

June 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by LMA Vice President Ron Conzet.

Board member not present but excused.

President Bev Rath, Treasurer Pat Rath, Bonnie and Jerry Maxwell, Kay Klumpner and Bill Warner.

Board members absent with out explanation:

Art Orasco.

Board Members Present:

Vice President Ron Conzet, Harvesting Manager Steve Olson, Secretary Greg Meredyk

Board members Marge Marsyla, Leanne Anderson, Pat McGinn & Chuck Munson.

Guest of the Board: Jay Robinson.

There was a reminder that the date of the July monthly meeting has been changed to July 21st to accommodate the Minnewawa Sportsman's club Annual meeting.

New board member Chuck Munson's contact information: 612-703-6224 (cell) 612-926-2136 (home)

In kind hours were discussed: 16 hours for pamphlets, 5 hours for water testing on Minnewawa and Horseshoe Lakes. A tally of these hours is to be kept as they are used in qualifying our educational portion of our mission statement. There are other activities that qualify as well.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed by the board members via e-mail.

Greg Meredyk made a motion to accept. Leanne Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Current operating funds are listed at \$4783.00

Meatball Dinner report given by Marge Marsyla.

Total sales \$1423.00 Start up \$160.00. Expenses: \$547.00 Net Revenue Generated: \$665.37.

Chuck Munson has volunteered to take on a role in cooking the meatball dinner next year.

Upcoming events:

Ron Conzet discussed the need for a volunteer for the Rivers and Lakes Fair the weekend of June 16th. He is checking with Lee and Jill Carlson to see if they could volunteer their time.

June 18th: Fishing With Kids Event.

Volunteers include Steve Olson, Neal Ospey and Jerry Maxwell.

Wild Rice Days (July): Jackie Olson is in charge of the booth this year. Marge Marsyla reminded the board that there is a form to be filled out and returned to the Tamarack Chamber of Commerce.

ALCLARA and Minnesota Waters meetings will be attended by Pat McGinn.

The Next Board meeting date as mentioned before has changed to July 21st. Ron Conzet said he would contact all board members to remind them as their presence and input is essential to the success of the boards initiative.

Membership:

Business Sponsors this year include: Bann's Bar, Freeman Electric, Horseshoe Lake Inn and Yellowstone Homes and Classic Homes.

Garage Sale:

Leanne Anderson will be checking on Portapottie prices. Kangas construction price is \$90.00/ Month The cost of pumping out the tank for the unit is approximately \$130.00.

Web Site:

Pat Rath has reported that the Web site is up and running once again and is making progress towards updating all information.

Harvesting/Equipment Reoprt:

We still are in possession of the Dump Truck that was donated to the association.

At issue to utilize this truck is there is no room for fuel tanks for the harvester.

Steve Olson estimates that the engine alone is worth about \$800.00

Steve also reminded the board of the need to replace the conveyor belt for the harvester.

He is checking websites for prices.

We are also in possession of the Motor Home that was conditionally donated by the VFW.

Marge Marsyla noted that she has received an offer for both.

She will ask \$1000.00 for each.

Leanne Anderson is continuing her search for a replacement truck for the truck the association is currently using.

Perspective board member and guest of the board Jay Robinson has offered to check with his employer who may have a newer model 2 1/2 ton dump truck that may be purchased.

Public Access Upgrades:

Pat McGinn reports that there are 5 public accesses on Lake Minnewawa that are in need of upgrading. If the DNR purchases the Timber shores access that will leave 4 accesses that are in need of upgrading. Pat and Ron Conzet estimate that 70 cement tiles will be needed to accomplish the job along with enough crushed rock to set the tiles on and complete the job. The cost of the gravel is estimated at \$15/ cubic yard. There are currently 2 estimates for the cost of the tiles. One is for \$75.00 a tile and \$800.00 for delivery. The Other is for \$85.00 a tile but with free delivery.

The DNR has supplied instructions for installation.

This is to be a cooperative effort between BSALAMP who will finance the effort,

The Shamrock township that will dig and install the gravel and tiles and The Lake Minnewawa

Association who will provide in-kind labor at \$15.00/ hr as estimated by Janet Smude of BSALAMP.

The association will provide labor such as brush clearing on the Sheshebe point access, which will be marked for property lines and the brush will be cleared. The association will also provide a vegetation plan.

Water Clarity Readings:

Greg Meredyk Reported that the Secci Disk readings for Site 201 on the south side of the lake were at 7 feet.

The readings for site 202 on the north side was at 7 1/2 feet.

These readings were shallower compared to last May. This is explained largely due to high winds and stormy weather that had occurred on the lake recently.

We are also collecting data on Horseshoe Lake this year. As a comparison, temperature readings and dissolved oxygen readings were taken at site 201 on Lake Minnewawa. The water temperature was at approximately 16 degrees C (61degrees F) at the surface and declined slightly at 1,2 and 3 meters. This held true for both lakes. However Minnewawa's dissolved oxygen readings averaged a full point higher than Horseshoe's Minnewawa dissolved oxygen readings were around 9.65 (this varied at each depth and declined the closer to the bottom). Horseshoes readings were in the 8.xx range. In addition the secci reading for Horseshoe was only 6 feet. Physical condition and recreational suitability for Minnewawa was a 2 on a scale of one to 5. Although it could have easily had been a 1. There was no suspended algae present on Minnewawa where there was algae suspended and visible in Horseshoe which also was rated at a 2 for physical condition and recreational suitability.

Other Information Discussed.

Pat McGinn mentioned that Big Sandy Lake had initiated a 10 year multi million dollar study to improve the water quality of that lake. This has included farms putting up exclusion fencing

to keep livestock away from the lake and other initiatives. So far, there has been no notable improvement.

Since 1980 our water quality has improved in comparison. This has been accomplished in a number of small but effective initiatives which include: improvement to septic systems, ditching on the sides of black-topped roads that stops sediment from entering the lake. Rip rap at Timber shores and Greenwoods bay, Putting ditches in on the Floe Road (490th street). Sediment ponds to catch sediment before it reaches the lake. Rain gardens and "No mow" zones along the lake shores.

Ron Conzet asked if there was any other business. None being offered he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Marge Marsyla moved for adjournment. Greg Meredyk seconded.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.