



# Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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## Membership signs available

Lake Shamineau Association signs are now available to all members to display on their property. The blue and white metal signs feature a map outline of the lake and show the current membership year. The base sign has "MEMBER 2006" printed on it to show current membership until May 2006. Stickers with subsequent years will be given to members when they pay their next membership dues.

The Lake Shamineau Association sign can be mounted on the metal post below the fire number. Holes are pre-drilled with the correct spacing for the posts. Displaying your sign expresses your support for the association as a current member.

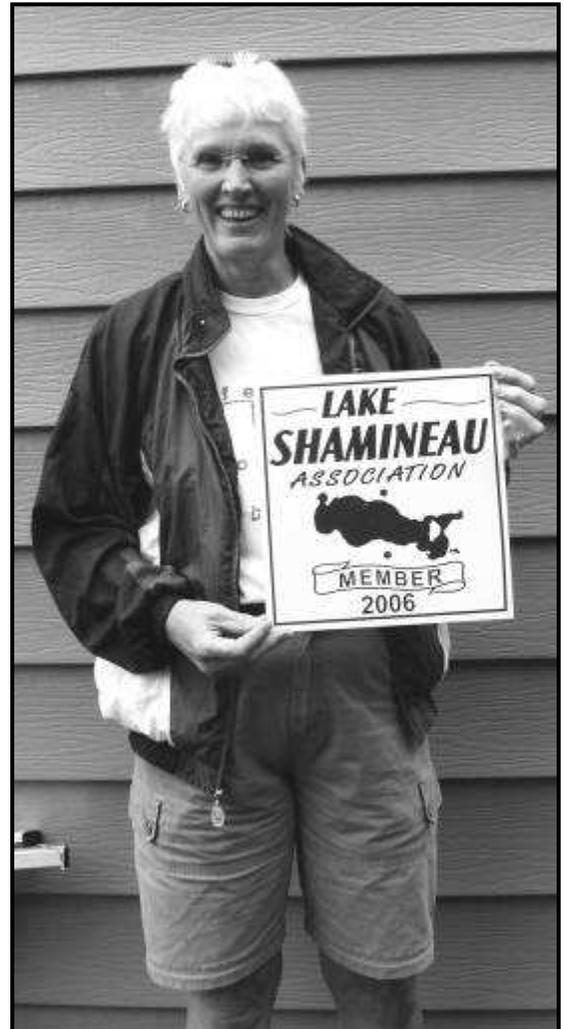
Membership Chair Carolyn Held investigated possible options and presented several design options to the members present at the May 28, 2005 biannual membership meeting. The design for the signs was determined after a lively discussion. The group directed the board to make a decision on how to cover the cost of the signs.

In order to off-set production costs, members are asked to pay \$5.00 for their sign. There will be no charge for the stickers in the following years for paid members. The 2007 stickers should be available to members when they pay their dues at the spring 2006 biannual meeting.

Carolyn reported that as of October 6, 2005 there were 172 paid members out of a possible 300 property owners – 21 more than last year. She credits volunteers who participated in a membership drive from mid-May to the end of June, making an effort to contact all lakeshore property owners and personally inviting them to join.

If you would like to join the Lake Shamineau Association and purchase a sign, complete the member registration form on the back of this newsletter. Annual dues are \$20.00 for lake property owners. Non-owners may join as supporting associate member for \$10.00. The association membership year runs June 1 to May 31.

Contact Carolyn Held at [pcheld@brainerd.net](mailto:pcheld@brainerd.net) if you would like to help with membership. 🐾



Membership Chair Carolyn Held shows off one of the Lake Shamineau Association membership signs.

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

**Board Members**

President : Mike Fedde  
 Vice President: Bob Koll  
 Secretary: Sandy Williams  
 Treasurer: Vern Sowada  
 Pat Crawford  
 Al Doree  
 George Gammon  
 Pat Held  
 George Holthus  
 Randy Kevern  
 Deryl Ramey  
 Terry Sandstrom

**Committees**

Communications: Newsletter-Jacque Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams; George Holthus, Ron Fenske.  
 Fishing:Terry Sandstrom,  
 Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey  
 Loons: Carolyn Held  
 Membership: Carolyn Held  
 Social: Norris Mattson; Dale Williams  
 Water Quality: Al Doree

**Membership**

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

**Meetings**

Association meetings are held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

**Newsletter**

The newsletter is published two times a year. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com.

