

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association**  
**May 29, 2017**  
**10:00 AM at Lot 12 (Gwen and Russ Bayer)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 26 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 30, 2016 meeting – Motion to approve Linda Robinson Rutz, second Tom Pirnie, approved unanimously.
- 3) Special presentation by Kirstin Fasbender, Executive Director of the Central City Area Chamber of Commerce. Kirstin provided literature on what is happening in and around Central City, including Lone Days, June 30 through July 4, 2017. Kirstin can be reached at [ccareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:ccareachamber@gmail.com) or by calling (308) 946-3897 for any information about Central City.
- 4) Treasurer’s Report - \$34,440.00 on hand as of May 29, 2017. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). Motion to accept and approve Treasurer’s report was made by Curt Carlson, seconded by Linda McCabe and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.
- 5) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the fall 2016 and spring 2017 Summerwood Board meetings were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by Russ Bayer and Jim Luethje, Morningstar Representatives to the Summerwood Lake Association:
  - a. FIREWORKS: Fireworks scheduled for Saturday, July 1, with rain date of Sunday, July 2, 2017
  - b. COLLECTION/REFUSE AREA: Bryan Driewer will continue removing items from collection area. Timing depends on his farming operation. Everyone is asked to please review the rules for placement of refuse in the collection area:
    - i. Please observe the signs at the refuse area
    - ii. Tree branches no more than 8 inches in diameter and 10 feet long, including stumps or whole trees. Lot owners only can use the dump station for tree trimmings.
    - iii. Decorating timbers or dimension lumber cannot be dumped there.
    - iv. Private contractors may use the refuse area only for refuse acquired from Summerwood lot-owners and that refuse must fall within the Summerwood guidelines.
    - v. Grass clippings and leaves: Only grass clippings and lawn material may be dumped. No paper, plastic bags, garbage, cans, etc.
    - vi. Dump material as far back as possible
  - c. GATE: Gate working well now. Current gate code for entering is: **#0515**. A question was asked if we should change the code since it is so readily available. The representatives will bring that to the board. Gate is open from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm on weekdays, and closed on weekends. If you have the north gate open for guests, it is your responsibility to close it again after a reasonable time (e.g., 2 hours). Summerwood Board members have been encouraged to shut and lock the gate if it remains open longer. After guests are in, getting out again is automatic.

- d. Front Gate Area Maintenance: Our own Evelyn Herbig and Lana Walker have taken on the task of keeping the front area cleaned up and maintained – THANK YOU
- e. BERM EXPENSES: The Summerwood Board has agreed to repair and replace the berm along the Platte by Bucktail.
- f. BUDGET FOR 2017: The Summerwood Board budget for the year requires an assessment for each lot-owner at \$200/lot.
- g. MORNINGSTAR REPRESENTATIVES TO SUMMERWOOD BOARD: Russ Bayer's term ends in 2017; Jim Crawford was nominated by Linda Robinson Rutz, second by Linda McCabe and elected unanimously to serve a three-year term.
- h. INVASIVE SPECIES: A long conversation led by Jim Luethje and Tom Steinbach regarding the Zebra Mussel and how to delay / prevent this pest from entering the lakes. It all comes down to the honesty of the residents to follow the rules established, and being vigilant to make sure unknown watercraft of any type are not allowed on our lakes.

#### 6) Morningstar Business:

- a. Fish Habitat: Tom Steinbach reported on our lake water quality and fish habitat. The fish population continues to improve and we had our first stocking last fall. Money remains in the budget for two more years of stocking. REMINDER: Catch and release, though if you would like to catch and cook a few fish only larger bluegill and crappie should be kept. Thanks to both Curt Carlson and Tom for placing fish habitat over the winter.

A reminder about maintaining water quality:

- Keep grass clippings and leaves out of lake
  - Use no phosphorus fertilizer. Tom reported that the excrement from one goose for one season is the equivalent of the phosphorus from three acres of fertilized lawn. Keep the geese away.
- b. NLA Spring Management Conference: The invasive species discussion continues. A reminder about our two week rule. The lake rules will be corrected to more accurately reflect last year's motion. It is very important to control who has access to the lake. As stated in our lake rules individuals, not resident of the lake, must have the permission of a lot owner to fish / use our lake. Tom Steinbach will acquire signage for the lake to notify anyone of this rule.
- c. The Board of Directors met on May 28, 2017 to discuss the boat ramp and boat gate. The board approved spending up to \$3,500.00 to build a new floating boat dock, and replace the chain with a locking gate. Jim Luethje and Barry Handrup volunteered to lead this project.
- d. The Independence Day Celebration is on July 1. Once again, Sue Luethje has graciously agreed to organize. More information to follow.

