffee. The newsletter should be sent out on May 12. We need to contact advertisers to see if they will continue their ads. Also need to get some door prizes from local businesses.

**The meeting was ended at 7:40, minutes recorded by Sandy Williams, LSA Secretary 🐾**

# Black Bears in Minnesota

Bears came out of hibernation this spring earlier than normal, probably partly due to the unseasonably warm winter weather. In the summer of 2024, an adult female and her three cubs were seen on Pine View Boulevard on the south side of the lake. Spring 2025 is seeing the whole family, who are feasting on bird feeders.

## From the news report on MPR radio

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2024/04/09/minnesota-black-bears-how-to-keep-the-bears-and-yourself-safe>, according to Andrew Tri, bear project leader with the Minnesota DNR:

“People and bears like kind of the same things,” Tri said. “They like woods, they like oak forests, they like places where there’s nearby water and wetlands. . . The lingering drought pattern also reduces berry production, one of bears’ favorite foods, and leads to more bear-human conflict. . . Treat any animal with respect, give them lots of space”.

- Don’t feed or approach bears
- Secure garbage, recycling and food
- Take down bird feeders
- Don’t leave pets outside
- Store grills and smokers when not in use
- Tell your neighbors if you spot a bear



Mama bear and one of her three cubs, Pine View Boulevard, Lake Shamineau, Summer 2024

## Did you know?

Bears can consume 12,000-20,000 calories **a day** to prepare for hibernation. That’s the equivalent of 6-7 pounds of black oil sunflower seed or about 700-800 acorns.

## From The MN DNR website [Living with bears](#) | [Minnesota DNR](#)

**Reduce bear conflicts by reducing attractants:** Conflicts between people and bears have increased as more people build homes and cabins and recreate in northern and central Minnesota. Conflicts can arise when bears interact with domestic pets, tip over garbage cans, or damage bird feeders, personal property, beehives, livestock and agricultural crops. The best way to avoid problems with bears is to not attract them in the first place. Once a bear finds a food source, it will return repeatedly. Bears prefer natural foods and are especially attracted to calorie-dense food sources. They have an incredible sense of smell, are opportunistic and are easily attracted to foods or food sources provided by humans (including things like dog food, birdseed and grease). Bear attractants are things that smell, taste or look like food to bears. These include birdseed, dog food, grease on grills, garbage, fish entrails and fruit. Taking the initiative to secure or remove attractants will help prevent bears from becoming a nuisance.

Bears do not forget the locations of food sources. Their keen memories play a critical role in how they forage. The timing, amount and availability of natural foods such as fruits and berries can vary from year to year. In low abundance years, bears may spend more time foraging to meet their calorie needs. Any food sources that are concentrated in calories that humans make easy to get, either on purpose or on accident, can be irresistible to a hungry bear.

This video from [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) shows you easy steps to protect your property from bears. Although the habitat is different in Colorado than Minnesota, bear behavior is the same and these tips will help you bear-proof your home and cabin.

**Bear preparedness and response:** Bears and people meet under a variety of circumstances. Encountering a bear can be a positive, memorable experience. Black bears, by nature, are wary of people and not normally aggressive. They are, however, large, powerful and surprisingly fast-moving animals. Anyone who encounters a bear should have healthy respect for it, but, at the same time, do not feel that it is an inherent threat. If you do [encounter a bear](#), learn how you can safely respond, what to do if the bear becomes aggressive, and how bear spray can help you defend yourself.

**Bear attacks in Minnesota:** Our state has a healthy population of black bears, but while Minnesotans spend considerable time recreating in the wooded areas we share with them, most people have never seen a bear close up. This is because most bears flee quietly when they hear someone coming. Even among the thousands of encounters that have occurred, by hikers, campers, birders, berry-pickers, hunters and others, the experience is usually non-eventful. Attacks are very rare.

