



Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

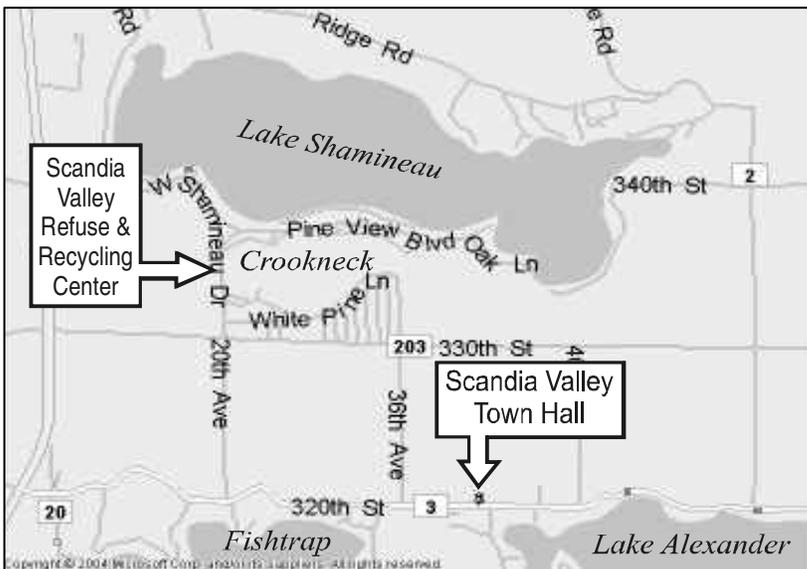
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Spring 2009

Spring membership meeting at Town Hall

The spring membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held Saturday, May 23rd, 9:00 a.m. in the Scandia Valley Town Hall located at 3518 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 (see map below).

There will be an overview presentation of information from the 2009 Minnesota Waters Lakes and Streams Conference held this spring. Meeting business will include reports from each of the Association committees. Arrive early to pay membership dues. Camp Shamineau has provided some merchandise to be given away at the meeting. ➤



Waste disposal & recycling available locally

Scandia Valley Refuse & Recycling is located just across from the Crookneck Lake public access on West Shamineau Drive. The collection site is open 12:30-5:30 p.m. every Sunday all year long and Wednesdays from April 15th to October 15th.

A Morrison county compost and brush disposal site is located on the corner of County Road 1 and County Road 14, just west of Highway 10. The site is always open but only accepts brush and vegetative matter. Free wood chips. Compostable materials include fruit and vegetable waste, leaves, grass, garden waste, pruning tips, and sod stripping. More information can be found on the Morrison County website <<http://www.co.morrison.mn.us>> in the Public Works section. ➤

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, May 23, 2009 Scandia Valley Town Hall Agenda

Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

- 1) Secretary's Report
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) President's Report
- Presentation: Minnesota Waters Lakes & Streams Conference
- 4) Committees
 - a) Fishing
 - b) Water Quality
 - c) Membership
 - d) Loons & Wildlife
 - e) Communications
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business
- 7) Elections
- 8) Adjourn

Scandia Valley Refuse & Recycling Rates

Refuse	\$4.00 per bag up for to 25 pounds
Household Recycling	Free Must be separated
White goods	Washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove \$15.00 Air conditioner \$20.00 Mattress, box spring \$10.00
Electronics	TV to 15" \$15.00 TV over 15" \$20.00 Computer monitor \$15.00 Computer \$10.00
Tires	Auto tires \$3.00 Truck tires \$5.00 Tires on rims double
Brush	Pick-up/small trailer \$5.00 load Medium trailer \$10.00 Large trailer/truck \$20.00



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

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Committees

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams
 Fishing: Rick Rosar
 Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey
 Loons & Wildlife: Carolyn Held
 Membership: Carolyn Held
 Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll

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

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. Deadlines are July 15 & April 15. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com



Note from the President

Purpose of the Lake Association

By Mike Fedde

Over the several years I have been on the Board of Shamineau Lake Association, the quality of the lake - including water and shoreline integrity - has been the overriding theme in every meeting of both the board and the membership. Occasionally a fear of governmental interference with somebody's possible development dream can show up in various remarks, but the overwhelming motivation has been to maintain and improve Lake Shamineau.

We see the terrific mess that other lakes have become and we are crossing our fingers and doing as much as possible to keep the invasive species out and development scaled to a non-destructive level. Our work while I have been on the Board has been mainly to provide educational programs and writings to our members. Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, or some other development would require a whole different and larger program from the Lake Association.

Let us work hard today maintaining this lake by increasing the natural shoreline and aquatic plants and we will continue to enjoy this great lake. Not taking care of the lake today can lead to major problems and the necessity of increased resources and money to deal with it in the future. 🐾

Boat parade concerns

Several members expressed their displeasure with the use of water balloons at the 2008 Fourth of July Boat Parade. Comments were made about the viciousness of some of the attacks on boaters and shore observers. At least two people were injured and one member was upset that her elderly father was struck while sitting in a lawn chair on the dock.



