

**Meeting of the Morningstar Lake Association
MAY 31, 2021 (Monday)
Darcy and Dan Pleasant, Lot 27
11:00 A.M.**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions /Attendance – 23 of the 37 lots were represented.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 25, 2020, meeting – Motion to approve Linda Robinson Rutz, second Kim Hoffman, approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report - \$44,112.15 on hand as of May 31, 2021, of which \$15,550 is in reserve for the Summerwood Road project. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1).
- 4) Summerwood Lake Association Meetings – Minutes of the fall 2020 and spring 2021 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. Review of Summerwood Sept 2020 and March 2021 Meetings
 - i. Common area update:

Lots to west of main entrance owned by two lot owners on Bucktail. No known information on the plans. Summerwood Board is looking at screening
 - ii. Invasive Species:

The Summerwood Board has no authority over individual lakes, each lake must take its own action to ensure the lake is not infested. The following suggestions are applicable:
 - o Each Lake should create its own policy regarding access to the lake with any watercraft.
 - o Lakes should be proactive in preventing any foreign water coming into their lake. Canoes, kayaks, life vests, water toys are all carriers.
 - o Ongoing education and awareness are always important
 - o Any contractor coming into a lake should be completely inspected and forced to obey the rules of the lake.
 - o www.neinvasives.com has good information
 - iii. Road Expense Assessment and Summerwood Annual Assessment

Resurfacing approved by lot owners. Scheduled for early June.

Morningstar Assessment for asphalt project:	\$47,435.90
Morningstar Association payment toward assessment:	\$15,550.00
Balance to be paid by lot owners	\$31,885.90

This means each lot on Morningstar Lake will be assessed \$861.78 instead of the \$1,282.05 mentioned in a previous email.

Please send payment made payable to Summerwood Lakes Association to:

Russ Bayer
633 S 112th St
Lincoln, NE 68520

or deliver to Cabin 12.

Morningstar will keep the annual assessment at \$250.00 per lot to help rebuild the reserve over the next six years. This plus the Summerwood assessment of \$250.00 means the annual lot assessment for Morningstar and Summerwood is \$500.00.

Please send payment made payable to Morningstar Lake Association to:

Jane Steinbach
310 Laramie Trail
Lincoln, NE 68521

or deliver to Cabin 25.

iv. Front Gate:

Front gate damage has been repaired and covered by insurance company. An additional camera has been added.

In 2021 the board is testing extend gate open times over the three holiday weekend days, i.e., 6:00AM to 9:00PM Friday through Sunday.

b. Summerwood Annual Assessment - \$250.00

c. Fireworks

The Summerwood fireworks show will be Saturday, July 3, 2021, the rain date is Sunday, July 4, 2021.

d. Collection area update

- Thank you to Scott W for burning and cleaning up the collection area. The same process is planned for 2021, HOWEVER, please only grass and leaves in the grass and leaf area, NO STICKS.
- 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.

e. The Summerwood Directory has been published. It is also available digitally in portable document format (pdf)

f. Boater Safety. The State of Nebraska requires anyone born after December 31, 1985, to successfully complete a Boating Safety Course and possess a course certificate while operating a boat or personal watercraft.

There are now three options for the class:

- I. **Option A** is a 6-hour in-person classroom session taught by certified volunteers and agency staff. Students will take a proctored exam and the end of the class.
- II. **Option B** is a self-taught home study course. Students can download and review the [course study materials](#). After studying, students will need to register for an Option B test-out session to take a proctored exam.
- III. **Option C** is an [online course](#). Students can take the class at their own pace from wherever is convenient for them.

All students, regardless of which course option they choose, are required to pass the boating safety exam with a 75% or higher. A certificate of completion will be issued to those who pass the exam

More information is available at: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/boatereducation>

Boater guides are at: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/guides/>

g. Reminders:

All golf carts and utility vehicles need to be marked with Lake and Lot Number.

All boats need to be marked with Lot Number

The speed limit on Summerwood Road is 25 MPH and the lake roads is 15 MPH

5) Morningstar Business / Old Business / New Business:

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

Tom continues to work with the state to test the water quality of the lake. Our phosphorus level was again decreased. It is now at .03 the target is being less than .15. Our lake is doing very well.

Thank you to Tom S for his diligence in keeping us all aware of how to improve our lake water quality and clarity.

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

- b. Road Maintenance and Snow Plowing

At a special meeting of the board earlier this year funds were approved to add gravel and maintain the road. Curt Carlson has volunteered to help with maintaining and spreading the gravel. He will be reimbursed for time and expenses.