For a brief period of time between 3 and 4 PM the lake will have no wake so the kayak races can be conducted.

- e. Lake Rules were reviewed with a reminder only lot owner watercraft are allowed on lake. The labeling of watercraft with Lot Number is required for all types of water craft. 2017 rules will be sent to all lots.

- f. Please complete the registration form for your boat (if you have not already done so) and send in with your dues. Only one form is needed per boat, and you only need to redo if you have a new boat. (Attachment 2)
- g. The 2017 Boating Guide is available at <http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/i/597534-boating-guide-2017>.
- h. Lake Dinner: Manning's will be hosting the Lake Adult Dinner on August 12<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.
- i. The Loschen's have announced this is the last year of Pirate's Cove. If anyone would like to take this over, please contact them. Thank you to the Loschen's for making this area so enjoyable over the last many years!!!
- j. The Beckwith's cautioned everyone pulling tubes from the back side making the turn in front of their cabin to move closer to the island. There have been a couple of incidents where the tubes have come DANGEROUSLY close to their dock.
- k. Curt Carlson will work on grading the road this summer.
- l. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$200.00 for 2017. The Board of Directors met on May 28, 2017 and decided that Morningstar dues would stay at \$200.00 per lot. The total assessment per lot for 2017 is **\$400.00** which is the same as last year. Please make payable to Morningstar Lake Association and mail to:  
 Jane Steinbach  
 310 Laramie Trail  
 Lincoln, NE 68521  
  
 or deliver to Cabin 25.

7) Election of Directors

In a motion made by Linda Robinson Rutz and seconded by James Nathan the following slate of Directors was identified:

Tom Manning and Barry Handrup - Morningstar Board with terms expiring in 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

The directors are:

Bob Herbig	-	2018	Brianne Bayer	-	2018
Tom Steinbach	-	2019	Dan Pleasant	-	2019
Barry Handrup	-	2020	Tom Manning	-	2020

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

After the meeting the Morningstar Board met. The following actions were taken:

a. Officers for the next year were elected unanimously:

President - Barry Handrup  
Vice President – Dan Pleasant  
Treasurer – Jane Steinbach  
Secretary - Russ Bayer

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Bayer*

Russ Bayer  
Secretary

## Attachment 1

### Morningstar Lake Association Treasurer Report May 25, 2015 through May 30, 2016

#### Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 485.02

#### Receipts:

2016 Dues 14,800.00

Dredging project 549.92

**Total Receipts:** 15,349.92

#### Expenses:

Southern Power District 680.03

Summerwood Dues (\$200.00 X 37 lots) 7,400.00

Biennial Fee 23.00

Sign 94.55

General liability insurance 1,569.72

Directors & Officers liability insurance 1,118.00

Nebraska Lake Association - 2017 125.00

Nebraska Lake Association - conference 20.00

Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes) 99.60

Transfer to Savings 1,900.00

Dredging project - Nebraska Lake Management (lake survey) 1,065.00

Dredging project - Nebraska Lake Management (fish) 1,045.00

**Total Expenses:** 15,139.90

Ending Balance 695.04

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#### Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 31,828.35

#### Receipts:

Interest 16.61

Transfer from checking 1,900.00

Ending Balance 33,744.96

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Total Balance for both checking and savings **34,440.00**

**Combined Checking & Savings Accounts:**

Beginning Balance	27,715.56
<b>Receipts:</b>	
2016 Dues	14,800.00
Loan payment	549.92
Interest on savings account	16.61
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	15,366.53
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Southern Power District	680.03
Summerwood Dues (\$200.00 X 37 lots)	7,400.00
Biennial Fee	23.00
Sign	94.55
General liability insurance	1,569.72
Directors & Officers liability insurance	1,118.00
Nebraska Lake Association - 2017	125.00
Nebraska Lake Association - conference	20.00
Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes)	99.60
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	11,129.90
Ending Balance	31,952.19

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**Dredging project:**

Beginning Balance	4,597.81
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Nebraska Lake Management (lake survey)	1,065.00
Nebraska Lake Management (fish)	1,045.00

<b>Total Expenses:</b>	2,110.00
Ending Balance	2,487.81
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Grand total of checking and savings	<b>34,440.00</b>

**Attachment 2**

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_