

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association
May 28, 2018
10:00 AM at Lot 6 (Barry and Ardith Handrup)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 26 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 29, 2017 meeting – Motion to approve Linda Robinson Rutz, second Sue Luethje, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report - \$34,299.00 on hand as of May 28, 2018. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). Motion to accept and approve Treasurer’s report was made by Linda Robinson Rutz, seconded by Curt Carlson and approved unanimously by the lot representatives present.
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the fall 2017 and spring 2018 Summerwood Board meetings were sent to all residents by Summerwood. The following topics were discussed by Jim Crawford, Jim Luethje and Russ Bayer, Morningstar Representatives to the Summerwood Lake Association:
 - a. FIREWORKS: Fireworks scheduled for Saturday, June 30, with rain date of Sunday, July 1, 2018
 - b. COLLECTION/REFUSE AREA: Over the last two years nearly \$20,000 was spent on the collection area. The Board is searching for alternatives. Everyone is asked to please review the rules for placement of refuse in the collection area:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Decorating timbers or dimension lumber cannot be dumped there.
 - iii. Private contractors may use the refuse area only for refuse acquired from Summerwood lot-owners and that refuse must fall within the Summerwood guidelines.
 - iv. Grass clippings and leaves: Only grass clippings and lawn material may be dumped. No paper, plastic bags, garbage, cans, etc.
 - v. Dump material as far back as possible
 - c. GATE: Gate was working, but was hit sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning (May 25 – May 26). When it is working correctly the 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. BUDGET FOR 2018: The Summerwood Board budget for the year requires an assessment for each lot-owner at \$250/lot.
 - e. INVASIVE SPECIES: Continue reminder to all lakes to take the matter very seriously.

- f. ROAD MAINTENANCE: The asphalt road is holding up well, however it will likely need to have significant work up to including resurfacing in five years. Preliminary pricing indicates the cost in five years to resurface the road and bring the road the final distance to the beginning of Heron Point would cost \$300,000 in five to seven years. This is approximately \$2,000 per lot over that time. Each representative was asked to bring this information to their respective lakes. The Board will continue to look at ways to bring this cost down, including increasing the reserve, researching when resurfacing will be occurring in the area, and multiple proposals from reputable companies. In all cases, there will be an expense, so plans need to begin now to address this future expense. Special Assessments of greater than \$50.00 per lot must be approved by a vote of the Lot owners.
- g. Minutes of the last two Summerwood Board Meetings will be included with the email delivering these minutes.

6) Morningstar Business:

- a. Water Quality / Fish Habitat: Tom Steinbach reported on our lake water quality and fish habitat. The fish population continues to improve. Money remains in the budget for one more year 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.

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.

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

- 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 some place else is not acceptable. Worms are okay to use. As stated in our lake rules individuals, non resident of the lake, must have the permission of a lot owner to fish / use our lake.
- c. Boat dock and boat gate. Thank you to Jim Luethje and Barry Handrup for completing the dock and gate project. Please close and lock the gate after using it.
- d. The Independence Day Celebration is on June 30. 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. Denny Walker will be arranging for the entire Summerwood area to be sprayed for mosquitos shortly before June 30, 2018.
- e. 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 you're your watercraft updated by July 4th. Thank you.
 3. Maximum length of tow ropes is 60'. 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. They will be placing a warning buoy out to remind everyone.
 4. All golf carts or similar vehicles must be labeled
 5. The speed limit is 15 mph on Morningstar Road
 6. 2018 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.
- 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 2018 Boating Guide is available at <http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/i/903313-boating-guide-2018/3> . All state of Nebraska boating rules apply to our lake.
- h. Lake Supper: Hoffman's and Beckwith's will be hosting the Lake adult supper this summer. More details to follow.
- i. Curt Carlson will again work on grading the road this summer – thank you
- j. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$250.00 for 2018. Discussion on the dues was held during the Morningstar meeting. The future expense associated with the road resurfacing and possible extension of the Summerwood Road led to a motion to raise the Morningstar dues by \$50.00 per lot and earmark this additional money for the road resurfacing by Linda Robinson Rutz, seconded by Jim Crawford and approved unanimously. The Board of Directors met on May 28, 2018, 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 2017 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.

7) Election of Directors

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

Bob Herbig and Brianne Bayer - Morningstar Board with terms expiring in 2021.

Motion passed unanimously.

The directors are:

Tom Steinbach	-	2019	Dan Pleasant	-	2019
Barry Handrup	-	2020	Tom Manning	-	2020
Bob Herbig	-	2021	Brianne Bayer	-	2021

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

- 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

Russ Bayer
Secretary

Attachment 1

Morningstar Lake Association Treasurer Report

Combined Checking & Savings Accounts:

Beginning Balance	34,440.00
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Receipts:

2017 Dues	14,800.00
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Loan payment	549.92
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Interest on savings account	24.47
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Total Receipts:	15,374.39
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Expenses:

Southern Power District	797.15
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Summerwood Dues (\$200.00 X 37 lots)	7,400.00
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Nebraska Lakes Management (weeds)	480.00
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Signs	95.56
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General liability insurance	1,569.72
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Directors & Officers liability insurance	990.00
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Nebraska Lake Association - 2018	125.00
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Nebraska Lake Association - conference	20.00
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July 4th Expenses	56.72
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Dock & Gate Expenses	2,818.93
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UNL Water Science Lab (water testing)	64.00
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Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes)	97.52
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Nebraska Lake Management (fish)	1,000.00
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Total Expenses:

15,514.60

Grand total of checking and savings

34,299.79

*Balance remaining from the Dredging Project is \$1,487.81

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: _____