

Lake Minnewawa Association  
July 2007 Meeting Minutes

The July 2007 meeting was held on July 21, 2007 in consideration for the Minnewawa Sportsman Club annual meeting held on our normal meeting date of July 14, 2007.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 9 am by association Vice President Ron Conzet.

Roll Call:

Board Members present were: Ron Conzet- Vice President, Greg Meredyk- Secretary, Steven Olson- Harvesting Manager, Pat McGinn, Kay Klumpner, Leanne Anderson, and Chuck Munson.

Board members Absent with explanation were Bev Rath- President, Pat Rath- Treasurer, (Daughters Kidney Transplant) Marge Marsyla, (Out of town) Bonnie and Jerry Maxwell, (Out of town), Bill Warner, (Honeymoon)

Board Members absent without explanation: Art Orasco.

Secretaries Minutes:

The Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed on line by the board members. Motion to approve, by Steven Olson, Motion seconded by Ron Conzet. Approved Unanimously.  
Going forward hard copies will be supplied to board members at all board meetings, in addition to the E-mailed copies.

Treasurers Report:

There was no treasurer's report given due to the absence of Pat Rath, Association Treasurer, while wife and daughter recover from the recent Kidney transplant surgery.  
One expenditure reported was the purchase of a new harvesting conveyor belt. This expenditure had been previously approved by the board.

Harvesting Report:

Harvesting Manager Steven Olson reported that as of July 20th he had been 150 loads of weed removed from the lake.

A discussion of the harvesting conveyor repair took place between Steven Olson, Ron Conzet and Chuck Munson. The discussion centered on changing the length of each piece of conveyor belt from 40 feet to 20 feet. The reasoning for this being that a shorter length of belt may cause less stress on each length of conveyor belt during operation and thus increase the durability of each length of Conveyor belt, there by reducing recurring maintenance costs. Also discussed was the possibility of adding plastic sliders to the conveyor trailer assembly to further reduce friction and wear. There was further discussion about where to purchase a set of these sliders that would be able to with-stand the load and wear. Several locations were mentioned. None as of yet decided upon.

It was agreed that any maintenance of this nature would have to be performed during the off-season as the prolonged down-time this would cause would be detrimental to on season harvesting operations. This year's harvesting permit expires September 15th.

Steven Olson also reported that persistent winds this year have had a negative impact on harvesting operations.

New Business:

Currently, our lake management plan has required the harvester to maintain a distance of no less than 150 feet from shore.

The Minnewawa Sportsman's club, who has been exploring the possible use of chemicals to help manage, and control weed growth has proposed a lake management plan that would allow the harvester to come in much closer to shore. This being due to in part to the fact that the Minnesota DNR will not allow Chemical usage in the main navigation lanes of the lake. Any chemical usage in this area would be too difficult to control and too expensive from the stand point of cost. What appears to be still open for

debate, or at least unclear is the maximum length from shore that chemicals may be used. 50 feet by 100 feet is what chemical usage would be permitted. Whether that means 100 feet from shore by 50 feet wide or visa versa remains unclear. In either case the expense would remain with each individual lakeshore owner. Although the Sportsman's club is working on a program for Chemical usage permit assistance, Individual permits cost approximately \$600.00. Also noted by board members Pat McGinn and Steven Olson is that chemicals may not be stored at the lake association garage as it is a public building.

Also noted, The Lake Minnewawa association is to receive a \$3000.00 donation from the Minnewawa Sportsman's club.

Board member Pat McGinn has been interviewed by the Aitkin Age newspaper for a 3 part series on the improving water quality of Lake Minnewawa. Where the water quality of other lakes in our area have been declining, Lake Minnewawa's water quality has been steadily improving. Some of this improvement is in no small parts to the efforts of this association. The article is due to hit the news stand on August 1st.

Old Business:

Events:

Garage Sale:

Leanne Anderson reports that a number of volunteers, mainly ladies have been coming to the garage on Wednesdays to help organize the tables and asks any available men to volunteer to help organize the sporting goods section, which has traditionally been delegated to men of the association. We also plan to blow out and clean the garage floor the Wednesday prior to the sale.

Leanne also asked that the main donation sign be moved closer to the road to help improve visibility. This was accomplished after the meeting.

Leanne also discussed the limits on prepurchasing of sale items by LMA board members and volunteers. The association by-laws currently allow for the pre-purchase of a maximum of 3 items. Leanne favors a threshold system, tied to the number of hours volunteered. Her proposed example is as follows: 15 hours worked would allow a volunteer to prepurchase 2 items. No determination has been made at this time by the board. Also Roll-off dumpsters have been ordered. one to be delivered the week of August 25th, the other to be delivered the week following the sale.

Currently the proposed items for silent auction are:

2 Go-Carts

Jet Ski lift.

This years raffle items are

Bikes which will again be donated.

Quilts, also donated.

After some deliberation Leanne has decided on tagging merchandise rather than color coding.

A sign up sheet for volunteer hours will be posted for the August Meeting. We will be open 9 AM -5PM both days.

Hay Days in Tamarack:

Steve and Jackie Olson have preparations well in hand. Jackie has created raffle tickets on her own.

The Dump truck donated to the association and the Motor home have been sold. The American Legion will receive \$350.00 for their part.

New door frame will be purchased for the access door on the front of the garage.

Water Clarity Report:

Greg Meredyk reports that on June 24th the Secci reading for site 201 was at 7 feet. Physical Condition and Recreational Suitability were rated at a 2 on a scale of 1 being the best and 5 being the worst. The water color was brown green with a very slight presence of Algae suspended in the water. Site 202 on the north side of the lake the reading was at 7.5 feet with all other conditions being identical to sight 201. The weather conditions that day were sunny with temperatures about 76 degrees F and a light south-southwest wind.

The water temperature and dissolved oxygen milligrams per liter ranged from 9.13 MG/L at the surface with a water temperature of 24.1 degrees C to 21.1 degree C at the bottom with dissolved oxygen at 0.18. These readings are performed at sit 201 only. On July 6th, the secci disk reading was at 6.5 feet for both sites 201 and 202 with Physical Condition and recreational suitability also remaining at a 2 on a scale of 1 to 5. The temperature that day was about 90 degrees F with a sunny sky and a steady wind from the southwest.

Water Temperature and dissolved Oxygen readings ranged from 26.5 degrees C and D.O. readings of 9.32 MG/L at the surface to 22.0 degrees C and D.O reading of 0.11 at the bottom. It should be noted the approximate depth of the lake at site 201 is about 12 feet. Secci Disk readings compared to Horseshoe lake for these 2 dates show water clarity on Lake Minnewawa reading anywhere from 2 feet to 2 1/2 feet better than Horseshoe lake. This due to the difference in the lakes size and that the staining from the Tamarack swampsthat feed in to Horseshoe lake is bound to be greater because of Horseshoes geographic proximity as opposed to Lake Minnewawa's.

There being No other business the meeting was Adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Meredyk,  
Secretary, Lake Minnewawa Association.