Other members also questioned the environmental impact of adding latex bits to the lake ecology.

The Lake Shamineau Association Board would like participants in the boat parade to plan to not launch water balloons and be considerate of others and the lake.

That being said, the Fourth of July Boat Parade is an unofficial event that has grown bigger each year. People decorate their water craft in red, white and blue patriotic décor and then tour the lake at a slow rate of speed, enjoying family and friends and entertaining cheering shoreline onlookers. People interested in joining the procession meet near Shamineau Acres on the northwest end at 1:00 p.m. on Fourth of July and circle the lake counter clockwise. 🐾



Boaters and observers enjoyed the 2008 Unofficial Fourth of July Boat Parade on Lake Shamineau. Participants gather at 1:00 p.m. on the northwest side of the lake.

Lake Shamineau ice fishing the winter of 2008-2009

By Rick Rosar, Fishing Committee & Board Member

The winter of 2008-2009 is one to be remembered. The west end of the lake is usually a bustling city comprised of dozens of fish houses. Among these fish houses are mothers watching their children play, fathers drilling holes and moving their tip ups, snowmobiles coming and going and neighborhood dogs looking for someone to play with, or a walleye to steal. But this year was different. Looking out onto to the lake from the West landing was one lonely fish house. In fact, I didn't see more than two houses next to each other on the entire lake. The fish were still there, but due to the abundant snowfall which came early, the snow was extremely deep. Below all of that snow were several inches of water making it difficult for the anglers to reach their favorite spot.



Being on the board of our lake association, we were scheduled to get together to have a board meeting this winter. I decided instead of just driving up from the cities and driving back home after words, that my son Axel and I would give ice fishing a try. My son and I really enjoy fishing out of our Evinrude powered Ranger boat, but in Minnesota at this time of the year that's not an option, so we decided to settle for a comfortably heated fish house. We've always had good luck in the winter, because we had "Uncle Dale" that would always put us on the hot bite and plow the driveway for us if needed. Several of the board members were not going to attempt getting to their cabins because of the deep snow.

My son asked if while I was at the meeting at the Hitching post, if he could take the 4-wheeler for a short ride. I said "fine" and went off to the meeting. I wasn't there for more than 1/2 hour when Axel called in a panic, saying he was stuck and that there was water all around him. I told him it's just water on top of the ice and he wasn't going to sink, and I would help him get out when I got home. After the meeting I arrived to find he had gotten out of his watery predicament, but was once again stuck next to shore. After getting unstuck a second time we put on our Ice Armor snow suits and decided to go to Dales to borrow his snowmobile for added safety. We drove down to the lake where we could see the fish house a 150 yards or so out. I told Axel to wait on shore with the 4-wheeler and I would find us safe passage with the sled.

I drove out to the fish house three times and found a hard packed path where I figured they must have been driving back and forth to the fish house. I told Axel I would drive the 4-wheeler and he could follow behind me on the sled. I punched the throttle and started out across the lake when

about 75 yards out, the ATV sunk into the snow and the concrete textured slush as Axel zoomed past me on the sled. Back to Dales shop we went to get tools for digging. We would dig for 15 minutes and move 10 feet, dig another 15 minutes and move 10 more feet. The problem was we couldn't get a vehicle out there to pull us because then they would become stuck as well and we would have an even bigger problem. Finally after 3 1/2 hours of digging and pushing we got close enough to shore, just as the sun was dropping below the horizon, and decided to call my parents to bring a Fireman's rope to be able to reach us and finish pulling us out.

We were both so tired and being we missed the "prime time" that we decided to call it a night, and return to the cabin for a little rest and relaxation. Upon returning to our cabin, we ran into our neighbor Rocky's wife Barb who was bringing him some food. We must have been talking to his wife for some time because Rocky came walking back from his fish house wondering what was taking so long. Rocky said he was seeing a few big ones coming through on his underwater camera, but they were reluctant to bite. As Rocky walked back to his fish house, we decided that a hot shower and some warm cocoa sounded like a great idea, and that we would get up bright and early and try another lake on the way home.

As difficult as this winter was, it just goes to show you how technology dependent we all have become. No matter what type of equipment you have, if Mother nature decides to deal you a significant event as we had the winter of 2008-2009 on Lake Shamineau, there may be no technology that will be able to bail you out.... except maybe a good pair of boots or perhaps a cup of hot cocoa.

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Cost-share money available for shoreline restoration

By Jen Buckentine

Some of the most attractive features of Lake Shamineau are the clean, clear water, good fishing and other wildlife such as loons and ducks that make the lake their home. Lakescaping and shoreline restoration are a couple of the best ways to keep the lake the beautiful. The benefits, as outlined by the Department of Natural Resources, include:

- Provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife
- Filter out pollutants and runoff that degrade water quality
- Prevent shoreline erosion by absorbing wave action
- Enjoy abundant nature: flowers, shrubs, trees, aquatic plants, fish, insects, birds
- More leisure time to relax and enjoy the nature of life at the lakeshore

Have you ever thought about doing a shoreline restoration or lakescaping project on your property? This is a great time to do it! There is cost share money available from the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Any landowner can apply for up to \$2500 (75% of the cost) for this type of project. The landowner must fund 25% of the cost.