**Lake Alexander  
 Eurasian Watermilfoil  
 and Curlyleaf  
 Pondweed Report**

By Sandy Williams, Secretary

Bill Faber, PhD, current president of the Lake Alexander Property Owners Association was our guest speaker at the September 3, 2005 membership meeting. He spoke about the invasive aquatic plant species of Eurasian Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in Lake Alexander.

Eurasian milfoil was first reported two years ago at the east boat landing on Lake Alexander. He noted that the plant takes about three to five years to be evident. It grows at the lake bottom and is usually noticed when enough of it is growing to create a mat on the surface. The plant grows in areas of the lake that are three to 15 feet deep. The stems can form a dense mass at the surface of the water. He mentioned that the plant does not grow in muck but in good lake bottom soil. The plant spreads when the stems fragment into pieces. They start new plants from the fragments.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) treats with the herbicide 2,4-D in areas in front of public access points only. The DNR allows up to 15% of a lake to be treated. The first year, Lake Alexander had two acres of Eurasian milfoil. Last year it was approximately four to five acres, spreading in two directions on the east end of the lake. In 2005 there were 20 acres of Eurasian milfoil growth. A company called Professional Lake Management was hired to treat it and a pelleted chemical with both 2,4-D and a new chemical called resinol was used. Boat inspectors at the Lake Alexander public access check that boats & trailers do not have milfoil on them to prevent its spread to other lakes.

This year, there was a bad outbreak of curlyleaf pondweed (a native invasive aquatic species). Mild snow-free winters the past few years have contributed to its growth. Curlyleaf pondweed grows under ice with good light. Curlyleaf pondweed is a nuisance because it forms a dense mat and washes large amounts of plant matter up onto the shoreline. It releases spores that impair water quality.

Crookneck Lake has established a Lakeshore Improvement District and plans to treat the entire lake for Curlyleaf pondweed. There is a short time span in the summer for the Curlyleaf pondweed to be treated and Lake Alexander saw the problem after that timeframe had passed.

Bill recommended to our association that we participate in a monitoring program so that we can discover the plants and treat it earlier rather than later. Lake Alexander Property Owners Association paid \$300 per acre for treatment. Costs of \$15,000 -25,000 per year for three to five years is estimated by Initiative Foundation for treating invasive aquatic plants.

For an Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan, a five year plan needs to be developed to be used as basis for grant applications. Crookneck assesses each property owner for management. 



Eurasian watermilfoil typically has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets. The native northern watermilfoil, with which it is often confused, usually has 5 to 9 pairs.



*Pictures from Bell Museum, of Natural History*

# Board Minutes

## May 28, 2005

12:00 p.m. following general membership meeting

### Nomination and Approval of Officers of the Board for 2005-2006:

President – Mike Fedde  
Vice President – Bob Koll  
Treasurer – Vern Sowada  
Secretary – Sandy Williams

### Lake Association Sign Subsidy

Motion was made and seconded to have the Association order 150 signs and charge members \$5 each. The cost of the signs is \$12 each. Optional donation to defray the full cost will be communicated if members would prefer to pay the full \$12. Carolyn will investigate whether the fire number post can be used for mounting the sign and develop recommendation for location of the Association member signs.

Membership application form should have a spot to choose whether the member needs to buy a sign. The Association will pay for the yearly stickers to update the year of membership on the sign. The cost for the sticker is minimal and is a sticker that goes over the year printed on the sign.

### Lake Management Plan

The Board needs to investigate the next step for receiving grant and additional funds for plan implementation. Sandy, George and Bob will follow up with the Initiative Foundation on grant application process. George Holthus indicated that his wife has grant writing experience and may be able to help with grant applications.

A “change record” for Lake Management Plan will be designed by Al to track changes and record dates related to the plan and accomplishments.

### Grants

Al Doree and Bob Koll have applied for grants in the past that have not been awarded to us – either for lack of funding or not qualifying has resulted in not receiving additional monies so far.

