

LAKE MINNEWAWA ASSOCIATION
APRIL 9, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Members present were Mike Zell, Steve Olsen, Beverly Rath, Carl Rippie, Lyle Marsyla, David Warner, Pat McGinn, Art Orosco, and Kay Klumpner. Excused were Lowell Bartel and Margie Marsyla. Others in attendance were Pat Rath, Nancy Karjalahti, and Chuck Monson.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Lyle made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Pat. Approval of the October minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Margie was absent so Lyle presented the monthly report. The checkbook balance as of March 31, 2005 is \$5,095.17. Bev made a motion to accept the report, Steve seconded. Approval of the Treasurer's report passed.

Financial Secretary's Report: The membership renewals for current members were mailed out the first week of April. Approximately 194 mailers were sent out. A suggestion was made by Chuck Monson to include an addressed envelope for trying to increase the response. He commented that an organization he works with followed this procedure and tripled their response. The membership committee will review the suggestion.

We are still trying to clarify the mailing lists, the original large list that Carl had and the list that John Palmer received. Bev will continue to work with John and the membership committee to develop a plan.

Business memberships will go out during the month of May.

President's Report:

- Mike sent in the application for a permit in January to the DNR. They responded back the fee is \$35 vs. \$20, which was paid. IN addition, they want to charge \$2 per acre of the amount the association harvests. This is a new cost for the association and Mike is pursuing avenues. As of the meeting, the DNR in Aitkin County was not willing to make allowances. Mike has sent a letter to the commissioner of DNR, to date, no response. If the plea is rejected, he will be sending a letter to the representatives and governor.
- Mike wrote a letter to the township board and Dave presented it at the annual meeting, requesting help from the township, by possibly forming a committee to help work with the LMA. Nancy's response was that there are many lakes in the township and she doesn't see the township board taking an active role on just one lake. The township board could be a fiscal agent for the lake. Nancy commented that there are other ways to pursue help, such as the DNR and impaired waters; pursuing grants. The township is willing to sit on a committee. Nancy did make note that she was at the LMA meeting to gather information, as one person, she has no authority. The township has two meetings a month in the summer. Our board can request a special meeting with the township but it would need to be advertised, as it is a public meeting.
- Raffles: Lowell is handling the raffles. There are three raffles- Willies have donated \$100.00 in gas, a propane raffle, and the raffle for the doll house.

Meatball Dinner: The Meatball Dinner will be held on May 7th at the Sportsman Club. Dave Warner is chairing the event. He handed out a sign up sheet for people to help. Chuck Monson volunteered to help with the cooking. Margie is also helping as in the past.

Advertising will need to get out ASAP, Lowell has done the advertising in the past and the board is assuming he will handle it this time around again.

Call Leo or Gary Vorlicky in advance, the day before, the meatball dinner to get the key for the Sportsman Club.

If there are questions, please contact Dave or Margie.

Event Calendar:

Mike noted the LMA Event Calendar on the back of the agenda. Please refer to for information.

New Business:

1. April 30th from 9-2, Shamrock Township will be having their Annual Cleanup. There will be four dumpsters and a trailer for tires at the LMA garage. The Township board is looking for volunteer workers, Pat and Lyle volunteered to help out for the day. They requested that Nancy let them know when the dumpster will be dropped of, so they can unlock the gate.
2. Friday night (May 13th), before the fishing opener the McGregor City Council is sponsoring a Fish Fry at the Community Center. It will be a "Tribute to the Lions". This is a well attended function and there are different non- profit groups that have informational activities available. Lyle volunteered to work the first shift and Art volunteered to work the second shift. We will be selling raffle tickets and handing out membership brochures and information.
3. Steve Olson will be checking on the option of purchasing a tent for the garage sale. Mike will also check with the rental company for availability.
4. Wild Rice Days; Margie will send in the applications and the board approved paying for two spots at \$30.00 a spot. Likewise, the application and moneys will be sent in for Hey-Day.
5. Pat McGinn made reference to the numerous requests for monies that come to the Lion's Club. He urged the board that if they send a request, it should include a copy of the 501C-3 non profit status form. Additionally, when requests are made, they need to be specific in what they are asking for. Does Margie have the 5013-C forms?
6. Fishing contest: Pat made reference to a Summertime Pan Fish Contest as a way to raise funds and have fun. The board thought further discussion and exploration may be worthwhile.
7. Pat McGinn reported that the water monitoring by the MN Water Pollution Control has created a report. The report was given to Mike Zell for review. Pat will share information with John Palmer to see if it can be placed on the web page. We also discussed a brief summary of the study be included into the summer handout packet.
8. The Lions Club still has an offer to pay for rent at the community center for one time.
9. Bev and Mike will work on a template for a letter to send out to organizations requesting donations.

Lyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve. Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: Saturday, May 14th
 LMA Garage 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Rath