If you are interested, you may contact the SWCD to evaluate the site for erosion, need and water quality benefits. While they don't design the project for you, you may follow one of the generic plans they offer, design your own, or enlist in the help of a local master gardener or nursery. The goal is to return the shoreline to a natural state which will act as a buffer for yard runoff and protect the lake from sedimentation due to erosion. It can even be very low maintenance once the plants are established.

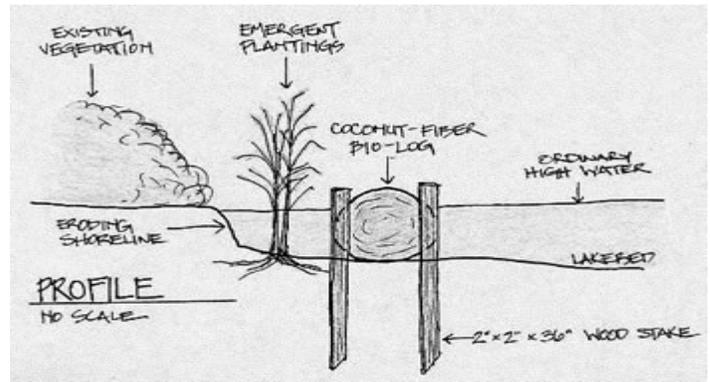
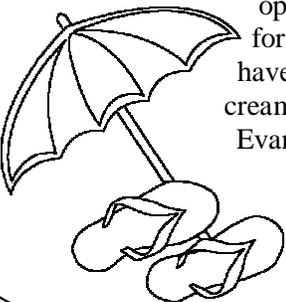
Morrison SWCD can be reached at (320) 616-2479. For more information and to view examples on lakescaping, log onto the DNR website <<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/restoreyourshore/index.html>> and view the Restore Your Shore. 🐾

Beach Day at Camp Shamineau

Camp Shamineau invites you to come to their Fourth Annual Lake Shamineau Property Owners Beach Day. Boat or drive to the camp this summer on Saturday, July 11th from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

A lot of people only get to see our toys on the beach but don't get to play with them so we like to have our beach open at least one Saturday a summer for the lake dwellers. In addition we'll have our gift shop open and free ice cream sundaes provided by the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.

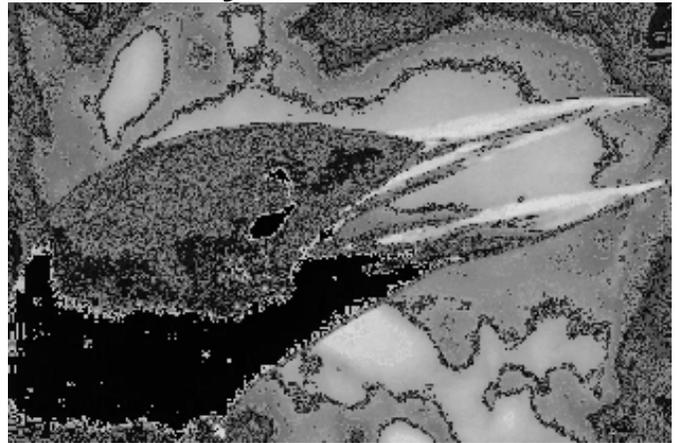
For more information, contact Herb Bloomquist, Shamineau Ministries Executive Director, (800) 305-8118. 🐾



Organic erosion control

Biologs are strong yet flexible rolls made of organic web covered with mesh netting. They find application on lake and sea shores, stream banks and on sand dunes. Mostly they are used at sites where exposure to waves and other erosion causing activities are a problem or a source of instability. These logs blend naturally into aquatic environments. They prevent soil erosion hold mineral and organic particles and provide a stable structure for root growth even as the logs decompose over time leaving a deep rooted vegetation which will act as a self maintaining erosion control system. It is a 100% natural approach to wildlife habitat and clean waterways. 🐾

The red eye of the loon



Anyone observing loons on Lake Shamineau is sure to remark about their distinctive red eyes which seem to glow next to their black head plumage. Loons only have red eyes during the summer. In winter, while they are in their grayish plumage, their eyes are not red but gray.

The light that you see really has many colors, like a rainbow, and red is one of the first colors of the rainbow to be filtered out by water. Beyond a certain depth, like 15 feet, the red part of the light is no longer there. Blue and indigo colored light travels deepest and that's why you see blue water reflected back to your eyes. It has been speculated that any other color would be a disadvantage in deep water. However, the loons still dive in the deep ocean in winter when they don't retain their red eyes. Grebes are the only other diving birds with red eyes. It is more likely the ruby red eye color is part of attracting mates. 🐾

Membership Report Spring 2009

By Carolyn Held, Membership Chair

We have 204 members including associate members.