- There have been no fatal bear attacks in Minnesota. The closest bear attack-fatality occurred just across the border in Ontario in 2019.
- Since 1987, there have been eight unprovoked bear attacks in Minnesota that resulted in hospitalization. All 10 victims fully recovered.
- Most of the incidents involved bears attracted to unsecured food sources at homes or campsites.
- In three cases, the bears chased dogs that were not leashed. Bears perceive dogs as a threat, and dogs being chased often come back to their owner with the bear at heel.
- One bear in the attacks had a very unusual brain disease that certainly motivated its aggressive behavior (it also showed signs of previously being in captivity). None of the other bears involved in attacks had any physical ailments (e.g., rabies). 🐾

## 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 or 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](mailto: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. 🐾

## Special Fishing Regulations

Lake Shamineau has special fishing regulations that differ from statewide or border water regulations for those species identified below and take precedence. Regulations listed below are currently in place. Visit the DNR fishing regulations page for links to upcoming regulations for specific lakes.

- Northern Pike: All from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

2025 DNR Fisheries Lake Management Plan – Lake association membership is invited to review if interested. Contact Eric Altena ([eric.altena@state.mn.us](mailto:eric.altena@state.mn.us)) with comments. See the report on the [LSA website](#) fishing page or [click here](#). 🐾



## Floating Bog Permit available to members

Lake Shamineau Association members are able to utilize the Association's DNR 2024 Bog Mitigation Permit to remove floating cattail bogs less than 6 x 6 feet in size and relocate larger bogs by reattaching them and securing them to land. Non-members would need to apply for their own permit from the DNR.

### Authorized Control Area:

Migrating floating bog(s) on Shamineau (49012700).

Migrating free-floating cattail bogs within Shamineau Lake may be removed if they are < or = to approx. 6X6 feet in size and larger migrating free-floating bogs may be moved and reattached in the SE bay area adjacent to state land or the NW bay area as long as they are not reattached in an area adjacent to private property and blocking their access to the lake. Work is to be done by association members only as they occur during the 2024 open water season.

### Authorized Action:

#### Relocating and/or removing of migrating floating bogs.

Relocated migrating bogs must be secured to prevent further movement using wooden stakes. This permit authorizes the transport of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species during bog relocation or removal activities.

Before transporting the bog for disposal you must: (1) drain excess water from the bog material before leaving the water body, for example by parking the truck on an incline; (2) transport the bog material directly from the water body to the disposal site; (3) dispose of bog material at least 300 feet from any waters of the state or seasonally flooded lands; and (4) clean all aquatic plants, sediment and prohibited invasive species from all equipment with each load – no vegetation should be on the outside of the transport truck/trailer before using public roads. If you intend to remove the floating bog via a public access, make sure you contact the owner of the access (an access permit may be necessary).

The use of any heavy equipment (e.g. backhoe or bobcat) is not allowed to remove floating cattail bog under this permit and no removal of the lake bottom is allowed under this permit. DNR APM staff in Little Falls (320-232-1079) must be notified before large bogs greater than 50X50' in size are moved. Bogs must be inspected by permit holder prior to removal for presence of loon nests.

## Lake Association Membership Report as of April 24, 2025

By Kim Salisbury

Happy Spring! At the time of my report, I am watching nature slowly coming to life. We welcome new families to the lake and wish all the best to those who have moved on.

We had great success last year with membership renewals. We are currently 173 members strong! Thank you for your continued support and hope more will consider renewing their membership...so spread the word! The board works very hard to provide programs and education so we all can enjoy a better lake.

I also want to thank all the membership captains for taking the time to reach out to their neighbors. This success would not have happened without YOU!

#### Membership Captains

- East- East Shamineau Drive- Kristi Hanson
- East- Oak Lane- Captain need here
- South- Lake Shore Drive - Sandy Williams0
- South- Augers, Arras,and Angle- NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED. Thank you Pam Gowan for covering this last year
- South- Hillside and Axis Lane- Tom Heltemes
- South-(3000 and up) Pine View Blvd- NO CAPTAIN HERE. HELP wanted
- South-(2000 to 3000) Pine View Blvd- NO CAPTAIN HERE, HELP WANTED
- West- West Shamineau- need help here
- West-Aztec-Pam Gowan
- North- Ridge Road, 18th Ave, 45th, Armore, Cantleberry, East Bay-could use help here.

Renewal forms are located on the back of this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 218-575-2097. Thank you, Kim

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

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## Purchase Lake Shamineau apparel

A member of the association is working with an apparel company to offer clothing (tee shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) with Lake Shamineau labeling on the front. Ordering deadline is by Sunday, August 3, 2025 (11:59 PM CDT). Orders will arrive in August or early September to a central location at the lake for pick-up. See options and order online.

