

Lake Minnewawa Association
July 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on July 12th shortly after 9 a.m. by President Beverly Rath.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Bev Rath; President, Ron Conzet; Vice President, Leanne Anderson; acting Secretary, Pat Rath, Steve Olson; Harvesting Manager, Chuck Munson, Kay Klumpner, Margie Marsyla, Tom Leach, and Linda Peterson.

Member excused: Greg Meredyk; Secretary.

Visitors present who are considering future board positions were: Curtis Pieske, Mark Pawelski, Greg Pfeifer, and Larry Antonsen.

Secretaries Report:

Copies of the June board meeting minutes were not available for distribution (previously e-mailed to all). The President asked for a motion to approve them as there were no corrections. Chuck Munson made the motion which was seconded by Tom Leach.

Treasurer's Report and Membership report:

Pat Rath provided everyone with copies of the Banking statements from Jan. 1st 2008 thru June 30th 2008 as well as the statement for all of 2007. He explained what the categories included and answered all questions.

Pat explained that we are down for memberships this year compared to previous years, only having secured 145 members so far for 2008.

Only 2 Businesses have sent in their donations, which are Willie's and Horseshoe Bar & Restaurant. This is compared to 7 businesses last year.

Discussion went on and it was agreed that we need to inform all parties that this donation is Tax-deductible. Perhaps this would generate more donations from the public. Discussion also came up regarding the use of the word "Administration" under the EXPENSES heading. It appeared to many board members and our visitors that the general public will assume that someone is being paid on the board rather than what the expenses really are, which are costs for brochures, mailings, postage, electric bills and other operating expenses.

Harvesting and equipment Reports:

Steve Olson, Harvesting Manager, updated the members as to which of the areas of the lake had been cut so far this year. The two most difficult areas were done first, including the South Bay as the water levels were high.

Steve introduced Don our new Harvester to the Board members. Gary, our other new Harvester was not present. They are lower in the amount of loads compared to last year as they are not cutting the same number of hours as our harvester did last year and they started later in June this year.

Steve reported that several hoses were going bad on the harvester, but that it was to be expected due to the age of the current hoses (approx. 25 years). The replacement costs will be approx. \$100 per hose and there are many. An exact number was not given. Steve reported that 10 feet of the Track on the trailer was also repaired. Steve also reported that LMA has finally purchased a newer truck thanks to Rick Peterson locating one for us. The newer truck is a 1996 or 1998 Freightliner with a Caterpillar diesel engine. It has 181,000 miles currently on it. LMA is having a box for tools, etc. welded onto a newly extended frame.

The cost of the vehicle was \$21,500.00 and an additional \$1500.00 to set it up.

The addition of the extended frame has an unknown price so far, but the truck comes with the lightbar, compressor, and box. The new truck will be lettered on the doors and there was some discussion about putting it in the Wild Rice Days parade.

The old truck, a 1977 model with the plow should fetch approx \$5000.00. We will have it available at the LMA garage sale.

The last thing Steve reported is that the trailer was sprung a few years ago when taking it out, and is in tough shape.

Water Clarity Report:

None due to excused absence of Greg.

Garage Sale Report:

Leanne reported that she still need volunteers for the Saturday intake of donations at the Garage.

She reported that she and the crew of ladies who work on Thursday morning cleaned, vaccumed and set up tables this past week. We still need help moving tables for the Outdoor and Man Toys (tools) section and cleaning in that section of the garage. We need more people to work Thursday mornings. There is a sign up for the volunteers and a place in the log in notebook for them to put down their addresses and phone numbers to make it easier for Leanne to send out Thank You notes when the sale is over with. Leanne obtained prices on the 8.5" x 11" flyers for the News Hopper distribution and will forward the circulation numbers to our President. This is probably not a good option for us as it is quite costly for our organization.

Leanne passed around the posters to be placed around town for everyone to post.

Bev approved for a onetime garbage pickup but Leanne will wait 2 weeks until the bins are full from toss out garage sale items. We will use Jeff Hooper at Lake Sanitation. Margie will call Kangas and arrange for Porta-Potty maintenance.

Leanne asked for any suggestions from the board regarding the sale.

She said she would like a Pricing Committee this year as some items sold last year were priced too low and said that this is a Fund Raising Garage sale. We have to collect enough proceeds to make it worth while, as our Volunteers work so hard for "Our" great cause. Chuck Munson will bring in a canoe for donation.

Gregory Pfeifer will check into some Terry Redlin Prints for Silent auction or for Raffle and Curtis Pieske will check on obtaining a Quilt for a raffle.

Old Business:

Linda Peterson will meet with Bonnie Maxwell to take over promotional items. Chuck had received a bid on flag of \$20. Per flag. We all agreed that \$20 was too expensive. In the past we have sold them for \$12 or \$15. Leanne offered to help Linda with the flag bids as she has a few personal contacts in the cities. The finished size of the flags are 20" x 30".

There was discussion on the follow up of contacting businesses for memberships. President Rath has sent out follow up letters to several contacts. Margie still has to contact at least one of her businesses and was certain that Yellowstone Log Homes would be sending in their donation. We really need to obtain more!

Regarding the Annual Membership meeting to be held on Aug. 9th at 9 a.m. at Sportsman's Club, President brought up the idea of inviting a speaker. She suggested a Shoreland Restoration speaker. It was brought up that there are already many meetings at which to obtain this information. Discussion was held to have information made available on our Lake Management Plan. Since the plan costs \$11 to copy, it was decided to have a just a couple of copies available for folks to look at, and to give them the web address for our association so they could look at it on their own and copy it if they choose.

Greg Pfeifer volunteered to enlarge the pages that people would be interested in seeing, to make it easier. The board agreed that this would be helpful.

On the topic of The Shamrock Township and the BSALWMP Grant, President Rath informed us that the \$200 invoice for concrete removal from Shamrock township was paid for by BSALWMP. This is the final year of the 3 year BSALWMP In-Kind Grant Program for reimbursement of costs with LMA.

Shamrock Township had a meeting last week. Earlier we had requested \$3000 from the township. It was brought up at this meeting by a township person that LMA isn't doing their own fund raising, so why should the Township donate \$3000? This person obviously doesn't know the facts and the reasons as to why our Annual Meatball dinner was cancelled or how little we really take in for all of the hours of work that goes into this event. President Rath already has a call in to this person to hopefully correct this situation.

New Business Report:

The large plexiglass sign for our business donors has been built and hung. Thank you to Chuck for building it. After the meeting today, we will put in our business donor's names.

Other Business:

*This is actually where we discussed the raffle items that were volunteered, but that I listed in the Garage Sale Report section to keep track of our latest happenings. If anyone else comes up with large donated items to

sell at the sale or to raffle off, please inform Leanne, Garage Sale Chairperson. (Thanks.)

Bev asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat made such a motion which was seconded by Leanne. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leanne Anderson, acting Secretary