We have 94 property owners who are non-members of which 28 have previously been members. It was hard to contact owners this year for various reasons. Not at lake at same time membership drive people were here. Some of the non-members are selling and not renewing membership, deaths, etc are reasons for not renewing.

I felt that the membership drive people did a fine job and need to be thanked for all the effort they put in contacting people about membership. Joyce Larson, Tom Heltemes, Marlene Friedl, George and Lois Gammon, John Jacobson, Jennifer Buckentine, Bob and Cheryl Koll, Cheryl Mashuga and Don and Doris Amundson. Thank you and I hope that you will be willing to do it again in the future or find someone to take your place. Thanks again.

The following is a list of memberships that will be due this spring: 2009

Belling, Cheryl & Robert
Bemboom Jerry & Barb(Lisa)
Bisek, Robert & Linda
Brandt, Lavern & Laree
Brown, Mark & Tamera
Card, Alan & Linda
Colbeth, Gertrude
Craft, Michael & Laurie
DesMarais, Steve & Helen
Edeburn, Pat & annelise
Elfstrand, Scott
Freeman, Gladys
Friedl, Jim & Marlene
Gold, Susan
Granberg, Leland & Alvina
Granning, David & Janice
Gulland, Bernard & Marilyn
Henkemeyer, Rober & Marjorie
Hennen, David & Geraldine
Hennen, Jim & Kelly
Hoemberg, FW & Rose
Jacobson, John
Jares, Nancy & Floyd
Jex, Richard & Rosemary
Kmetz, Ray & Emily
Koehnen, John & Sandra
Koll, John & Lisa
Ktytor, Bob & Verle
Kubicek, Mark & Cynthia
Lakmann, Mike & Kim
Livinghouse, Bruce & Donna
Lundberg, Ted & Billy
Mattson, Jeff & Marlene
Mattson, Norris & RoseMary
Mott, Paul & Judy
Noska, June
Ogilvie, Don & Cynthia
Olson, Oscar & Pat
Olson, Jeff (Richard & Marj)
Payne, Judith
Peters, Betty Jane
Plasha Family Partnershi

Quiring, Steve & Kathryn
Ramey, Deryl & nancy
Reber, Paul
Riebe, George & Dorothy
Saterbak, Gladys
Sather, Gary & Vaunda
Schneider Neil
Schneider, Tony & Bonnie
Schroeder, Melvin & Sandra
Sisk, Mary Eileen & Harriet
Sonenstahl, Agnes
Sowada, Vernon & Margaret
St. Martin, pat
Steinmetz, Jack & Barg OL
paid by Marg Romero \$25
Stein, Tom & Joyce
Wicktor, James & Carol
Williams, Karsten & Cheryl
Willis, Michael & Phyllis
Wingard, Thomas & Luann
Wohlert, Vern & Delores
The following is a list of non-members or lapsed membership that may want to become members and will be contacted during the spring drive:
Amundson, Gary & Sheryl
Batcher-Janacek, Joan
Bieker, Carolyn
Blessin, Bernard & Lol
Branchaud, Kyle & Barb
Bruns, Arlene A
Buss, Bob & Barbara
Cantleberry, Judy
Carlson, Jerry & John
Comb, Mariann & Janice Bierman
Cox, Robert & Theresa
Cross, Thomas
Dahl, Jeanne
Dahlman, Crhis & Lori
Dahlvang, Edna
Dickson, Mervin & Alice
Diercks, Donald
Doucette, Russell

Doyle, Patrick
Duerr, Mike & Betty
Eckert, Don & Carol
Edin, Randal & Sheila
Faust, Rita
Fensek, Ron & Cindy
Fontaine, Larry & June
Forystek, Sherry & Mike
Goblirsch, Mary
Gold, Donald
Gutknecht, Hal & Rosalie
Hageman, Robert & Ruth
Hamann, Walter
Hammer, C. Alan & Connie
Hammond, Eleanor
Henrichs, Ronald
Hermanson, Betty
Hoffert, Terry
Hougo, Mike & Melanie
Israelson, Gordon & Janice
Jensen, Phillis
Johnson, Chuck & Paula
Johnson, Genevieve
Johnson, Randy & Merri
Juelich, William
Kalis, Denis & laverne
Kalisch, James & Bete
Keller, Lawrence & Lorraine
Kleine, Duane
Korfiatis, Michael & mary
Lash
Leavell, Randy & Diane
Lee, Lynda
Lenz, Rose
Madden, Michael & Ann
Malark, Doug & Sheryl
Mattson, Melvin
Mayhew, Chris & Jan
McGuire, John & Betty
Meyer, Bob & Joleen
Mowan, Richar & Florence
Nelson, David & Arline
Neuerburg, Earl & Josephine
Olson, Roger & Marg
Pawlenty, Virgil & Judith