[Click here to order online](#) 

## Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting

**May 25, 2024, 9:00 am at Lincoln Evangelical Church**

**Board members present:** Dale Williams, Jerry Lukoskie, Sandy Williams, Kim Salisbury, Ty Peterson, Rick Fagereng

**Board members absent:** Mark Murphy, Don Kirchner,

**Welcome:** President Dale Williams welcomed members. The board members introduced themselves.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balances as of April 2, 2024 and the Cash Flow Statement for April 14, 2023 through April 2, 2024 were printed in the spring 2024 Lake Association newsletter. Current balances as of April 2, 2024 included the Savings balance of \$885.56, checking balance of \$6,960.19 and an interest earning certificate of deposit of \$20,000. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

**Membership Report:** Kim thanked the co-captains who visit properties and help to get new or renewal memberships. Active member numbers enable us to lobby for our lake with the township, county and state. Memberships are important.

**Water Quality:** Duane Hendricks reported that the Lake Access Ambassadors are providing education to boaters entering the lake regarding invasive species and the importance of boats being clean before entering. We should thank the ambassadors for their important work when we encounter them. There are maps at the boat accesses indicating where invasive species are found in the lake. The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) has received notice of a Morrison County grant in the amount of \$12,550 that includes \$2,800 for AIS Surveys and \$3,250 for AIS Remediation which will be treatments, and scuba divers. In addition, the LID will receive \$6,500 for the AIS Ambassador program.

Sandy presented the data that has been collected for decades on water quality. Secchi disk (water clarity) readings have been showing a slow decline over the years. The phosphorus and chlorophyll measurement have remained steady.

**Board Elections:** Board members reaching the end of their current term include Don Kirchner, Sandy Williams, Jerry Lukoskie and Michael Krause. Michael Krause sold his cabin on the lake and resigned from the board. Don, Sandy and Mark agreed to be reelected for another three-year term. Nicole Robinson volunteered to serve in the open position. A motion was made to elect the four volunteers. The motion was seconded and approved.

**New Business:** The LSA board of directors is establishing a grant fund for shoreline plantings to stabilize the shoreline. Grants are for a 50% match up to \$100 for plantings for shoreline improvement. The total funding available would be up to \$2,500. Criteria to receive up to \$100 are being developed and will be included in a form to apply for the match.

The board has also approved reinstatement of the septic inspection program for matching reimbursement with a total fund available of \$2,000. Upon presenting a paid invoice and filling out a short application, the applicant will be reimbursed for any amount up to \$200.

Volunteers were encouraged to assist in water quality sample collection once a month. Contact Dale or Rick on the board if interested.

Sandy reported that in spring 2025 the lake association will purchase tree seedlings from the Morrison County tree program to be distributed at the next meeting. A number of years ago pine seedlings were distributed. Watch for information in the newsletters.

Members present provided a reminder of the water hazards due to dead trees that have fallen in the lake. Also there was a question about loon platforms for nesting. Information about hose could be found online and a past association newsletter has information also.

**Other:** Thanks to volunteers who cleaned up the ditches on roads around Lake Shamineau on May 4, 2024.

Volunteers cleaned 15 miles of roadside collecting 50 gallons of litter. Litter "grabbers" were offered to members at the meeting to do ongoing litter pickup when out for a walk.

Door prizes were awarded to members present whose names were drawn. Many door prizes were donated from local businesses. Be sure to thank them and mention the lake association appreciates their support.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:00.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary** 



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Place your ad in the non-profit Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter & Website for coverage around Lake Shamineau and beyond. Newsletter circulation is 350, sent twice a year to property owners on the lake. Black and white 8-1/2" X 11" multi-page format. Electronic copies and the website are in color. Two issues published annually, with delivery in spring and fall. Deadlines for submission are May 1 and September 1.

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## 2025 Lake Shamineau Association Membership Form

**Thank you for supporting your Lake Shamineau Association!**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please send the newsletter via email

Membership: ☐ Property Owner \$20 (1 Year) ☐ \$55 (3 year) ☐ Associate Member \$10

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution for: ☐ Water Quality ☐ Wildlife ☐ Fisheries ☐ Other

☐ I would like a membership sign \$5.00

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