# Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association May 29, 2006 10:00 AM at Lot 1 (Jim and Lavonne Clarke)

#### Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions / Attendance 24 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of May 30, 2005 meeting Motion to approve Loschen, second Luethje, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report \$5,369.53 on hand as of May 19, 2006. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. In 2005, we paid \$310.00 per lot for annual dues / fees. \$200.00 of this went to the Summerwood Association for common area fees, \$10.00 went to the Independence Day activities and \$100.00 was used for Morningstar annual expenses. Motion to accept and approve Treasurer's report was made by Woodruff, seconded by Pirnie and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meeting Minutes of the March 18, 2006 Summerwood meeting were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by our representative Russ Bayer:
  - a. Summerwood Directory A member survey will be forthcoming to seek information for a summerwood directory. Residents will be required to give their consent before inclusion.
  - b. Front Gate Please insure no one rides the front gate. Someone doing so could be seriously injured.
  - c. Burn Pit the existing burn pit will be closed this summer. A new location for placing of yard wastes (grass, leaves, shrub and tree limbs no greater than 8 inches in diameter) is being sought. A prime location is on Morningstar property just off the Summerwood Main road next to the old Morningstar Road, behind a clump of trees and shrubs. General topics of discussion included, alternatives to this site (a more open site or each cabin is responsible for their own yard waste), types of items to be allowed (no garbage), how often will it be picked up, suggesting a Mulch Pile be created, allowing only a one year test, all Summerwood lot owners will be educated on its purpose, and what will Morningstar get in return.

The following motion was made:

Summerwood will be allowed to construct a yard waste disposal site on the designated Morningstar Property, for a period of one year. If any garbage is thrown in this site, the site will be closed. Summerwood will be responsible for establishing and maintaining the site, and insuring the waste is removed at least once a month.

The Morningstar Board of Directors will negotiate the fee for use of this area. Motion made by Loschen, seconded by Houle approved 21 for and 2 against.

[After the Morningstar Meeting, the board unanimously approved the following guidelines and terms:

- 1) no poured concrete floor will be used during the test year,
- 2) the term of the test is one year,
- 3) if any garbage is thrown in the site it will be cleaned out and the site will be closed.
- 4) all cabins in Summerwood will be educated on the use of this site,
- 5) Summerwood will build and maintain the site with it being emptied at least once per month and possibly twice during the growing season.
- 6) Morningstar will not have to pay for road maintenance during the test year.

These conditions were presented to the President of Summerwood, who accepted them, but needed to bring them to the Board.]

[More after the meeting information – it turns out the spot selected may not be on Morningstar Land. If it is, the above applies, if it is on Summerwood Land then Summerwood will still follow most of the guidelines mentioned above, but Morningstar approval is not required.]

- d. Every resident is responsible for the actions of their family and all guests.
- e. Morningstar was assigned the month of August for front gate area maintenance. Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August was selected. Please meet at the gate at 9:00 AM, bringing weed eaters, trimmers, etc.
- f. Russ Bayer reported on the Nebraska Lake Association meeting held in late March. Our lakes are noted for high quality, but every effort must be made to keep them that way. Some General Recommendations from the University of Nebraska Lincoln for Water Quality Maintenance are:
  - 1. Avoid use of high phosphorus fertilizers on the lawns adjacent to the lake
  - 2. Sweep granular fertilizers from areas where runoff into lake is possible
  - 3. Prohibit grass clippings and leaf litter from entering the lake
  - 4. Prevent the erosion of nutrient-rich soils into the lake
  - 5. Follow strict septic system maintenance schedules
  - 6. limit water skiing to the deepest portions of the lake
  - 7. Avoid over fishing predatory fish such as largemouth bass and catfish
  - 8. Avoid under fishing pan fish such as bluegill and crappie
  - 9. Avoid the introduction of "rough fish" such as white perch and carp.
- g. Fireworks are scheduled for July 1, 2006. Please see Jim Crawford if you can help with set up and tear down.

## 5) Morningstar Business:

- a. Trees and shrubs can obstruct the maintenance of our road. Trees and shrubs must be cleared back to the edge of the road, and any overhanging branches must be at least 12 feet off the ground.
- b. There are some beavers building a dam near the discharge tube. This will be monitored to insure there are no blockages if our lake gets high enough to require the use of the tube.
- c. Volunteers for the Safety and Architecture committee were needed. Deb McCarty and Bernie Houle volunteered to serve on these committees.
- d. The Independence Day Celebration chaired by Evelyn Herbig in 2005 was another huge success. Evelyn is heading up the project again this year and a large number of volunteers are needed. Please contact Evelyn if you can help. Also, if you have items that can be donated for prizes please provide those to Evelyn as soon as possible, any extras will be used in the golf outing. A letter will be coming out detailing the activities, contacts and times. \$10.00 of the assessment is going to this activity. Thank you to everyone who makes this a great event.
- e. Lake Rules were reviewed, some discussion about the age of drivers was held. The 2006 Boating Guide cleared up the confusion. [No one under 18 can operate a boat unless he or she has completed a Boating Safety Course and is in possession of a valid Boating Safety Certificate Card. No one under 16 can tow a skier, tuber, wakeboard, etc.] A reminder that rule 7 indicates your lot number is required to be placed on the right side of your boat. No changes were made to the Lake Rules. McCarty moved to adopt the rules for 2006, Crawford seconded, passed unanimously.
- f. Additional research has been completed on lake aeration. It appears we can aerate the entire lake from five or six locations, at approximately \$1,000 per location, with annual electrical expense. With a motion by Carlson and a second by Woodruff, the association approved unanimously the expense up to \$1,000 to set up the first spot. Bayer will work on this project. First step is mapping the depth of the lake in various places and contacting the supplier.
- g. Please complete the registration form for your boat (if you have not already done so) and send in with your dues.
- h. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$200.00 for 2006, in addition, after the meeting the Morningstar Board set the Morningstar assessment at \$110.00. Therefore, the assessment per lot for 2006 is \$310.00. Please make payable to Morningstar Lake Association and mail to:

Jim McCabe P.O. Box 39

## Exeter, NE 68351

### or deliver to Cabin 17.

- i. Annual Golf outing please put on your calendar July 29, 2006 for the annual outing. Linda & Jim McCabe and Cathy and Bernie Houle are organizing More information to follow.
- j. A lake roster will be sent out with this mailing. Please correct any errors and let Russ Bayer know so we can update everyone.
- k. More on the beavers they were busy this past year and created a mess with trees and shrubs. There will be a special beaver cleanup on Sunday June 11 at 8:30 AM. If you can help, meet at the cross roads.
- 1. The dock by the boat ramp is becoming a safety concern. Please let Jim Clarke know if you believe it needs to stay there, otherwise it may be pulled out.

# 6) Election of Directors

Bob Herbig and Chris MacKnight terms are up this year. Deb McCarty was elected to replace Chris MacKnight, and Bob Herbig was reelected. Their terms expire at the annual meeting in 2009. The directors are:

Todd Ricenbaw	-	2007	Jim Clarke	-	2007
Eldon James	-	2008	Darrell Loschen	-	2008
Bob Herbig	-	2009	Deb McCarty	-	2009

The new officers for the 2006 – 2007 term are Bob Herbig – President, Todd Ricenbaw – Vice President. Jim McCabe and Russ Bayer remain the Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM on a motion by Woodruff and second by Houle, approved unanimously by all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted.

Russ Bayer Secretary