### Minnesota Lake Association Membership

Al Doree will check on renewal and updating the Lake Association contact names for Minnesota Lake Association. Officers listed receive the Minnesota Lake Association Newsletter.

### Water Testing

AquaTech was hired to establish a 5 year baseline of water quality. (\$250/event x 4 events per year = \$1,000/yr). We pay RMB Lab \$255 for samples plus freight to mail samples per year. Al Doree does the work to gather the samples for RMB and mails them to the lab. RMB has a web site [www.rmbel.info/reports/repmain.asp](http://www.rmbel.info/reports/repmain.asp) that shows our lake water quality results. We discussed completing our obligation this year with AquaTech. Motion made and seconded to pay AquaTech for rest of year and RMB for the year. There was discussion regarding adequacy of using both labs to establish the

validity of RMB Lab and whether or not to pay AquaTech for the rest of 2005. Motion to amend not to continue with AquaTech for the rest of 2005 and only go with RMB Lab, saving \$750. Difference in testing includes oxygenation, thermocline data that AquaTech measures but RMB does not. Oxygen thermocline changes during the summer season during the natural cycle of warming and cooling weather. Vote was 7-4 in favor of continuing only with RMB Lab since the data was comparable in 2004 with AquaTech and RMB Lab monitors the two critical measures of quality – phosphorus and chlorophyll-a.

Ed note: In reviewing the minutes of the general membership May 2004 meeting it was discovered that, “Eugene Floistad made a motion that funding be given to Aqua Tech for water quality testing for 2005. The cost will be approximately \$1000. Earl Edeburn seconded. Motion carried.”

The board made a decision to honor that motion and fund Aqua Tech for 2005.

The Board recognizes and commends Al Doree for his volunteer efforts in collecting the data that monitors the water quality of the lake.

### Beavers

Terry Sandstrom will contact Jeff Halvorson, DNR Conservation Officer or Tim Crocker about bog destruction on the east end of the lake. The beaver population appears to be high in the area. This will be investigated and it was noted that in cases of destruction on private property, it is the property owner that would deal with it, not the Board.

### Tax ID

George Holthus will look into the application process and cost of getting the tax ID, Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation, and 501c3 federal status. Tax on Interest – Vern has paid this on his own taxes the past two years. A tax ID will allow the Association to file our own tax return.

### Contribution Request

Dead Lake Association has made a request for donations to help offset their legal costs. They have been fighting a large development based on the environmental impact to the lake. We will investigate how much we should recommend as a donation. How many lake associations are there? Should we use that as a guide to what share we might want to contribute? We will ask our membership for approval when we decide on a recommended amount.

### Ice Jamming Prevention

Darel asked if a letter from the association could be written to request that a number of adjacent property owners could be on a permit for water aeration to prevent

ice jacking on their shoreline. Permit process is run through the Fisheries Division of the DNR. East end property owners will write a letter together rather than the association.

Newsletter

Sandy asked what the Board thought about the Newsletter being sent to all lake property owners twice a year now that we've been an established Association. She suggested that a postcard go to the non-members with an invitation to join and list the benefits of joining. Non-

members have had a number of years to join and when they get the newsletter they are getting a benefit without being a member. Vern suggested that the full newsletter go to all property owners in the spring to encourage members to join and just to members in the fall. Al noted that others he is aware of only get sent to members.

Next Board meeting

August 6, Saturday morning breakfast meeting 8 am, Countryside Restaurant in Motley.

The meeting was adjourned. 

## Board Minutes August 6, 2005

8:00 a.m. at Countryside Restaurant, Motley, MN

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, George Holthus, Randy Kevern, Terry Sandstrom, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, George Gammon, Pat Crawford. Not present: Pat Held, Vern Sowada

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting on May 28, 2005 – approved as read, with one correction, ice jamming work was done on the West end of Lake Shamineau, not the East end.

