

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association
May 26, 2014
10:00 AM at Lot 27 (Eldon and Pat James)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 27 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 27, 2013 meeting – Motion to approve Russ Bayer, second Linda McCabe, approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's Report - \$23,086.14 on hand as of May 26, 2014. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). Motion to accept and approve Treasurer's report was made by Linda McCabe, seconded by Russ Bayer and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.

Discussion regarding our insurance limits and coverage was held at this point. \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 total for Morningstar common areas. Privately held lots are not covered in any way.

4) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 Summerwood Board meetings were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by Darroll Loschen, Morningstar Representative to the Summerwood Lake Association:

- a. The Annual Summerwood Assessment is \$200.00 per lot.
- b. Independence Day Fireworks are set for July 5, 2014 with a rain date of July 6.
- c. A web page is being designed for Summerwood Resorts; still waiting on feedback from other lakes.
- d. Lana and Dennis Walker are the new executive Secretary / Treasurer for Summerwood. Bob Norvell has retired after 15 plus years in the position. Many thanks to Bob.
- e. Please insure you only use the collection area for authorized items and sizes. Mr. Urban is unable to haul away the wood and grasses until the place where he has been placing it dries out.
- f. Uniform front mailboxes are coming up again. More research is to be done. Can we get the group mailboxes that are now seen in some areas? Post office will be contacted.
- g. As reported in the minutes, Summerwood, is investing in the front area by installing sprinkler system and refreshing the landscaping.
- h. Sundance purchased the land that is adjacent to the Summerwood area from Vayden and Joy Anderson and JAVA. This area was discussed at the 2013 Morningstar Lake meeting (see previous minutes).

- i. At the May 4th Special Meeting of the Summerwood Board, a Safety Patrol Officer was approved for the three main holiday weekends: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. The functions of this officer are attached (Attachment 2). The Safety Officer is Todd Church, a Merrick County Deputy, who lives in Clarks, NE. His cell number is 308-548-8765.

There was some discussion around the wording of the guidelines, specifically around item 4. The group had recommendations for changing that wording which Loschen and Bayer will take back to the Board.

Letters and numbers may be purchased to have Todd give to individuals who have not appropriately labeled their vehicles.

- j. Summerwood Garage Sale the weekend of June 7 and June 8.
- k. General comments on a few items:
 - 1. Please review, and have all of your guests review, the blue information board near the entrance of the resort area. Good information for all.
 - 2. Estimates are being gathered to finish the asphalt project to the end of the Summerwood road.
 - 3. Keep the speed limits
 - 4. ATV's / Four wheelers are not allowed on Summerwood property other than for lot maintenance.
- l. The Summerwood Directories were handed out to those in attendance.
- m. Russ Bayer was reelected to the Summerwood Board as the representative from Morningstar Lake.

5) Morningstar Business:

- a. Dredging update: Transportation of the sand remains the stopping point. A proposal is being sought from Overland Sand & Gravel to both dredge and haul the sand. A name / number was also provided for a company that may be able to haul the sand if we hire a dredging company. A couple of other options are also being sought.
- b. Established the wake boating water level. A new post permanently located at the lake boat ramp indicating the "no wake" level has been placed in to position. If you do not see white below the black line, the lake is in a no wake condition.
- c. The Independence Day Celebration is on July 5. No one has come forward though Darcy Pleasant is willing to coordinate, needs help with theme. Some volunteers stepped forward:
 - i. Luethje's will organize the Treasurer Hunt
 - ii. McCabe's will have Pony rides
 - iii. Bayer's hosting the volleyball tournament 9:00 AM to noon
 - iv. McCabe's will have live music from 7:30 PM to the fireworks

- v. Pleasant's children's games
- vi. Ramaekers will be doing snow cones this year
- vii. Lunch is up in the air, but Pirnie's have offered up the tennis court on their lot to hold the event.
- viii. There may be a kayak race as well.

