

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association  
May 28, 2007  
10:00 AM at Lot 30 (Bob and Evelyn Herbig)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 25 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2006 meeting – Motion to approve Loschen, second Bayer, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report - \$6,231.42 on hand as of May 19, 2007. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. In 2006, 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 Bayer, seconded by Loschen and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meeting – Minutes of the October 7, 2006 and March 24, 2007 Summerwood Board meetings were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by Eldon James and Russ Bayer:
  - a. Summerwood Directory – The Directory will be printed and delivered in June.
  - b. Front Gate Area – We will not be involved in the front area cleanup / mowing as we have hired someone to mow it once a month. A new well is also being drilled to insure our investment in the plants is not wasted.
  - c. New Collection Area – please follow the posted rules at the collection area. If we through the wrong items or the wrong size items in the area the individuals hired to empty the holding areas will not be able to do so.
  - d. Every resident is responsible for the actions of their family and all guests.
  - e. 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.

During this conversation there was discussion about the size of the bass in the lake. Though no motion was made or passed there was discussion about stopping the catch and release for awhile to see if the bass population might get larger in size not quantity. Additionally we should continue to clear out the carp and gar if caught.

- f. Fireworks are scheduled for June 30, 2007. Please see Jim Crawford if you can help with tear down.

#### 5) Morningstar Business:

- a. Trees and shrubs can obstruct emergency vehicle use of our roads. A new rule was added to our lake rules as follows: In order to allow the passage of emergency vehicles it is the responsibility of lot owners to keep shrubs and trees trimmed to the width of the road an up 14 feet if they hang over the road. A motion was made by Loschen and seconded by James to adopt this rule. Passed unanimously.
- b. A great conversation about the cooperation shown on our lake, and generally speaking how well everyone gets along. Everyone is encouraged to go directly to the offender if there is a violation of a lake rule, or an unsafe act.
- c. Remember all State Boating rules apply to our lake including age of operators.
- d. Rule 12 calls for a maximum of three speed boats at any one time on the lake (going over 5 mph). If you are pulling skiers or tubers please be aware of other boaters wanting to use the lake and allow them to get on. During busy weekends please consider limiting your trips around the lake to three or four so others may use the lake.
- e. All guests must follow the lake rules – lot owners are responsible.
- f. The Independence Day Celebration chaired by Evelyn Herbig in 2006 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. The theme for this year’s boat parade is “Hooray for Hollywood!” Linda McCabe will be sending out a letter with details on the entire day (June 30).
- g. Lake Rules were reviewed, some discussion about the use of ATVs was mentioned. Currently the rules ban ATV’s – no changes were made. Remember lot numbers must be displayed on the right side of your boat.

- h. Lake Aeration – Pricing was obtained for two different approaches to aerating the lake. A committee was formed at the Summerwood level to see if better pricing can be obtained if we order together.
- i. The Lake road needs some repair – Jim Crawford will look into cost and report to the Board.
- j. With all the rains and runoff, the lake needs to be dredged. Individual lots pay for the service in front of their lot, the common area will be paid for by Morningstar. Eldon James will contact Overland and see if the portable dredger is still available. More information to follow.
- k. The boat ramp is in need of repair. Eldon will contact overland.
- l. Please complete the registration form for your boat (if you have not already done so) and send in with your dues. (Copy attached to these minutes)
- m. 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 \$150.00. Therefore, the assessment per lot for 2007 is **\$350.00**. Please make payable to Morningstar Lake Association and mail to:

Jim McCabe  
P.O. Box 39  
Exeter, NE 68351

or deliver to Cabin 17.

The additional \$40.00 per cabin is necessary to begin funding four major projects: Lake Dredging, Boat Ramp Repair, Gravel for Roads and the aeration. More funds will likely be needed, but information will be provided and more discussion will occur at that time.

- n. Annual Golf outing – please put on your calendar August 18, 2007 for the annual outing. Sue & Jim Crawford and Cathy and Donn Mann are organizing - More information to follow. (Linda Robinson-Rutz with another couple will be chairing the 2008 outing)
- o. A lake roster will be sent out with this mailing. Please correct any errors and let Russ Bayer know so we can update everyone.
- p. Darroll Loschen was elected to replace Eldon James who has served over seven years on the Summerwood Board. Darroll's term begins in September. Thanks Eldon for all of your hard work and leadership getting Summerwood off on the right track!

## 6) Election of Directors

Todd Ricenbaw and Jim Clarke terms are up this year. Clarke Woodruff and Dan Pleasant were elected to replace them. Their terms expire at the annual meeting in 2010. The directors are:

Eldon James	-	2008	Darrell Loschen	-	2008
Bob Herbig	-	2009	Deb McCarty	-	2009
Clarke Woodruff	-	2010	Dan Pleasant	-	2010

The new officers for the 2007 – 2008 term are Deb McCarty – President, Dan Pleasant – Vice President. Jim McCabe and Russ Bayer remain the Treasurer and Secretary respectively. (The Morningstar Board will be meeting on June 30, 2007 at 8:00 AM to discuss which projects we can fund this year).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM on a motion by Crawford and second by James, approved unanimously by all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer  
Secretary

**Morning Star Lake Association  
Treasurer's Report**

May 19, 2006 to May 19, 2007

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance	\$1,721.87
Receipts:	
Annual Dues (37 lots x \$310)	<u>\$11,470.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$13,191.87</u></b>

Expenses:

Fourth of July - Expenses	\$359.58
So. Pwr Dist. - Lights	\$150.05
Summerwood Lake Assoc. - Dues	\$7,200.00
D & O. Liability Ins.	\$866.00
General Liability Ins.	\$1,715.98
Merrick County - Real Estate Tax	\$223.24
Secretary of State - Corporate Fee	\$20.00
Nebraska Lake Association - Dues	\$100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$10,634.85</u></b>

**Ending Balance of Checking Account** **\$2,557.02**

**Savings Account**

Beginning Balance	\$3,647.66
Transfer from Checking Account	
Interest Earned	<u>\$26.74</u>
<b>Ending Balance of Savings Account</b>	<b><u>\$3,674.40</u></b>

**Total Balance on Hand  
of Checking and Savings Accts** **\$6,231.42**

# Morningstar Boat Registration:

Please fill in & return to a board of director.

Name of cabin/boat owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin (lot) number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

NE registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat VIN number: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Inboard \_\_\_\_\_ Outboard \_\_\_\_\_ Jet \_\_\_\_\_

Horsepower Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_