**Treasurers Report:**

Checking Account Balance 5/27/2005	\$1,536.51
Paid from checking:	
5/29/2005 Postage	\$111.00
Supplies	6.06
Supplies	16.65
6/07/2005 Loon nest supplies	144.34
Printing	172.64
Aqua Tech water testing	250.00
7/21/2005 Post Office Box	24.00
Association Signs	1,597.50
7/22/2005 Cash	23.00
Total outflow:	(2,345.19)
Deposit to checking:	
5/31/2005	1,307.00
7/29/2005	1,585.00
	50.00
Total inflow:	2,942.00
Net inflow:	596.81
<b>Checking Account Balance 8/1/2005</b>	<b><u>\$2,133.32</u></b>
Savings Account Balance 6/1/2005	\$4,596.48
Interest on savings account	14.32
<b>Savings Account Balance 8/1/2005</b>	<b><u>\$4,610.80</u></b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$6,744.12</u></b>

**Membership Committee Report:**

Report on Lake Shamineau Association member signs from Carolyn was read by Mike Fedde. The signs will be available to members at the fall meeting, Saturday, September 3, 2005. Carolyn contacted Sheriff Wetzel and has determined that members may attach to signs to their fire number post. Within two years the fire numbers will be replaced with new signs for 911 and it will be determined if signs can still be attached to the new posts. There was some confusion by members about the board subsidy for

the signs. Members are asked to pay a donation of \$5 with the association paying the remainder \$7 of the total \$12 per sign cost. Some members may prefer to pay all of the \$12, while those who prefer not to donate towards the cost may receive the sign free of charge. Newly joining members will also be asked to donate \$5 towards the cost, when they join.

June membership drive went well. Some volunteers were unable to complete visiting lakeshore property owners during June. Carolyn wished to wrap up the drive as soon as possible. Carolyn and Pat hosted a thank you lunch to the volunteers. Carolyn reported that the association had 142 members at this time.

Newsletter – will make labels for members only to get minutes & full newsletter, invitation postcards to meeting & join to non-members.

**MN Lake Association**

Al talked to Minnesota Lake Association and they said the renewal notice would be coming to Dale Williams. The Williams' haven't received it, Al will call them again.

**Water Quality report**

Al reported that RMB lab results are on their web site – a link to RMB lab in on the lakeshamineau.org website. AquaTech (Water clarity secchi disk reading was 20.5 ft in July – clearer than ever), Al has secchi readings for the web site. Thermocline (temp difference in water levels) – 76 degrees surface temp Aug 1.

Al Doree submits water clarity data to Kent State University in Ohio – “Great North American Secchi Dip In” plots water clarity in the US for 8 years. Go to website for study results of water clarity in lakes across the United States, <http://dipin.kent.edu/results>

Water testing scheduled for the rest of 2005 includes August, September and October for RMB lab and Aqua Tech has 2 more testing dates to complete this year.

Beaver Dam - In the watershed area in corner southeast corner between Hwy 203 and Lake Shamineau, high water concerns of cabin owners in the area. There were 2 dams, township took out a section of the 1<sup>st</sup> dam and the dam collapsed. The second dam collapsed also as a result. The

resulting rush of water loosened bogs from the low lying area and floated into the bay area. Al monitored the lake level and it went up ¼ inch but quickly went down. Township has a standing permit to lower the dam when necessary. DNR is working to put a Clemson leveler in the dam – leaves the beavers & controls the water level behind the dam. Clemson leveler will be constructed in August.

Al got a permit that covers association members allowing them to take the bogs out of lake. Audrey Puchinski – bog permit lady issued us a permit for up to end of Oct. 6x6 ft can be removed, 6x6 ft to 50x50 ft bogs should be re-staked (2x2 inch wooden stakes, 8 ft. long), bogs larger than 50x50 DNR will help with. Al Doree will apply for an association bog removal permit again next year.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of leaving bogs where they protect shoreline from erosion. High water level erodes shoreline – native vegetation planted along shore holds soil in place to minimize loss of shoreline. In the past, grants were available to help property owners cover cost of the plantings.

**Fall Meeting:**

Mike Fedde will contact Camp Shamaineau to see if we can use their dining hall for the meeting. He will ask about ice cream that the camp has served in the past.

Discussed agenda for fall meeting. Mike will provide laptop and projector for presentations.