Please step up if you can help coordinate the day, or want to help in any way.

- d. Lake Rules were reviewed with reminders:
 - i. Only lot owner boats are allowed on lake
 - ii. Speed boating is only allowed from 9:30 AM to sunset.
 - iii. NEW RULE: In order to protect our lake from the Zebra Mussel threat the following motion was made by Rutz and seconded by Linda McCabe - No water craft of any type, including trailers carrying the water craft, will be allowed into or on Morningstar Lake unless the craft and trailer have been thoroughly cleaned with a high pressure sprayer greater than 1040 degrees, OR the craft and trailer are kept out of water to dry for at least five days. Unanimous approval.
- e. Related to the new rule to protect us from the Zebra Mussel, it was also discussed if you bring in live bait, specifically minnows, do not just grab a bucket of water from another lake and add minnows from that or other lakes. There is no telling what you may be introducing to Morningstar.
- 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 3)
- g. Speed Bumps: The placement of the portable speed bumps purchased last year was discussed in great detail. A motion was made and passed to not use the speed bumps this year (14 to 11). After more discussion another motion to rescind the first motion was made and passed (20 to 4). The following motion was then made by Linda McCabe and seconded by Eldon James:

We will not place the speed bumps out this year, unless, based on a decision by the Morningstar Board, it is determined the speed bumps are needed. If the speed bumps are placed they will be positioned to allow bicycles and golf carts to go around the speed bump on the non-lake side.

This motion passed 22 to 5

Another motion was made by Jim Crawford and seconded by Linda Rutz to purchase two signs one for each end of the road stating: "No unauthorized commercial traffic allowed." This motion passed unanimously.

- h. Lack of Blue Gill. There is concern that the annual spraying is impacting the cover for Blue Gill, which are the feeder fish for the bass. Some discussion was made about creating a few cover areas for fish. Also, it was suggested that we limit the spraying of the weeds in front of our cabins to the area we use for swimming.

- i. Lake Dinner: Herbig and Crawford will be hosting the Lake Adult Dinner on August 2, 2014. More details to follow.
- j. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$200.00 for 2014. After the meeting the Board of Directors decided that Morningstar dues would stay at \$200.00 per lot. The total assessment per lot for 2014 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.

6) Election of Directors

Barry Handrup and Jim Luethje were elected as Directors with terms expiring in 2017. Motion made by Linda McCabe, seconded by Linda Rutz and passed unanimously.

The directors are:

Bob Herbig	-	2015	Brianne Bayer	-	2015
Tom Steinbach	-	2016	Dan Pleasant	-	2016
Barry Handrup	-	2017	Jim Luethje	-	2017

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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

- a. Officers for the next year were elected unanimously:

President - Tom Steinbach
 Vice President – Brianne Bayer
 Treasurer – Jane Steinbach
 Secretary - Russ Bayer

- b. Set the lake assessment as identified in minutes above at \$200.00 plus the \$200.00 for Summerwood brings the total to \$400.00

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer

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 Secretary

Attachment 1

Morningstar Lake Association Treasurer Report May 27, 2013 through May 26, 2014

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance **6,679.75**

Receipts:

2013 Dues = \$400/lot x37 lots less \$120.00 Overpayment in 2012) 14,680.00

2014 Dues (prepayment) 400.00

July 4th Donation 150.00

Total Receipts: 15,230.00

Expenses:

Southern Power District (20.55 per month) 246.60

Summerwood Dues 7,400.00

Pipe expenses 17.03

Basketball hoop 50.00

General Liability insurance April, 2013 to June, 2013 842.54

General Liability insurance June, 2013 to June, 2014 1,677.87

July 4th expenses 489.71

Directors & Officers Liability Insurance 1,147.00

Speed Bumps 2,408.95

Mosquito spraying from 2011 225.00

Merrick Co Treasurer (Real Estate Taxes) 120.10

Total Expenses: 14,624.80

Ending Balance 7,284.95

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 15,791.71

Receipts:

