

MINUTES
LMA DIRECTORS MEETING
SATURDAY, May 13, 2006

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Bev Rath called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present were: Leann Anderson, Ron Conzet, Kay Klumpner, Margie Marsyla, Pat McGinn, Greg Meredyk, Steve Olson, Mike Zell, Jeff Struwve. Excused were Lowell Bartel, Art Orosco, Jerry and Bonnie Maxwell. Absent was John Palmer.

2. Introduction of Guests

John Grones was introduced, representing Shamrock Township Official Newspaper, The Voyager Press. Also introduced were Dennis and Joanne Meyer of the Voyager Press.

3. Report of Officers:

3.1 Treasurers Report: Margie Marsyla; Checkbook Balance on 4/1/06 was \$3593.83. Receipts for April totaled \$5,999.60, Disbursements for April were \$2097.24 the balance as of April 31, 2006 was \$7496.19. Motion by Zell, Seconded McGinn, Passed.

3.2 Financial Secretary: Steve Olson; Membership was discussed with notes on a mass mailing going out the end of April, 1st part of May. Bev has secured a database from Aitkin County and has it prepared to print out approximately 1000 labels for lakeshore owners and surrounding properties. This mailing will ask for contributions to the lake association. She will get the mailing sent out and requested a donation of \$20.00 to pay the students an incentive for helping with the mailing. John Grones indicated that he would donate the \$20.00. Current Business memberships, who are they? The current business memberships are: Country Meadows, Willey's, Christian Realty North, Banns, Freeman Electric, MN National Golf Course, Classic Homes, and Central Lakes Realty. Not all have paid the \$200.00 recommended donation. M/S/A McGinn, Anderson.

3.3 Harvesting Plan/Vegetation Management: Mike Zell reported that he is working with the DNR and has applied for a harvesting permit. New regulations prohibit harvesting within 150' of a property. There are some new regulations stating required signatures of landowners for harvesting and or chemical use. We discussion possibly including a consent form in the information packet to be handed out in July. There will be further discussion on this. Steve Olson will be added to the Harvesting Crew. Mike also discussed the idea of having a capital improvement fund drive in the future for replacement of equipment. This will be revisited in the future. The board discussed Education as a main component if we would pursue some type of capitol improvement drive.

4. Old Business:

- 4.1 Meatball Supper: Margie and Kay – Margie gave a review of the Meatball Supper. The Supper had a net profit of \$573.93. The numbers were down slightly but this was attributed to the new location. All involved commented that the new site was excellent for preparing and serving the food. We discussed the date and agreed that having the supper on the same weekend, as the Spring Cleanup would be beneficial. Margie will look into the availability of the Community Center.
 - 4.2 Rivers and Lakes Fair Participation/ Who? A call was put out for volunteers to man a booth at the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Bev said she would be present on June 17th. One additional person would be helpful.
 - 4.3 By Laws change to include educational: Bev had reviewed the by-laws and stated there is nothing in the by-laws that would require us to mention education as part of our normal operation. It was suggested that the mission statement be changed to include Education as a part of it. Pat McGinn pointed out that for the purpose of obtaining grants; the inclusion of a section on education should be included. We will clarify this with Lowell, since he is familiar with grant writing.
 - 4.4 Welding Equipment? Update: Lyle reported that there are no brakes on the truck and the delivery of the welder was pressing. The trailer needs welding. At this time, they are waiting on the welder to complete some repair before the equipment can be put in the water. We will check with John Palmer, who donated a welder to the association.
 - 4.5 Collaboration with Sportsman Update: Ron Conzet, Pat McGinn; Ron reported that they have met three times with representation from the Sportsman Club, the LMA, and the DNR. There needs to be a study period of what weeds are growing and where and what chemicals can be utilized. Therefore, we need to wait until the weeds start growing. Only 15% of the water area may be treated ultimately. This is closely monitored and regulated. Right now, nothing could be done until next summer. They will continue to meet and information will be shared in the summer newsletter on the collaboration.
5. New Business
- 5.1 John Groves: John gave a brief introduction and expressed the newspapers interest in communicating what is happening on Lake Minnewawa. He spoke of doing a series on the weed harvester and the information surrounding it. He requested assistance in receiving press releases related to the association and other functions on the lake. He has also offered the resources of the paper for research purposes. Mike Zell stated he wished to see a regular harvesting report. A proposed trade off would be inclusion of their flyer with our summer packet. M/S/A McGinn, Meredyk
 - 5.2 Garage Sale: Mike Zell; Mike handed out a sign up for volunteers for Saturdays at the garage. All were encouraged to sign up. 40 flyers are to go up around area establishments advertising the garage sale and times the garage will be open for donations.
 - 5.3 ACLARA Update: Pat McGinn; Pat reported the need for continued positive exposure for the lake association. And involvement with other projects. An

example would be a proposed lake usage brochure. Pat has completed paperwork to Adopt a Highway. We will utilize part of the June meeting to clean up a two-mile stretch of Co. Rd. 6. We need at least 8 people to commit 45 minutes to this project. Come prepared to the June meeting to help. Bring your gloves and solid work shoes.

A sign will be put up at the public access recognizing the lake association as a contributing partner to update the public access.

Bev recommended that she and Pat meet to prioritize projects the lake association may choose to become involved in. This will occur after June 16th.

- 5.4 Shamrock Township/ Request from LMA: Ron Conzet: A request was written to the Shamrock Township for monetary support. Ron was present at the meeting to answer any questions, etc. The township appropriated \$2000.00 to the Lake Minnewawa Association.
- 5.5 Board action for \$ disbursements. In the future, decisions to spend monies should be discussed with the board vs. individual members making those decisions. The use of e-mail for discussion purposes would be sufficient.
- 5.4 Other: Pat mentioned the missing 1994-95 Secchi disc readings. Greg Meredyk clarified that he has the readings going back to 1987 supplied to him by Paul Bredow. Greg then presented the Board with the minutes from the LMA meeting for the last 20 years, provided by Paul Bredow.
Lyle recommended requesting monies from the Lions' club to secure an intern at the boat landings, educating boaters on the need to clean their boats after leaving the lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the LMA garage. If not able to attend, please let either Bev or Ron know.