1. Milfoil – Lake Alexander milfoil is visible as a large mat in the bay near the east end boat launch area. Pat Crawford & Deryl Ramey will ask Darlene from Alexander Lake Association to come & tell us about their efforts to control the Eurasian milfoil in their lake.
2. Committees will purchase items again for door prizes at the fall meeting. A limit of \$25 per committee was approved.
 

Water Quality	Fish
Habitat	Social
Communication	
3. Photo contest idea – next spring meeting, ask members to bring their photographs from the lake. A cash prize will be offered for winners in categories. Categories will be recommended and the contest will be advertised to the membership.
4. The association would like to gather lake history (stories and photographs) and lake statistics. Members

who have information about ice out dates or freeze up dates are asked to give the data to Al Doree. The information will be published in the newsletter and on the website. Pat Crawford’s grandparents owned the farm that bordered the east end of the lake. Other property owners have a long family history with the lake and the association would like to collect this information and share the lake’s history with the current generation.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Water Quality – bogs & beaver dams
- b. Wildlife Habitat – loon nesting report
- c. Fishing

Membership meeting next year try another weekend meeting to see if we can get people who always have company and don’t come.

**Grants**

Al will talk to Chuck about follow up grant for Lake Mgmt plan objectives. The board will request if anyone from membership has grant writing experience and would like to assist in helping with applying for future grants.

**Tax ID and Legal Status**

Sandy Williams will get information from the Minnesota Lake Association, and is authorized to get legal help up to \$300 to incorporate, get federal EIN number and get non-profit status so as to apply for and receive grants. Articles of Incorporation must be written, bylaws were already written at the organization of the association.

**Contribution to Dead Lake Association**

Latest status of their lawsuit to acquire an environmental study of the impact of a development on the lake. The Lake Shamaineau Association does not have a policy regarding donations solicited from other organizations. No action was taken to make a donation. Sandy suggested that since other lake associations donate to their local First Responders & Fire Department, this might be a good way to donate locally. A policy for donation needs to be developed before any donations are considered.

**Lake Management Plan**

Due to lack of time, the review of the Lake Management Plan was postponed to the next Board meeting, date and time yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 

## Spring Membership Meeting May 28, 2005

10:00 a.m. Scandia Valley Town Hall

The Lake Shamaineau Association Spring membership meeting was held at the Scandia Valley town hall on May 28, 2005.

President Dale Williams called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Dale introduced the board members present, Vern Sowada, Mike Fedde, Maggie Hirschey, George

Gammon, Al Doree, Terry Sandstrom, Deryl Ramey, Pat Held, Carolyn Held, and Bob Koll. Dale Mashuga was absent.

The secretary’s report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Vern Sowada gave the treasurer's report.

Balance 8/31/04	\$1,119.16
Total Income	1,517.80
Total Expenses	1,062.55
Checking Balance	1,536.51
Savings Balance	4,596.48
Total Assets	\$6,113.99

The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

**Committee Reports**

**Water Quality Committee**

Al Doree, chairman, reported rainfall measured 5.92" from 3/30/05 to 5/24/05.

Secchi disk measurement averaged 17"

Lake level is 1,274.83 ft above sea level – 4" below OHWL

Water quality measurement is in the normal range.

**Fishing Committee**

Terry Sandstrom asked for volunteers for the fishing committee. In a fishing survey conducted by Bob Koll, sixty percent of those surveyed said their catch was average to good. The muskies were doing well, while the walleye catch was down. Muskies Inc. indicated they would like to be an active participant in the lake association. They have been doing spring cleanup on the public accesses. The DNR has a stocking report on their website. Information is also available in the Morrison County Record.

**Membership Committee**

Carolyn Held said the membership drive would begin in May and go until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to help canvass some locations. Some benefits of being members of the association are: data gathering for the purpose of monitoring water quality, become acquainted with other property owners on the lake, provide a contact person at the DNR, and build coalitions with other lake associations.

Carolyn had two samples of lake association signs. A motion was made and seconded to vote on a design. After lengthy discussion the motion was carried. A motion was made and seconded to decide on a design. A design was approved. A motion was made that the lake association

pay for the signs. There was an amendment to the motion that the Board suggest a subsidy for the cost of the signs. Amendment seconded and carried. A suggestion was made that the board have guidelines as to where the signs should placed.