Radmer, Mike & laurie
Reber, Steve & John
Rieck, Kenneth & Delores
scandia Valley Township
Schaefer, Sherman & Sharon
Schmit, Ed
Schwartz, Tom & Paula
Secora, Mark
Shipman, Don & Nancy
Silvernale, Dan & Susan
Sipe, Gary & Barb
Smith, Bill
Solorz, Esther
Sisk, Mary Eileen & Harriet
spilman, Ernest
Steiner, Mary
Stevens, Gerald & Faye
Taylor, James & Martha
Thatcher, James
Thelen, Richard & Mavis
Thompson, Craid & Pat
Thom, Tom & Sandra
Tyrrell, Lois
Unger, Ron & Betty
Urganski, Gary & Nancy
Vogel, Tim & Cynthia
Wagner, Mark & Sharon
Weyer, Rupert & Joan
Wiederholt, Tim & Beth
Zetah, Francis & Mary Ann
Zimmerman, Cynthia

All other Lakeshore owners are good until 2010 or 2011. If anyone has questions about their membership, please contact Carolyn Held. The membership cost is \$20 for a one year renewal or new membership and \$55 for a three year membership.



Fall 2008 Membership Survey Results

A membership survey was included in the Fall 2008 newsletter. The Lake Association Board wanted to find out if people would like to make a change in the membership meeting schedule.. Below are the results of the submitted surveys.

49 total responses

29 from newsletter (6 by mail), 19 from copies provided at meeting, 1 by email

- How many membership meetings should be held annually?
 - 20 One per year
 - 26 Two per year
 - 4 No response
- If there was only one meeting a year, when would you prefer that it be scheduled?
 - 23 Spring
 - 15 Mid-summer
 - 7 Fall
 - 5 No response
- Rank in order of your preference the weekend you would prefer to have meeting scheduled. Use number 1 for the one you would most prefer.

Response	Choice	Rank
<i>Totals</i>		
149	Memorial Day weekend	1
169	One week after Memorial Day weekend	2
231	One week before Labor Day weekend	5
188	On Labor Day weekend	3
221	Mid-July weekend	4
- Would you be interested in purchasing Lake Shamineau Association merchandise?
 - 19 Yes
 - 13 No
 - 14 Maybe
 - 4 No response
- What type of merchandise would you be interested in purchasing?
 - 23 T-shirt
 - 20 Sweatshirt
 - 13 Cap

- 2 Trinkets
 - 2 Coffee mugs
 - 1 Rain gauge
 - 1 Dish towels; hand towels
6. Anything else you would like to tell the Board?

Questions

Should we as an association be concerned about the possibility of a large organization building multiple dwellings on or near the lake, such as townhomes or condos for rent?

I need information about burning leaves. Are there restrictions?

Any possibility of members only (passwords) on website to post messages, for sale/wanted?

Why don't we meet at the Town Hall as before?

Other

List of what association does for us.

Whatever works. We are local, so can usually be there.

Don't have meetings at the golf course – It's not handicapped accessible. Too much climbing for lots of people.

Check with DNR to keep culverts open in the watershed south under Hwy 10.

Complements for Board

Let's hear it for Al!

Thanks for the work you do on behalf of our association.

Our board does a very good job.

Good job!

Great job. Thanks!

Great job on newsletter and lake info. Thank you.

Great job. Keep it up.

You are all doing a great job. Thanks!!

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Summary

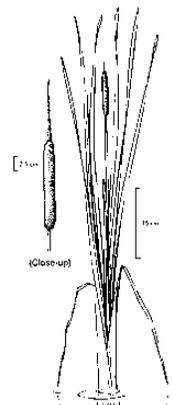
The results of submitted surveys indicate that we should keep our current schedule of meeting twice a year. Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends were the first choice for members to attend. The board decided not to pursue creating Lake Shamineau merchandise at this time, but to let members know about the souvenir shops at Auger's Resort and Camp Shamineau that currently carry merchandise.

Our preferred membership meeting site is the Scandia Valley Town Hall or Camp Shamineau if they are available. Neither charges a fee. The camp was unavailable for the Fall 2008 meeting. The Town Hall was also unavailable, being booked by the Crookneck Lake Association first. We will do our best to make reservations earlier. 🐾

Floating bog permit obtained for Lake Association

When a floating bog has broken free from the shoreline by natural causes, and becomes grounded elsewhere on private or public property, the property owners where the bog becomes grounded are responsible for removing the bog if they so desire. Removing floating bog material requires a DNR aquatic plant management permit issued through the DNR Regional Fisheries Office where your shoreline property is located. Al Doree has obtained the required permit that includes the entire Lake Shamineau Association.

Cattails grow in marshes, ditches, shorelines, shallow areas of lakes, ponds, and slow streams; quiet water up to 4 feet deep. They grow above water surface, are thickly rooted, have



long, slender stalks growing 3 to 10 feet high, The flower consists of a cigar-shaped "cattail", which is green during early summer and turns brown and fuzzy in the fall and following spring.

