

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association
May 27, 2019
10:00 AM at Lot 6 (Barry and Ardith Handrup)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 24 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 28, 2018 meeting – Motion to approve Linda Robinson Rutz, second Tom Pirnie, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report - \$37,123.13 on hand as of May 27, 2019. A copy of the report and an accounting of the dredging project funds is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). Motion to accept and approve Treasurer’s report was made by Jana Niewohner, seconded by Curt Carlson and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the fall 2018 and spring 2019 Summerwood Board meetings were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by Jim Crawford and Russ Bayer, Morningstar Representatives to the Summerwood Lake Association:
 - a. Review of Summerwood Sept 2018 and April 2019 Meetings
 - i. Common area update:

Thanks to all involved in keeping the front area looking great. Some dead trees were removed, and stumps will be ground out soon. Please do not park on the grass area up front.
 - ii. Invasive Species:

The Summerwood Board has no authority over individual lakes, each lake must take its own action to insure the lake is not infested. The following suggestions are applicable:

 - Each Lake should create its own policy regarding access to the lake with any watercraft.
 - Lakes should be proactive in preventing any foreign water coming into their lake. Canoes, kayaks, life vests, water toys are all carriers.
 - Ongoing education and awareness are always important
 - **Any contractor coming into a lake should be completely inspected and forced to obey the rules of the lake.**
 - www.neinvasives.com has good information
 - iii. Road Expenses:

The road is monitored regularly by Leroy Gerard. It will be sealed this year. Resurfacing is still a few years off.
 - iv. Front Gate:

The front gate is working for now. The board is looking at alternative gate systems.

b. Summerwood Annual Assessment - \$250.00

c. Fireworks

- The Summerwood fireworks show will be Saturday, July 6, 2019, the rain date is Sunday, July 7, 2019.
- In 2020 the 4th of July, falls on a Saturday. The board has communicated with the company that provides our show each year. Though they are not able to put on the show for us directly on the 4th, they are willing to train individuals in 2019 to put on the show in 2020. The vendor will supply all the materials and training. A separate email will be going out to look for volunteers who are willing to commit. **Two lots have stepped forward (Tim Svoboda – Lot 4, Morningstar and Cy Kiani – Lot 23, Sundance. Thanks to both!**

d. Collection area update

- Thank you to Scott W for burning and cleaning up the collection area. The same process is planned for 2019, HOWEVER, please only grass and leaves in the grass and leaf area, NO STICKS.
- Thanks to Tom Manning for helping keep the area cleaned up after the burn. Please put your collection items all the way to the back of the area.
- Please follow the posted rules for the dimension of items that can be disposed.

5) Morningstar Business:

- a. Water Quality / Fish Habitat: Tom Steinbach reported on our lake water quality and fish habitat. The fish population continues to improve. REMINDER: Catch and release

Tom is working with the state to test the water quality of the lake. Once complete a report will be provided to all. A reminder about maintaining water quality:

Based on conversations with Aquatic Biologists, and other water quality experts here are some steps that are critical to stabilizing clarity and water quality:

- 1) Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the lake. There are enough trees around that the lakes get their own share of leaves, but we should not dump or blow leaves or clippings into the lake
- 2) Use no phosphorus fertilizers on our lawns
- 3) Use mulching mowers to reduce fertilizer requirements
- 4) Be aware of what drains from your lawns, driveways and homes.
- 5) Keep high concentration of waterfowl (geese) out of the lake.

Not doing these things will cause more nutrients to be added to the lake. More nutrients equal decreased water quality and increased blue-green algae blooms. Tom reported that

the excrement from one goose for one season is the equivalent of the phosphorus from three acres of fertilized lawn.

- b. NLA Spring Management Conference: Tom S reported on the NLA Spring meeting. The invasive species discussion continues. A reminder about our two-week rule. Life vests, water toys, anything that has been in one body of water and brought to our lake must follow this rule. It is very important to control who and what has access to the lake. **Please do not use any live bait that is in water from another source outside our lake.** For example, minnows from another lake or purchased and delivered in water from someplace else is not acceptable. Worms are okay to use. As stated in our lake rules non-resident of the lake, must have the permission of a lot owner to fish / use our lake.
- c. The Independence Day Celebration is on July 6, 2019. Once again, Sue Luethje has graciously agreed to organize. More information to follow. **Thank you to all who have donated items for the giveaways in the past. Please bring in any items you can donate this year to Sue at Lot 32.** The theme this year is Hawaiian Luau. Various activity organizers from last year have agreed to continue those duties this year.

Volleyball - Beckwiths will be facilitating the volleyball, as the Bayers will be gone. Volleyball will still be on Lot 13.

Pony Rides – Sam & Lynn Marchese – Lot 15/16

Lunch – Jim & Janet Nathan / Tom & Sue Pirnie – Lot 7/8

Decorated Golf Cart Judges – Kim & Shari Hoffman – Lot 10

Kid Games – Curt & Carla Carlson – Lot 26

Poker Run – Jim & Linda McCabe – Lot 17/18

Caddyshack Gold – Chuck & Deb Beckwith – Lot 2

Scavenger Hunt – Jim & Sue Luethje – Lot 32

Kayak Races – Bernie & Cathy Houle – Lot 19

Ice Cream Treats – Tom & Jennifer Wood – Lot 33

Mimosa / Bloody Mary – Mark & Jana Niewohner – Lot 28

Margaritaville on July 5 – Bob & Evelyn Herbig – Lot 30

- d. Lake Rules were reviewed - items discussed that are currently rules of the lake:
 - 1. Only lot owner watercraft are allowed on lake.
 - 2. The labeling of watercraft with Lot Number is required for all types of water craft. Please place the Lot Number on the right side of the all watercraft near the front. Please place your watercraft updated by July 4th. Thank you.