Mike Drinnin helped remove the snow this past winter, but Morningstar needs to come up with a solution. Denny Walker believes Merrick County will help clear the lake roads. He will call his contact and follow up.

- c. The Independence Day Celebration is on July 3, 2021. Thank you to Sue Luethje for her many years of organizing this activity. In 2021 Jennifer Wood and Darcy Pleasant have graciously agreed to organize this year's event. Please see information below:

Let's Get Groovy
Morningstar Lake
Saturday, July 3rd, 2021

- **Get your Groove On — Walk/Run Around Morningstar (Wood/Lot 33)**
- **Volleyball — (Bayer/Lot 13)**
- **Mimosa/Bloody Mary Bar — (Niewohner/Lot 28)**
- **Decorated Golf Cart Contest/Parade — (Hoffman, meet at tennis court)**
- **Who's the Hippie? Photo Contest — (at tennis court)**
- **Food Trucks — (Nathan/Pirnie/ Lot 7)**
 - **Weave's BBQ**
 - **Kona Ice Truck**
- **Poker Run (McCabe/ Lot 17)**
- **Pony Rides (Marchese/ Lot 16)**
- **Kids Games (Rutz/ Lot 4)**
- **Caddyshack Golf (Beckwith/ Lot 2)**
- **Scavenger hunt (Luethje/ Lot 32)**
- **Kayak Races — TBD**
- **Summerwood Fireworks**

Grab your hippy beads and your old forty-fives, dust off your bell bottoms for a celebration that really jives!
More details including times of events to follow!

Food Trucks @ Tennis Courts



Weave's BBQ

12:00 until they run out

@weavesbbq · Food Truck

Menu

Sandwiches:

- Pulled Pork with 2 sides \$9.99, sandwich only \$5.99
- Brisket with 2 sides \$10.99, sandwich only \$6.99

Nachos:

- Pulled Pork: Regular \$9.99, Large \$13.99
- Brisket: Regular \$10.99, Large \$14.99

Sides: Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Beans, Coleslaw



Kona Ice of Lincoln 11:00—2:00

@KonalceLincoln · Food Truck

There will be no wake time / closed lake time for some of the activities. Specific times will be provided soon.

d. Lake Rules:

No changes to the lake rules for 2021. The new motor size and dimensions adopted in 2020 mean the boats can travel faster. BOAT SPEED LIMIT IS 30 MPH. THIS INCLUDES ALL PERSONAL WATERCRAFT / JET SKIS.

This guideline is still in effect:

All boats pulling skiers, wake boards, tubes etc. must drive in a straight line (no boat swerving) from lot 16 through lot 28. All lot owners are being asked to take the personal responsibility to ensure they and their guests follow this guideline to assist in protecting the shoreline of our neighbors along the south channel.

2021 Boat Rules are attached (Attachment 2).

- 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 3)
- f. Brian Buller of Clarks Volunteer Fire Department will provide the dimensions of their largest vehicle so the Morningstar Road can be cleared to meet the dimensions.
- g. Annual Morningstar Dinner: TBD
- h. Thanks to the Woods for continuing to update and maintain Pirates Cove
- i. Annual Morningstar Dues Assessment – Summerwood set the dues per lot at \$250.00 for 2020. The Morningstar Board of Directors met on May 25, 2020, after the lake annual meeting, and set the Morningstar dues at \$250.00 per lot. The total assessment per lot for 2020 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.

8) Election of Directors to Summerwood and Morningstar Board.

- a. In a motion made by James Nathan and seconded by Chuck Beckwith Bob Herbig was reelected to the Morningstar Board with a term expiring on May 31, 2024
- b. In a motion made by Ardith Handrup and seconded by Jennifer Wood Chad Carlson was elected to the Morningstar Board with a term expiring on May 31, 2024
- c. In a motion made by Sue Luethje and seconded by Jim Crawford Brandon Handrup was elected to fill the remaining term for Barry Handrup which expires on May 31, 2023.

The directors are:

Tom Steinbach	-	2022	Dan Pleasant	-	2022
Brandon Handrup	-	2023	Jim Lovegrove	-	2023
Bob Herbig	-	2024	Chad Carlson	-	2024

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM.