Importance of plant: Helps stabilize marshy borders of lakes and ponds; helps protect shorelines from wave erosion, Northern pike may spawn along shore behind the cattail fringe. The cattails provide cover and nesting sites for waterfowl and marsh birds such as the red-winged blackbird. The stalks and roots are eaten by muskrats and beavers. The starchy roots, young flowering spikes, and pollen can be eaten by humans, too.

Sometimes chunks of cattails break free from the shoreline, becoming floating islands which can turn in to a navigation hazard for boaters. These floating islands should be pushed against the shore and anchored with stakes. Bogs six feet square and smaller can be pulled up on shore and removed under the Lake Association permit. 🐾

Those aren't weeds! The value of aquatic plants

Aquatic plants are a natural part of most lake communities and provide many benefits to fish, wildlife, and people. In lakes, life depends - directly and indirectly - on water plants. They are the primary producers in the aquatic food chain, converting the basic chemical nutrients in the water and soil into plant matter, which becomes food for all other life. Aquatic plants serve many important functions.

Provide fish food

More food for fish is produced in areas of aquatic vegetation than in areas where there are no plants. Insect larvae, snails, and freshwater shrimp thrive in plant beds. Sunfish eat aquatic plants in addition to aquatic insects and crustaceans.

Offer shelter for fish

Plants provide shelter for young fish. Because bass, sunfish, and yellow perch usually nest in areas where vegetation is growing, certain areas of lakes are protected and posted by the DNR as fish spawning areas during spring and early summer. Northern pike use aquatic plants, too, by spawning in marshy and flooded areas in early spring.

Improve water clarity and quality

Certain water plants, like bulrushes, can absorb and break down polluting chemicals. Nutrients used by aquatic plants for growth are not available to algae. This reduces algae abundance improving water clarity. Aquatic plants also maintain water clarity by preventing the re-suspension of bottom sediments. Algae, which thrive on dissolved nutrients, can become a nuisance when too many submerged water plants are destroyed.

Protect shorelines and lake bottoms

Aquatic plants, especially rushes and cattails, dampen the force of waves and help prevent shoreline erosion. Submerged aquatic plants also weaken wave action and help stabilize bottom sediment.

Provide food and shelter for waterfowl

Many submerged plants produce seeds and tubers (roots), which are eaten by waterfowl. Bulrushes, sago pondweed, wild celery, and wild rice are especially important duck foods. Submerged plants also provide habitat to many insect species and other invertebrates that are, in turn, important foods for brooding hens and migrating waterfowl.

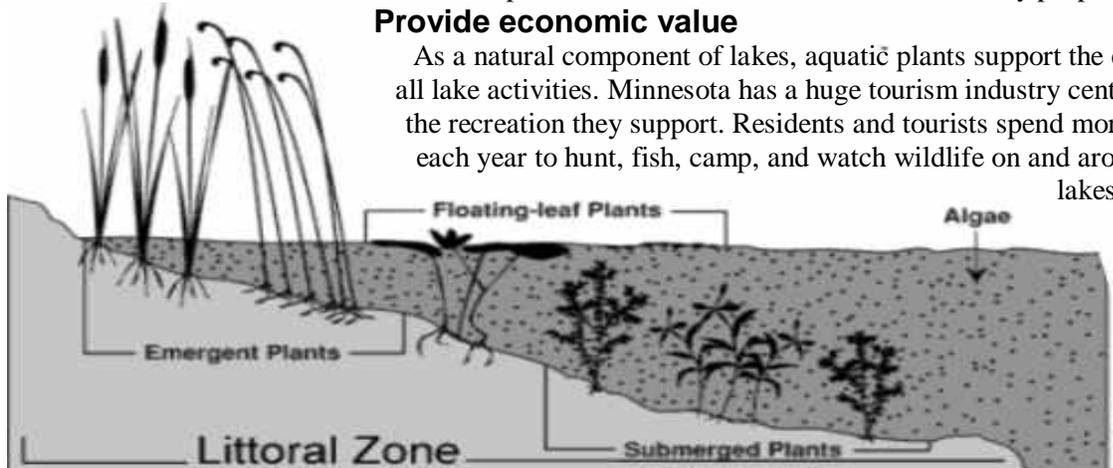
Improve aesthetics

The visual appeal of a lakeshore often includes aquatic plants, which are a natural, critical part of a lake community. Plants such as water lilies, arrowhead, and pickerelweed have flowers or leaves that many people enjoy.

Provide economic value

As a natural component of lakes, aquatic plants support the economic value of all lake activities. Minnesota has a huge tourism industry centered on lakes and the recreation they support. Residents and tourists spend more than \$1.5 billion each year to hunt, fish, camp, and watch wildlife on and around the state's

lakes. The wild rice harvesting industry alone is worth at least \$2 million to Minnesota's economy. 🐾



The Beaver and the Helds

By Pat and Carolyn Held

About twelve years ago, the county supported a program for lakeshore restoration. It was to create an environment that would be beneficial to wildlife and beautify the property. We applied for the grant and received it and we had to match the amount with money and/or labor. We were required to use native Minnesota trees and shrubs in the area. It took several years for it to look good. Part of the problem was the sandy soil and we did all the watering by hand. Upon putting the watering system in, the project took off and it really was looking good.