**Ice Damage and Jacking Committee**

Deryl Ramey gave a report on a system that he and several other property owners installed to prevent ice jacking. The DNR requires a permit costing \$250.00 annually. The costs include approximately \$75.00 monthly for electricity. Total cost for the winter was \$1,000.00. The DNR will mail a packet of information upon request.

Carolyn Held reported on the two loon nests built by herself, Al Doree, Ted Kramer and George and Lois Gammon. One nest was used this spring. It was noted that the nests are not always used the first year. A motion was made and seconded that the association reimburse Carolyn for the cost of materials used to build the nests. Motion carried.

Tom Heltemes stated that the DNR has Okayed the staking of bogs.

There was discussion regarding forming a communications committee to do the newsletter and a social committee to take care of coffee and donuts for the membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded that these committees be formed. Motion carried. The following members volunteered for the Communication Committee: Jacque Rognli, Sandy Williams, Mike Fedde and Ron Fenske. Norris Mattson and Dale Williams volunteered for the Social Committee.

The terms of four board members have been completed. President Dale Williams asked for volunteers to fill these posts. The following members volunteered: George Holthus, Sandy Williams and Randy Kevern. Tom Crawford nominated Patty Crawford. A motion and seconded to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Hirschey, Secretary 

**Fall Membership Meeting  
September 3, 2005**

10:00 a.m. at Camp Shamineau

Board members present: Vern Sowada, Mike Fedde, George Gammon, Terry Sandstrom, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, Pat Crawford, Bob Koll, Randy Kevern, Sandy Williams, George Holthus

President Mike Fedde called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Approximately 100 members were in attendance. Mike Fedde extended a thank you to Camp Shamineau for providing the meeting place and refreshments. Fresh caramel rolls, cookies & coffee were provided. Mike also thanked past president Dale Williams for his service as president during the first years of the

organization.

**Lake Alexander Eurasian Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed Report**

Bill Faber, PhD current president of the Lake Alexander Property Owners Association was our guest speaker. He spoke about the invasive aquatic plant species of Eurasian milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in Lake Alexander. Eurasian milfoil was first reported two years ago at the Lake Alexander east boat landing. The infested area has grown to cover 20 acres in 2005. The lake is being treated to attempt to manage the problem.

This year Lake Alexander also had a bad outbreak of curlyleaf pondweed (a native invasive aquatic species). This species is prevalent in Crookneck Lake. The Crookneck Lake association has established a Lakeshore Improvement District and plans to treat the entire lake for curlyleaf pondweed. Crookneck assesses each property owner for management of the curlyleaf pondweed.

Bill recommended to our association that we participate in a monitoring program, so that we can discover the plants and treat it earlier rather than later. Lake Alexander Property Owners Association paid \$300 per acre for treatment. Costs of \$15,000 -25,000 per year for 3-5 yrs is estimated by Initiative Foundation for treating invasive aquatic plants. Bill also recommended developing an Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan and use the plan as a basis for grant applications. Bill also answered a question about the Purple Loosestrife plant. There is a biological control with beetles. He suggested calling the DNR or Fisheries & Wildlife for advice.

**Presidents Report**

Mike Fedde spoke with a sheriff's deputy and was told that crime reports were low with no crimes reported for many months. The reason Mike contacted him was to report a stolen trailer. Mike also reported on Lawn to Lakeshore impact – and the benefits of using lakescaping, planting native vegetation in the shoreline area for improved water quality and wildlife habitat.

**Treasurer's Report**

Vern Sowada, Treasurer, provided the following report: Since the May 26, 2005 meeting:

Checking Account Balance 5/27/05	\$1,536.51
Income	2,942.00
(income primarily membership dues & payment for association signs)	
Expenses	2,584.14
(association signs, water quality testing, printing, postage & loon nests)	
Checking Account Balance 9/3/2005	\$1,894.34
Savings Account Balance 6/1/05	\$4,596.48
Interest received	14.32
Savings Account Balance 8/1/05	\$4,610.80
Total Assets	\$6,505.17

Unaudited: Annual audit of the finances is due.

