

Lake Minnewawa Association  
June 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order on June 14, 2008 shortly after 9AM by LMA president Bev Rath.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bev Rath, President, Ron Conzet, Vice President, Greg Meredyk, Secretary, Pat Rath, Treasurer, Steven Olson, Harvesting Manager, Board Members Kay Klumpner, Margie Marsyla, Leanne Anderson, Chuck Munson and Tom Leach.

Members Excused: Bonnie Maxwell, Jerry Maxwell and Linda Peterson

Secretaries Report

Hard copies of the May board meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed by the board. There were no corrections. The President asked for a motion to accept the minutes as recorded.

The motion came from Pat Rath. Seconded by Ron Conzet. The Minutes were accepted unanimously by the Board.

Treasurers Report

Board Treasurer Pat Rath stated there were no major changes in the ledgers from the previous month.

W-4s were given to Harvesting Manager Steven Olson for the harvesting crew. Once completed Steve will forward to Chris Palmer who is doing the harvesting team payroll for the association.

Bev Rath commented that the expenditures in the last month were for printing, and bags for the summer handouts to lake area residents. She also commented that BSALWMP will reimburse the association under the educational grant. Board Member Chuck Munson asked about the recent billing from the township for concrete disposal from the lake access improvement initiative last year. Bev stated that she has sent a copy of the bill to Janet Smude and that it is her hope that BSALWMP will pay the township as it is a expense that should be covered by the grant.

Membership Report

The board reported on their progress on contacting local businesses with either a positive or negative response.

Chuck Munson asked about contacting local realtors to gauge their interest in a business membership.

Greg Meredyk suggested that minimally we should distribute membership brochures to area realtors if not the entire packet that we distribute to area residents annually.

No decision was made by the board on this subject.

Harvesting and Equipment Report

Steven Olson, Harvesting Manager, reported that the harvester is now in the water. There are some minor repairs that need to be addressed. Chiefly, repairs to the trailer gate. We still have a ample supply of conveyor belt to replace the existing belt as the need arises. We also are in need of a new fuel tank.

The truck is still burning oil though there has been some discussion as to how to minimize this.

Chuck Munson also renewed his question about splitting the conveyer belt in to 2 pieces. Steve reiterated that the cost in time at this point would be detrimental to operations. He went on to state the optimum time to do this would be at the end of the season after harvesting operations ended for the year.

Further discussion centered on the search for a new truck to replace the current truck.

Bev stated that she and Pat checked with Wayne Pike, an auctioneer located on US 169. She stated that this may be a possibility if we can let the auctioneer know what exactly what our needs are.

She also asked that someone on the board or associated as a member specifically commit to the research and purchase of a new truck. She reiterated that the board has approved a ceiling of \$25,000.00 for this important purchase.

Steve Olson also mentioned that Rick Peterson has some contacts with the City of Minneapolis.

It was the consensus of the board that Rick Peterson should be approached to see if he would spearhead this initiative.

Steve Olson also reported that Gary Dahler and Don Roman have been hired to handle the day to day harvesting operations and that Al Eld has expressed an interest in being a potential back-up.

Old Business

The board president passed around the 2008 activity sign up sheet.

At present these are the commitments by the board.

Hey Days- Jackie Olson

Wild Rice Days: Margie Marsyla will with Jerry and Bonnie Maxwell

Promotional Items- Linda Peterson was suggested. Kay Klumpner will think about it. Chuck Munson will check on flag costs

Nonimating Committee- All board members.

Spring Handouts- Ron Conzet

Harvesting Montitor- Greg Meredyk

Lake Water Monitoring: Greg Meredyk

Annual Membership Drive: Bev Rath

Grant monitoring - Bev Rath

Garage Sale: Leanne Anderson

Raffle: (Quilt & Bicycle) Margie Marsyla and Linda Peterson

Kids fishing Event Coordinator: Margie Marsyla

Highway Clean up: Kay Klumpner

Newsletters (2 per year) Bev

Several sitting board members have announced their intention to step down from the board at the end of their present term. These members are Margie Marsyla, Kay Klumpner and Leanne Anderson.

Bev will send an email on which board members are staying and who is stepping down.

#### Water clarity Report

Greg Meredyk reported that on May 17th at site 201 the depth was 8.5 feet, at site 202 the depth was 7.5 feet.

Physical condition and recreational suitability was rated as a "1" On June 8th he reported site 201 was at 6.5 feet and site 202 was at 7.5 feet. There has been some appearance of green algae particles suspended in the water.

Recreational suitability remained rated as a "1" while the physical condition dropped to a "2"

#### New Business

Leanne Anderson presented a print out from Check My Lake .ORG

The major feature of this print out stated that the lake may be unsuitable for swimming but further testing would be needed to determine this. Also, fish have been tested from this lake and have found to have unsuitable levels of mercury for consumption. State guidelines on consuming fish from this lake or any other Minnesota lake should be followed.

Leanne Anderson also passed around sign up sheets for taking in donations on Saturdays for the August Garage Sale. Chuck Munson has volunteered to print signs for the Garage sale and to make a sign to highlight our business membership.

Bev will also check the cost for signs with Glen's Signs

Summer Pass outs will be started on June 28th.

Ron Conzet will contact Art Orosco to see if he still has the lake map with census figures.

Kay Klumpner passed around the petition that has been circulating about the possible raising of the level of the lake. An important point was made that this is only a petition to study the issue, not a petition to blindly raise the lake without regard to the effect it may have on lake shore residents. The historical point behind this is the possible discrepancy in the level of the dam when it was rebuilt over 60 years ago.

Lastly Bev has asked the board to meet every 2 weeks as needed through out the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be on June 28th.

Greg Meredyk reported that he will not be available for the 1st board meeting in July.

There being no other business, Bev asked for a motion to adjourn. Chuck Munson made the Motion, Leanne Anderson seconded.

The June 14th meeting of the Lake Minnewawa Association was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Meredyk

LMA Board Secretary