In the summer of 2007, we were coming in off the lake and we saw this purple leafed item in the water by our property. In checking it out, a beaver had come up and chewed off the chokecherry tree and dragged it to the water. However, he must have been bored that day and just wanted to sharpen his teeth. Needless to say we were rather irritated about losing the tree.

On Election Day, November 3, 2008, we looked out our window and the willow tree looked very unusual. In checking further the beaver had come back and gnawed off the willow tree. This was very disappointing as it had grown into a very nice tree giving home to many birds and growing by leaps and bounds with its home near the water. Again the beaver felled the tree and did not take much of the tree for his use. The next day however, he had come back to strip the tree of all the branches and left nothing but the stump and the tree cleaned of all its branches. Then looking around the paper birch was gnawed off as well and stripped of all its branches.

I guess the beaver elected to do his fall work on Election Day and fill his house with good wood. Moral of the story – it may be necessary to protect your trees from the wildlife. We created an environment for the wildlife, but we surely weren't expecting to help the beaver out in this manner. 🐿



Pat and Carolyn Held's naturalized shoreland restoration.



Their restoration has successfully attracted wildlife – including beaver damage.

Fall Membership Meeting

August 30, 2008, 9 a.m.

Pine Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll, Mike Willis, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Randy Kevern Not present: Anne Hanson, John Jacobson

President's Welcome

Mike Fedde called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the fall meeting.

Mike discussed the county's shoreline survey results. He emphasized the importance of a buffer to the health of the lake. County assistance is available for plantings. Mike described the non-native invasive plant, purple loosestrife, which displaces cattails and other native plants. The invasive plant can be controlled with "Rodeo", a herbicide for wet areas. Biologs were suggested for

shoreline erosion control instead of rip rap and provides a more natural shoreline.

Approval of May 24, 2008 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 24, 2008 membership meeting were printed in the August newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The major expense is the newsletter printing and mailing. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive it via email. 280 newsletters were mailed in August. Email <lakenewsletter@msn.com> to get on the emailing list.

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following report:

<i>Asset Balance 9/1/2007</i>	\$13,098.88
Income:	
Memberships, ads	\$1,125.00
Grants	160.00
Interest	117.89
Total Income	\$1,402.89
Expenses:	
Meeting expenses	50.00
Newsletters printing, postage	343.68
Other expenses	394.10
Total Expense	\$787.78
	\$615.11
<i>Balance on Hand Checking 5/22/2008</i>	\$349.87
<i>Balance in Savings 5/22/2008</i>	\$13,364.12
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$13,713.99

Water Quality

Al displayed the 2008 graphs for the lake level, which is currently 18.24 inches below the official high water level, and the rainfall so far this year, 13.31 inches since April 1. Historical graphs of these measurements and the water clarity are on the association website. The TSI measurement continues to remain around 40 to 42, indicating stability in water quality.

Al used a thermocline measuring device lent to us from the Pollution Control Agency that measures dissolved oxygen levels and temperature at one meter increments in the deep 52 foot hole in the lake. The Lake Association board approved purchase of one for use in the future. Bob Koll and Al Doree do the measurement the third Monday of each month. In the late summer there measures almost no oxygen in the deepest part of the lake around 13 meters. Our measurements are collected for trending by RMB Lab, MN Pollution Control Agency and the MN Department of Natural Resources.

Fishing

Rick Rosar followed up his spring meeting comments on the moon and sun effects on fishing. There are solarlunar charts to use and GPS units may also have it built in. He suggested asking about fishing trends at local bail shops, to be observant keep a log of fishing to spot trends in good fishing. He also mentioned that the fish will hover above the depths where there is low oxygen.

Membership

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 192 members, with a potential for around 20 more. 123 are three year memberships and 64 are one year memberships. The August newsletter included a list of reasons and benefits of joining the lake association. Carolyn asked if anyone is interested in replacing her as the membership coordinator, she is looking for a volunteer. On the Morrison County website, "Beacon" is the site where you can put your address and get property information.

Loon Report

Carolyn Held reported that artificial nests will continue to be placed. The membership indicated interest in having the association purchase "loon nesting" buoys to help boaters recognize areas that loons are nesting so they stay away. Loons need to be undisturbed for successful nesting and hatching. Nests too close to shore also allow predators to get the eggs.

Other wildlife noted in the area are otters. Marlene Freidl showed photos of otters on the ice in the spring when they fished in the open water and ate the fish while up on top of the ice. Bob Koll also told about watching them play and slide on the ice and down the hill in the winter. They are not seen much in the summer and they require a clean lake for their habitat.