After the meeting, the Morningstar Board met (Bob H, Tom S, Dan P, Brandon H, Jim L and Chad C)

The following actions were taken:

- Officers for the next year were elected unanimously:

President - Dan Pleasant

Vice President – Brandon Handrup

Treasurer – Jane Steinbach

Secretary - Russ Bayer

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer

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Secretary

Attachment 1

Morningstar Lake Association Treasurer Report

Combined Checking & Savings Accounts:

Beginning Balance 39,715.79

Receipts:

2020 Dues 18,500.00

Interest on savings account 39.94

Total Receipts: 18,539.94

Expenses:

Southern Power District 832.85

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

Nebraska Lakes Management - weeds 475.00

LED lights around new sign 72.74

General liability insurance 1,590.97

Directors & Officers liability insurance 990.00

Merrick County Treasurer (real estate taxes) 104.76

UNL Water Science Lab 44.00

Lothrop Farms for sprinkler repairs 591.50

Biennial fee 23.00

Plants for around new sign 168.76

Total Expenses: 14,143.58

Grand total of checking and savings **44,112.15**

**Balance in Future Summerwood Road Maintenance is \$15,550.00

Attachment 2

Morningstar Lake Association Rules

2021

PERSONAL Under the terms of the “Declaration and Establishment of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations, Restrictions and Easements for Morningstar Lake Subdivision”, these rules are binding upon all owners, lessees, and their guests. Violations by owners, lessees or guests can lead to the suspension of the right to use the Common Area, including the lake, as addressed in Paragraph 7 of the Declaration listed above. Owners, lessees, and guests are required to obey the laws of the State of Nebraska

SUMMERWOOD RULES The Morningstar Association membership adopted the Summerwood Lake Association Rules as applying to all Morningstar property on May 26, 2008 and are located in the front of the Summerwood Directory for 2020.

GENERAL AREA Do not trespass on the land which is outside of the recreational area. No shooting is allowed in recreational areas. Littering of any areas is prohibited.

GENERAL TRAFFIC Always keep a minimum of one traffic lane on the access roads open to cabins and free of parked cars, boat trailers, or construction materials. Maximum speed for all roads is 15 MPH, except for Summerwood Drive which is 25 MPH. All vehicles must stay on the right side of the road in accordance with State law. All drivers are strongly cautioned to look out for blind corners, pedestrians, and other vehicles. In order to allow the passage of emergency vehicles it is the responsibility of lot owners to keep shrubs and trees trimmed to the width of the road an up 14 feet if they hang over the road.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON MORNINGSTAR COMMON AREAS AND ROADS. Golf carts are allowed. The minimum age for the operation of all motorized vehicles is 16 years of age. Golf carts must be equipped with headlights and taillights for use after dark. It is suggested that rear view mirrors be installed. Golf carts are to be marked with the lake initial and lot number. No ATV's, 3-wheelers, or unlicensed motorcycles are allowed at any time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

FISHING Only lot owners, their families and their guests may fish on Morningstar Lake, and only on the lot owner's property or lot owner's watercraft. Fishing is not allowed in Sundance, Heron Point, Bucktail, or Sleepy Eye without permission from their lot owners. Do not fish near or on other lots without their permission. State fishing rules apply in all recreational areas and game wardens have access. Size limits: walleye 18” and bass 14”.

INVASIVE SPECIES No watercraft of any type, including trailers carrying the watercraft, will be allowed into or on Morningstar Lake unless the craft and trailer are kept out of water to dry for at least fourteen (14) days. This includes the watercraft of any contractor a lot owner may hire for work on or near the lake.