Interest 9.48

Ending Balance 15,801.19

Total balance for both checking and savings 23,086.14

Attachment 2

Summerwood Lakes Association
Functions of the Safety Patrol Officer
Guidelines
2014

1. Patrol the Summerwood roads on all holiday weekends (Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July weekend, Labor Day weekend) and other times as directed by the Summerwood President, acting on behalf the Summerwood Board of Directors.
2. Police the roads, assuring that the following Summerwood rules are being followed:
 - a. No one under 16 years of age may drive a golf cart on Summerwood roads, unless accompanied by a licensed driver.
 - b. All vehicles are to observe posted speed limits.
 - c. No ATV's (including 3-wheelers and 4-wheelers) are to be used on Summerwood roads, unless their use is for policing a lot-owners' property.
 - d. All dogs not contained on their owners' lots or vehicle must be on a leash.
 - e. All golf carts are to be identified by their lake and lot number.
 - f. Follow-up of any lot-owners' complaints about drivers, or mischief on Summerwood property or roads, is in the purview of the Safety Patrol Officer, as he/she is directed by the Summerwood President.
 - g. Boating infractions on individual lakes are not in the purview of the Summerwood Safety Officer.
3. The roads should be patrolled at least twice daily on designated weekends.
4. No one is to be stopped if they are behaving sensibly, even if they have an alcoholic beverage in their possession.
5. In the event that violations of the above rules are discovered, the Safety Patrol Officer should:
 - a. Obtain the lot-owner's lake and lot number.
 - b. Follow the violator to his/her lake and lot, and cordially explain to the lot-owner the violation that was observed.
 - c. Document each violation and forward a report to the Summerwood President.
 - d. The Summerwood President will:
 - i. Notify the President of the involved lake association of the infraction.
 - ii. Decide whether or not specific action should be taken, in accordance with Summerwood Rules.
 - iii. If action is to be taken, it will follow the published Summerwood Protocol (see "Summerwood Lake Association Rules"):
 1. Violators shall first be given a written warning.
 2. If a second violation of the same rule occurs in any 12 month period, the lot owner shall be assessed \$200.
 3. If a third or subsequent violation occurs within the 12-month period, the lot owner shall be assessed #500.
 4. All fines assessed against a lot owner shall constitute a lien against the property owned by the lot owner.

SUMMERWOOD LAKE ASSOCIATION ROAD RULES

1. ROADS USAGE: All Summerwood roads will be used solely for ingress, egress, or maintenance purposes. Only motorized vehicles that are registered under the laws of the State of Nebraska or any other state of the United States and operated by a licensed driver shall be allowed to use Summerwood roads. Except that golf carts or other small motorized utility vehicles that cannot exceed 20 mph may be operated on Summerwood roads for other than egress or maintenance purposes by either a licensed driver or unlicensed driver if accompanied by a licensed driver. The lot number and lake letter at least 2" in size shall be located on both sides of the vehicle. The lot owner shall have liability insurance, and show proof of, upon request.
2. GOLF CARTS OR OTHER QUALIFYING UTILITY VEHICLES: Golf carts or other qualifying utility vehicles shall not be operated on Summerwood roads between dusk and dawn unless equipped with both headlights and taillights.
3. ATV'S, mini-bikes, and snowmobiles: At no time are ATV's as defined by Nebraska Revised Statute 860-337 or as modified, or snowmobiles as defined by Nebraska Revised Statute 860- 350 or as modified to be operated on Summerwood roads, except that ATV's may be utilized for property maintenance purposes.
4. DOG RESTRAINTS: Dogs shall be allowed on Summerwood roads or in the commons areas only if accompanied by an owner or caretaker and kept on a leash or lead at all times.
5. ADOPTION OF RULES: All Summerwood Road Rules have been adopted by each individual lake association of the Summerwood Lake Association.

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: _____