3. Maximum length of tow ropes is 60'. The Beckwith's will be moving the warning buoy in a little as it drifted out. Skiers and tubers should stay to the big island side of the buoy.
 4. All golf carts or similar vehicles must be labeled
 5. The speed limit is 15 mph on Morningstar Road
 6. 2019 rules will be sent to all lots. At the next annual meeting we will be voting to re-approve our lake rules. If there are items that should be added or changed please let the board know so they can be placed on the agenda.
- e. 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)
- f. The 2019 Boating Guide is available at <http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/outdoornebraska/nebraska-boating-guide-2019-2>. All state of Nebraska boating rules apply to our lake.
- g. Annual Morningstar Dinner: Pleasant's will be hosting the Lake adult supper this summer. More details to follow.
- h. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$250.00 for 2019. The Morningstar Board of Directors met on May 27, 2019, after the lake annual meeting, and set the Morningstar dues at \$250.00 per lot, with \$50.00 of this amount to be placed a reserve fund for future Summerwood Road maintenance expense. The total assessment per lot for 2019 is **\$500.00**. Please make payable to Morningstar Lake Association and mail to:
- Jane Steinbach
310 Laramie Trail
Lincoln, NE 68521
- or deliver to Cabin 25.

6) Old Business

a. No Wake Discussion:

The no wake guidelines were discussed. The high water does have an impact on shorelines, please observe the no wake posting. The current mark for when the wake is too high is along the lake wall at Lot 26.

b. Speed limits / Speed Bumps

Non-lake residents are increasing their speeds on the Morningstar Road. A motion made by Bernie Houle and second by Tom Steinbach was made to place on speed bump on the road. After much discussion this motion failed 10 for 12 opposed.

The 15-mph speed limit sign will be moved further down the road to remind drivers.

Leroy Gerard will be asked to provide some suggestions on any improvements that might improve road conditions.

c. Dredging Project

Looking back on the dredging project, it was pointed out how the lake has maintained its depth, and the embankment, trees and grasses are all looking great. Thanks to Curt Carlson and Denny Walker for heading up this project, as well as all others who helped.

7) New Business

a. Future Meeting Date / Time.

Members were asked if there was an interest in changing the annual meeting date – no change will be made

b. Morningstar Sign

A presentation was made by Stacy, Lot 6, about a new sign to replace the current Morningstar sign. Samples of various signs and posts were passed around for review. Based on the conversation, a new sign with post will be developed. Some specifications for the sign include: maintenance free material, Morningstar as one word, double sided. A motion was made by Tom Pirnie and seconded by Linda Robinson Rutz to set a budget of \$3,000.00 for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Election of Directors

In a motion made by Clarke Woodruff and seconded by Jim Crawford the following slate of Directors was moved for election:

Tom Steinbach and Dan Pleasant - Morningstar Board with terms expiring in 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

The directors are:

Barry Handrup	-	2020	Tom Manning	-	2020
Bob Herbig	-	2021	Brianne Bayer	-	2021
Tom Steinbach	-	2022	Dan Pleasant	-	2022

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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

a. Officers for the next year were elected unanimously:

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

b. Set Morningstar assessment to \$250.00 per lot. This combined with the Summerwood Assessment brings the total due from each lot to \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer

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Secretary

Attachment 1

Morningstar Lake Association Treasurer Report

Combined Checking & Savings Accounts:

Beginning Balance 34,299.79

Receipts:

2018 Dues 18,500.00

Loan payment 549.92

Interest on savings account 73.57

Total Receipts: 19,123.49

Expenses:

Southern Power District 854.69

Summerwood Dues (\$250.00 X 37 lots) 9,250.00

Nebraska Lakes Management - weeds 450.00

Biennial fee 23.00

General liability insurance 1,569.72

Directors & Officers liability insurance 990.00

Nebraska Lake Association - 2019 125.00

Nebraska Lake Association - meeting 20.00

Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes) 98.78

Concrete & fuel to fix roads 1,623.96

Valve for drainage pipe 318.00

Grading roads 400.00

UNL Water Science Lab 77.00

Dredging project - Nebraska Lake Management (fish) 500.00

Total Expenses: 16,300.15

Grand total of checking and savings

37,123.13

*Balance remaining from the Dredging Project is \$987.81

**Balance in Future Summerwood Road Maintenance is \$1,850.00

Dredging project:

Beginning Balance

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Receipts:

Lot assessment

92,500.00

Total Receipts:

92,500.00

Expenses:

2014 Slepicka Construction (excavating, haul & level sand)

70,810.60

2014 Faller Landscape (trees)

5,108.72

2014 Lothrop Farms (underground sprinkler system materials)

1,650.00

2015 Summerwood (mulch)

900.00

2015 Denny Walker (backhoe work, spruce trees, dirt, posts, stakes, wire)

3,172.89

2015 Curt Carlson (box scrap, mulch, harrow, wire, posts, fertilizer, seeds)

2,320.00

2015 Lothrop Farms (underground sprinkler system materials)

2,025.00

2015 Hansen Well Service (new well)

1,914.98

2016 Nebraska Lake Management (lake survey)

1,065.00

2016 Nebraska Lake Management (fish)

1,045.00

2017 Nebraska Lake Management (fish)

1,000.00

2018 Nebraska Lake Management (fish)

500.00

2019 Nebraska Lake Management (lake survey)

987.81

Total Expenses:

92,500.00

Ending Balance

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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: _____