

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association
May 30, 2016
10:00 AM at Lot 25 (Tom and Jane Steinbach)**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 26 of the 37 lots were represented. Welcome to our new neighbors Tom and Jennifer Wood (Lot 33)
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 25, 2015 meeting – Motion to approve Tom Pirnie, second Linda Linda Robinson Rutz, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report - \$32,313.37 on hand as of May 30, 2016. 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.
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the fall 2015 and spring 2016 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. FIREWORKS: Fireworks scheduled for Saturday, July 2, with rain date of Sunday, July 3, 2016
 - b. SAFETY PATROL: Plan is for safety patrolman to continue to patrol on all holiday weekends, as well as other weekends as he is instructed. He will be encouraged to make several trips around the lakes, and then have a presence just inside the gate. It is important for this to continue, to show that the Summerwood Board has been proactive in enforcing the road rules, in the event of an accident. Todd Church is the safety officer. His number is (308)548-8765.
 - c. MAILBOXES: The Summerwood Board feels that the new mailboxes are a definite enhancement to the front gate area. Additional mailboxes are in hand for future use as needed.
 - d. COLLECTION/REFUSE AREA: New person has been hired to remove refuse (Bryan Driewer), and should be done soon, if it is not done already. Everyone is asked to please review the rules for placement of refuse in the collection area:
 - i. Please observe the sign(s) 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
 - e. GATE: Gate working well at this time. Current gate code for entering is: #0515. 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

(i.e., 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.

- f. ASPHALT MAINTENANCE: It is apparent that maintenance is needed on the paved road (especially the big bump at the junction of the old and new pavement. Paul Dravitzki (Sundance) is responsible for getting the correct maintenance done, hopefully this summer.
- g. ADDITIONAL ASPHALT: The Summerwood Board has looked into completing the pavement to the Heron Point beginning. The estimates for this were felt to be too high to consider this at this time.
- h. SUMMERWOODS GROUNDS ENHANCEMENT: The Summerwood Board has considered several enhancement proposals. It actively encourages any suggestions from any lot-owners for enhancement proposals.
- i. BERM EXPENSES: The Summerwood Board agreed to share in the expense of the berm development during the flood threat, to the tune of 50%
- j. BUDGET FOR 2016: The Summerwood Board agreed on a budget of \$24,000. The Summerwood assessment for each lot-owner will stay the same at \$200/lot.
- k. MORNINGSTAR REPRESENTATIVES TO SUMMERWOOD BOARD: Russ Bayer's term ends in 2017; Darroll Loschen's term ends this year. New Representative required.
- l. SNOW REMOVAL: No reports of problems last winter.
- m. NEW SUMMERWOOD DIRECTORY: Russ has them and they will be distributed at the meeting. Big vote of thanks to Russ for all he does for Summerwood and Morningstar.
- n. WEB PAGE: Up and running at www.summerwoodresorts.com If you have information you would like posted let us know.
- o. TRAFFIC ON ROADS: Reminder: golf cart drivers must be 16 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a licensed driver. ATV's are not allowed on Summerwood roads, except for lot maintenance.
- p. BLUE SIGN: It will eliminate a lot of problems with new lot-owners or guests if you would ask them to simply read the blue sign on entering Summerwood grounds. (It takes less than one minute.)

5) Morningstar Business:

- a. Fish Habitat: Water Quality Survey and fish assessment was conducted earlier in May. The report will be coming in the next few weeks. The fish population seems to be improving with some nice sized bass, blue and crappie being spotted. REMINDER: Catch and release. Only Habitat Committee should place cedar trees and other habitat enhancing material in lake. Habitat committee (Tom Steinbach, Kim Hoffman, Brianne Bayer, and Dan Pleasant)
- 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. The chain across the boat ramp will have a lock placed on it. The combination will be 0515.
- c. The Independence Day Celebration is on July 2. Sue Luethje has graciously agreed to step in at the last minute and organize. LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ASSUME THIS ROLE GOING FORWARD. Sue will get information out. The theme will be American Baseball and Apple Pie.

A motion was made by Paula Lovegrove and seconded by Deb Beckwith to have no-wake from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Much discussion centered on quiet use of the lake,

kayak races and other Independence Day celebration activities. An amendment to the motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Goertzen to have the no wake time extend from 9:30 AM to Noon on July 2, 2016. Continued conversation regarding the use of the lake by those who come to enjoy the other lake activities such as skiing and tubing. The amendment passed 13 For and 8 Against. The main motion as amended passed 22 For and 4 Against. The result means NO WAKE UNTIL NOON ON JULY 2, 2016.

- d. Lake Rules were reviewed with a reminder only lot owner boats are allowed on lake. 2016 rules will be sent to all lots.
- e. Darroll Loschen has agreed to work on a Welcome Packet for new lake members.
- 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. Trailer Parking Area: It was noted that there is an old boat and other unused trailers on the Morningstar property used to park our trailers. The intent of the area is short term parking for our boat trailers. Please do not keep any trailer for more than one year. Also, it is not an area intended for large RV type trailers.
- h. Boat Dock. Denny Walker will obtain a quote on a floating boat dock to be installed next to the boat ramp.
- i. The Morningstar Sign at the corner of Heron Point Road and Morningstar Road is going to be blocked by the new sign being constructed by Heron Point. The Walkers have agreed to allow the sign to be placed on their property. THANK YOU
- j. The 2016 Boating Guide is available at <http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/i/597534-boating-guide-2016>.
- k. Lake Dinner: Manning's will be hosting the Lake Adult Dinner. More details to follow.
- l. The lake is up and likely to be for a while. An effort will be made to establish the no wake level that is readily available for all to see.
- m. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$200.00 for 2016. After the meeting the Board of Directors decided that Morningstar dues would stay at \$200.00 per lot. The total assessment per lot for 2016 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

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

Jim Luethje – Morningstar Representative on Summerwood Board with term expiring August 31, 2019

Tom Steinbach and Dan Pleasant - Morningstar Board with terms expiring in 2019.

Motion passed unanimously.

The directors are:

Barry Handrup	-	2017	Jim Luethje	-	2017
Bob Herbig	-	2018	Brianne Bayer	-	2018
Tom Steinbach	-	2019	Dan Pleasant	-	2019

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 - Brianne Bayer
Vice President – Barry Handrup
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
- c. Authorized up to \$1,000 to be spent on gravel for the Morningstar Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer

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Secretary

Attachment 1

May 25, 2015 through May 30, 2016

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 2,453.10

Receipts:

2015 Dues 14,800.00

Transfer from savings 4,000.00

Dredging project 549.92

Total Receipts: 19,349.92

Expenses:

Southern Power District 487.20

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

Overland - gravel 1,103.15

General liability insurance 1,569.72

Directors & Officers liability insurance 1,103.00

Nebraska Lake Association - 2016 125.00

Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes) 97.06

Dredging project - Denny Walker 3,172.89

Dredging project - Curt Carlson 2,320.00

Dredging project - Lothrop Farms 2,025.00

Dredging project - Hansen Well Service 1,914.98

Total Expenses: 21,318.00

Ending Balance 485.02

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 35,811.73

Receipts:

Interest 16.62

Expenses:

Transfer to checking (4,000.00)

Ending Balance 31,828.35

Total Balance for both checking and savings **32,313.37**

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: _____