**Approval of May 28, 2005 Membership Meeting Minutes**

Copies of minutes from the May 28, 2005 membership meeting were available to the members attending. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded and approved.

**Loon Report**

Carolyn Held reported on the two artificial loon nests built this spring. They were placed in the bay on the east end and the bay on the west end (by Shamineau Acres). One loon pair lay an egg late, after losing their first eggs, which hatched July 23. A nest in a bog near the Henkemeyers on Lakeshore Drive also hatched some chicks. It has been reported that artificial nests may be

accepted by the loons after a couple of years, not necessarily the first year. Carolyn mentioned they may need more natural materials on them to attract the nesting loons. Jane Kramer reported 26 total loons (7 babies), and around 5 nests observed.

**Membership Report**

Carolyn Held reported that as of September 3, 2005 there were 165 paid members out of a possible 300 property owners, the highest rate so far. From mid-May to the end of June a membership drive was held with volunteers contacting lakeshore property owners to personally invite them to join. Carolyn recognized the efforts of the volunteers who personally recruited members in the lakeshore neighborhoods. Carolyn and Pat had an appreciation picnic at their home to thank the volunteers. Carolyn reminded members that an association membership runs from June 1 – May 31.

The lake association member signs were available at the meeting and the board had approved asking for a \$5 donation to defray the \$12 cost of the sign. The sign has predrilled holes and can be put on fire number post. Carolyn noted that Luella Heiling had suggested that the sign be mounted on a wooden board because the metal edges are sharp and could be a hazard.

**Water Quality Report**

Al Doree, Water Quality Committee, told the Beaver Dam Story, including photos of the large bogs that were pushed into the east end of the lake as a result of the dams collapsing during the attempt to lower the water level behind them. The Scandia Valley Township has had a DNR permit since 1993 to control water level behind the beaver dams to alleviate flooding of basements and property in the area. In order to better manage the water level behind the dams, Clemson levelers are being put in this year. Al noted the minor effect on the lake level as a result of the dams breaking. Lake association members have a bog permit for this year. Depending on the size of the bog, it may be removed (up to 6' x 6'), staked (up to 50' x 50') or reported to the DNR (> 50' x 50').

Al reported on lake level readings, rainfall, water clarity (secchi disk readings), the lake thermocline and the tropic state of the lake. The lake level has varied with rainfall. Currently the level is 3.75 inches below the ordinary high water level. Water clarity has been excellent this summer.

**Fishing Committee**

Terry Sandstrom reported that the DNR performs a gill net fish survey every 4 yrs to count the fish species. Next summer is the next fish survey. The DNR is inviting people to come watch and film the process from their boats, if interested. Past fish surveys showed in 1957 the gill net catch had 24 walleyes per net, and 46 yellow perch. In 2002 there were 6 walleye and 24 yellow perch. The DNR plans to bring back yellow perch as food for the walleye. The DNR lake management plan with stocking plans and past fish survey results is on the DNR website.

The DRN fishing newsletter is expected to be published this fall. Terry also pointed out the new boating law regarding required life preservers on children under the age of 10. Other rules Terry reminded members about were the rule of not dangling legs out front of a boat while moving and that the life preservers must be readily available, not inside pontoon bench seats.

#### LSA Website demonstration

The Lake Shamineau Association website (lakeshamineau.org) was demonstrated for those members who have not seen it. Sites and information in the website were shown as an example of the type of information that is there. Any suggestions or photo submissions from members are welcome. Send to srwllms70@hotmail.com.

#### Door Prizes

A drawing was held and the winners were:

- \$50 Lake Landscaping gift certificate - Don Ogilive
- \$25 Hilltop Sports gift certificate - Larry Anderson
- \$15 Blue Port gift certificate - Jerry Lukoski
- \$15 Blue Port gift certificate – Bob Koll
- Collared shirt – Cheryl Mashuga
- Friendly Inn gift certificate - Brian Salisbury
- \$10 The Landing gift certificate – Randy Heltemes