BOATING RULES

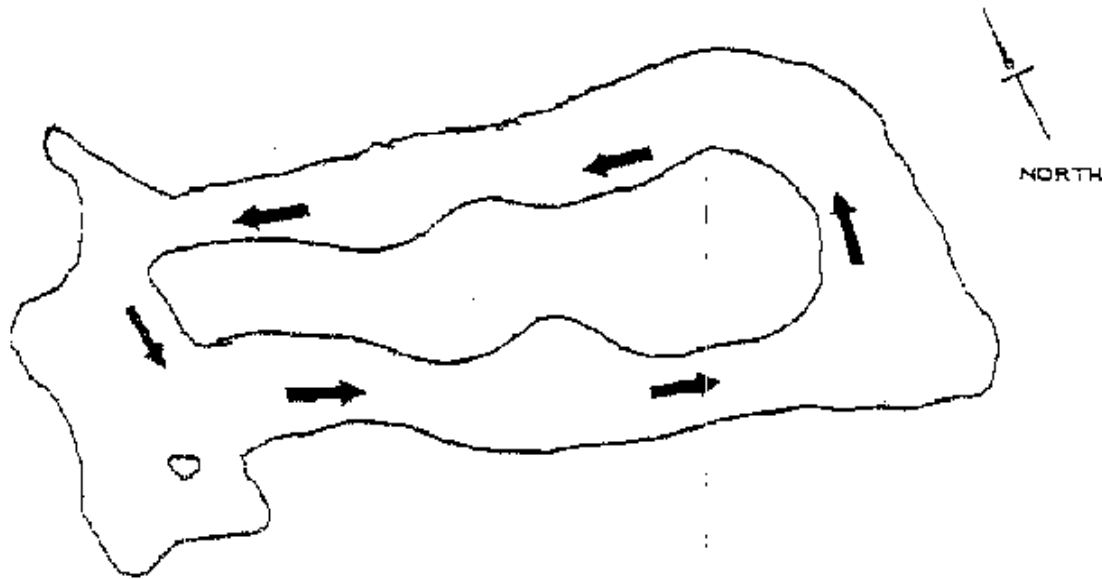
1. Use the pattern on the map for all skiing and boating.
2. Obey all the State Boating Rules. If there is a conflict between Association Rules and State Boating regulations the state boating regulations will govern except for rule 5 listed below.
3. Only lot owners are permitted to have boats on the lake.
4. Only one powerboat per lot is allowed on the lake. All watercraft (i.e., ski boats, boats, jet boats, pontoon boats, jet skis, personal watercraft, etc.) must be owned by lot owner of record, the lot owner of record is responsible for the safe operation of the boat.
5. Minimum age for motorboat operators is 16 years.
6. Any boat operator who repeatedly breaks rules or drives recklessly will lose his/her boating privileges for a period of 1 year following action by the Board of Directors.
7. Lot numbers must be displayed on the right side of all watercrafts.
8. Maximum boat length for ski boats and jet boats is 19'. Maximum motor horsepower is 115 outboard or 225 inboard. Maximum length for sailboats or pontoon boats is 24'. Jet Skis power rating must be equal to or less than those for a ski boat.
9. Absolutely no speed boating (including jet skis), or skiing in excess of 30 MPH. The racing of powered craft is prohibited.
10. Skiing, speed boating and personal watercraft (e.g., jet skis) hours are 9:30 a.m. to sunset. “No Wake” boating is required when the water is above the mark near the water exit tube located between lots 30 and 31.
11. All PWC are subject to all rules applying to other boats.
12. A maximum of 3 ski boats or other speeding boats, over 5-mph, are allowed on the lake at one time. Ski boats have priority over personal watercraft, i.e., if a 3rd boat goes out the PWC must come off. Boats and personal watercraft shall not follow closer than 200’.
13. Any boating accident resulting in more than \$100 in property damage or in an injury must be reported to the Game and Parks Commission by the boat owner.
14. Boat operators and skiers must keep a reasonable distance from lake edges to avoid hitting skiers, boat docks, diving boards, etc. For safety, boat operators and skiers should be familiar with the lake area they plan to travel. Use caution in narrow areas or where view is obstructed.
15. Maximum length of tow ropes is 60’.
16. Towed devices such as water skis and kneeboards, etc., which may be controlled by the rider are permitted. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted when operated within the manufacturer's guidelines. No more than two such devices may be towed behind a boat at one time. Devices attached directly to the boat such as inner tubes, etc., which cannot be controlled by the rider are not permitted.
17. Warning-shallow water is extremely dangerous to land in. Make sure you do not land in shallow water when skiing or diving.
18. Operating a motorboat with the blood alcohol content of .08% or above is prohibited and can result in serious penalties and fines.
19. As a general rule, when boating, pass to the left, and when picking up fallen skiers, tube riders, etc. turn to the right. Be in control of your watercraft and use common sense to protect the safety of all involved.

**SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR BOATING PATTERN
ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST!!!**

**Morningstar Lake Association Rules
2021**

MORNINGSTAR LAKE BOATING PATTERN

Morningstar Lake is located about 3 miles SE of Clarks, NE.
It is on the east side of Nebraska Highway 92, and between the
Main channel and the south channel of the Platte River.



*****USE OF THE LAKE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK*****

The regulations of the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
Boating Guide are Law Officer enforced.
The current version can be found at:
<http://outdoornebraska.gov/guides/>

All powered watercraft shall operate in a counterclockwise
direction in a traffic pattern as delineated on the map on this page

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: _____