Point Intercept Survey Report

Al Doree summarized the Point Intercept Survey (Aquatic Plant Survey) that was done on Lake Shamineau in 2005 by the DNR. It can be found on the DNR website. The staff doing the survey took samples with a rake in areas of 20 foot depth or less to the shoreline where aquatic vegetation is present. They recorded GPS points for every sample. They measured the number of species per sample and what the varieties of native species were present. Curlyleaf pondweed was found and is likely to have been present for 100 years. This survey provides a baseline for trends in the future. How often should the survey be performed and how could it be funded?

Other notes of interest: The DNR had staff at the boat access this summer giving people putting their boats in the lake an invasive aquatic plant species survey and education. Those who participated received a sticker to place on their boat trailer. Crookneck Lake has a tax assessment to treat their curlyleaf pondweed, which was thick this summer. The county shoreline survey done last summer has the summary completed, but the photos and lot numbers were mismatched and will be corrected and completed by October.

Other Business

Questions were asked by the members:

How many properties on the lake are year around residences? Probably the homestead status would best indicate this.

Why is the lake level lower, does watering lawns with lake water affect his? Al mentioned that he estimated how much watering would be required to lower the lake level when we had high water levels and it would be minimal. Rainfall and evaporation through heat or wind both affect lake levels. The dam and leveler in the southeast corner of the lake is dry – the watershed is not draining as much water as a few years ago. See the lakeshamineau.org website to see historical lake level and rainfall charts and graphs.

Comment on the boat parade, that is not sponsored by the association, indicated the feeling that it has gotten more

violent with large slingshot water balloon launchers that have hit children on boats, ruining the fun for them. Encouraged members to remind their guests to have fun without the possibility of hurting people. The proliferation of water balloons has also contributed to litter in the lake that can be swallowed by fish and loons, possibly causing problems. It was mentioned that there are biodegradable balloons to use.

Our annual fall door prizes were awarded. A member survey was included in the newsletter and available at the

meeting and if filled out was used to qualify members for the drawing. Items given out included a fillet knife, MN 2009 weatherguide calendar, MN Cabins book, handthrown pottery by the local potter Ken Maddox , and an ice fishing chair with storage.

Meeting was adjourned and ice cream sundaes were served.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

Board Meeting January 17, 2009 Hitchin' Rail Restaurant

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Pat Held, Al Doree, Jacquie Rognli Anne Hanson, Rick Rosar, John Jacobson, Sandy Williams

Absent: Bob Koll, Mike Willis, Randy KeVERN; Jen Buckentine

Treasurer's Report-Pat Held

Checking Balance	\$585.96
Savings Balance	\$13,169.14
Total	\$13,755.10

We received a \$100 matching grant from the Carlson Equity Fund. Approved renewal of association's membership to Minnesota Waters. Financial audit of the association books will take place at 8 am on May 23, 2009 prior to the spring membership meeting by John Jacobson, Jennifer Buckentine and Pat Held.

Membership report

- 204 members total
- 94 not members

28 prior members did not renew – reasons include selling property, deaths, etc.

Carolyn asked the board to consider whether due to financial times membership dues should be suspended one year. Discussion concluded that we would continue membership dues this year. Carolyn's report thanked the hard work of her volunteers: Joyce Larson, Tom Heltemes, Marlene Friedl, George and Lois Gammon, John Jacobson, Jennifer Buckentine, Bob and Cheryl Koll, Cheryl Mashuga and Don and Doris Amundson. The board also unanimously voiced their appreciation to Carolyn for her leadership and efforts as membership chairperson.

Membership Survey

There were 43 responses to the Membership Survey. The results did not cause the board to change scheduled meetings at this time.

Answers:

How many membership meetings should be held annually?

Two – 24 One – 16 No response – 3

If only one meeting per year, when?

Rank: 1 = Memorial Day weekend 2 = One week after Memorial Day weekend

3 = Labor Day Weekend 4 = Mid-July

There was some interest in Lake Shamineau merchandise, especially T-shirts, sweatshirts and caps. Augers resort and Camp Shamineau both have "Shamineau" merchandise and may be interested in having some available at the meeting for members to purchase.

Lakeshore Survey

County prepared Lake Survey – has been caught between changes in staff. Sadly, Tammy from the county who spoke to us last year unexpectedly passed away. Al will check with the county on when this survey will be completed.

Discussion about shoreline improvement grants and the grant we are to receive related to our lake plan. Jennifer is to check into this.

Other Business

The Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Conference will be held in Rochester on May 7-8. Jacquie and John are going to check if they could be available to attend. The board moved and approved to support 2 board members to attend, limit \$500 total.

Water testing was approved for 2009.

Newsletter ideas were discussed. Bob Koll will take care of the ads again this year.

Spring Meeting

Spring membership meeting is scheduled for 9 am at Scandia Valley. Information on biologists will be brought to the meeting for lakeshore protection/lakescaping. Assessors report of property sales on the lake will be requested and brought to the membership meeting. A handout will be prepared for the meeting noting membership benefits.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

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