- \$10 The Landing gift certificate – Cindy Koubsky
- \$10 Hitching Rail gift certificate – Tom Ploof
- \$15 Lincoln Liquor gift certificate - Don Amundson
- Coffee Mugs, Coffee & Playing Cards – Ken Maddux
- Loon book and Minnesota humor book – Ron Fenske
- Lawn Spade – Brady Hendricks
- Lawn Shovel – Cindy Kevern
- Fan Rake – Tom Crawford
- Garden Rake – Ryan Koll
- Fishing Net – John Jacobson

#### Other Business

The question was asked regarding boat wakes because of their effect on the shoreline. The Sheriff recommends 300 ft for no wake, but there is no law regulating it. The west boat landing has sign reminding boaters about minimizing boat wake due to high water and shoreline erosion. The Minnesota Boating Guide rules were mentioned. (The guide indicates that jet skis have “no wake” requirements within 150 feet of shore. Other watercraft must be over 150 feet from a marked swimming area or divers warning flag.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

## Fall membership meeting draws crowd



An estimated 100 people attended the September 3, 2005 Lake Shamineau Association membership meeting. Camp Shamineau supplied meeting space in its dining hall and provided refreshments.



Board member Terry Sandstrom assists people with Department of Natural Resources publications at the fishing committee table at the fall membership meeting.



Al Doree used an overhead projector to present information, pictures and graphs on the beaver dams, bogs and water quality at the membership meeting at Camp Shamineau. 🐾



## Life Jacket Requirements

The following personal flotation device (PFD) requirements are effective for all waters within and bordering Minnesota:

- On all boats (except a sailboard) regardless of length (including canoes, kayaks and duck boats), there must be a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V wearable PFD (life jacket) for each person on board. Type IV throwable devices, such as buoyant cushions, are no longer acceptable primary lifesaving devices.
- In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks,) there must also be at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable device, such as a buoyant cushion or ring buoy immediately available for each boat.
- PFDs must be worn on personal watercraft (i.e. water scooters, Jet Skis).



Except for personal watercraft, the law does not state that PFDs must be worn, only that they are readily available. However, it is highly recommend that PFDs always be worn by everyone on board any boat.

Note:

- The PFD must be of the appropriate size for the intended wearer.
- Readily accessible means easy to reach in an emergency. PFDs in plastic bags, locked lockers, or under anchors or line are not accessible.
- Immediately available means throwable devices must be easily reached in time of an emergency.
- A U.S. Coast Guard approval label must be printed on or attached to the device, and you must follow all restrictions on it.
- All life preservers must be in serviceable condition. That means that the PFD must be free of tears, rot, punctures and water-logging and that all the straps are present and in good shape.
- A U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD must be worn by a person being towed on water skis or other device, or carried in the towing watercraft.
- Federal regulations now require that children under 13 years of age (that are not in a cabin or below deck) must wear a PFD on all recreational boats while underway. This applies on waters subject to federal jurisdiction. 🐾



Common Loon in winter plumage

## Loons head for the coast

Common Loons are migratory, leaving their breeding grounds beginning in September. Young loons are left by their parents at the end of summer to find their own way. The young birds will stay at the lake until it is almost time for the water to freeze. They then fly to the coast to spend the next three or four years.

The Common Loon winters inland on large lakes and along both coasts near shore from Alaska to southern Mexico, and Newfoundland to eastern Mexico. They migrate by day, singly or in flocks of up to 15 individuals. During migration, loons may spend the night in flocks of several hundred individuals on large inland lakes.

The Common Loon molts all of its wing feathers at once in midwinter and is unable to fly. At this time they are a drab gray color. Their body rids itself of excess salt through a nasal salt gland found commonly in ocean birds. The adults are hard to distinguish from the juvenile birds in winter as they also are drab gray. The mature birds will regain their summer plumage before migration time the next spring.

Migrating Common Loons have been known to occasionally land on wet highways or parking lots, mistaking them for rivers and lakes. They become stranded without a considerable amount of open water for a long takeoff. They can also get stranded on a pond that is too small. 🐾

## No wake law clarified

Lake Shamineau currently does not have any specific surface use management regulations in effect, such as a no wake zone or regulations on how close a boat can operate to a dock. However, it is against Minnesota law to operate a watercraft so that its wash or wake endangers, harasses, or interferes with any person or property. 🐾

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