

LMA May 2008
Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to Order at 9am on May 17, 2008

Members Present: President Bev Rath, Secretary Greg Meredyk, Treasurer Pat Rath, Steve Olson, Tom Leach, Linda Peterson, Margie Marsyla and Kay Klumpner.

Members Excused: Vice President Ron Conzet, Bonnie and Jerry Maxwell, Leanne Anderson and Chuck Munson.

Bev Rath formally announced that Bill Warner has resigned from the board. Currently the board has 3 vacancies. Margie Marsyla reported that Dennis and Carol Olson may be interested in filling two of the vacancies. Margie also mentioned they are full time residents of the area. Margie also mentioned that Jim and Sue Wredberg may also be interested.

Secretaries Report:

Corrections to the October 2007 meeting minutes were as follows: Tom Leach was present, Pat Rath and Bill Warner were excused.

The Board president asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the corrections. The Motion was made by Margie Marsyla. Steve Olson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Board Treasurer Pat Rath reported that the change to the fiscal year has taken effect.

Total Income for 2007 was \$28,852.26. Total Expenses were \$27,573.94. This left a surplus of \$1278.32.

1st quarter 2008 leading expenses included Taxes, Insurance, Membership Mailing, CP Telecom and Office Support. Pat also reported that our workers comp insurance has been re-rated to .098. This is dramatically less than what it has been in the past.

Pat also reported that we are maintaining a balance of \$6800.00 in checking to keep the association liquid until our garage sale.

Membership Report:

Pat Rath reports that we currently have 125 memberships paid this year to date.

Motion to accept the membership report made by Greg Meredyk. Seconded by Steve Olson.

Harvesting Report:

Steve Olson reported that Gary Dahler and one other person have expressed an interest in assuming the role of Harvesting Operator. Jerry Maxwell, Lyle Marsyla and Steve Olson would be available to act as Back-ups.

Steve also reported that the back gate of the trailer needs some work. Tom Leach offered his assistance.

Bev Rath asked if we needed to hire a new harvesting manager in light of Steve Olson's wish to step down from that position.

Steve also mentioned we should have someone act as a spotter as well.

Margie Marsyla mentioned that we are in need of more W-2s.

Kris Palmer is still needed to do payroll.

Bev stated she wishes the board to be in the loop as far as where and why we harvest- (reasons such as a restricted area or areas that are too shallow for the harvester to operate in) so when questions arise from residents, we may be able to give them correct information.

Truck purchase: No progress to report as of yet. Linda Peterson reported her husband Rick is checking with the city of Minneapolis for any upcoming auctions. Steve Olson is checking locally. By consensus of the board that we should try to hold off on any further repairs to the existing truck in light of the board's intent to purchase a new used truck. As a reminder the board has sanctioned a \$25,000.00 ceiling for the purchase of a new truck.

It was also reported that we have received our harvesting permit from the DNR.

Water Clarity Report.

Greg Meredyk reports that the first readings of the year at sight 201 were 7 1/2 feet and 6 1/2 feet at site 202.

The color of the water was a darker stained brown than last year which was to be expected due to heavier precipitation and snow melt from the winter. Greg also reported that the physical condition and recreational suitability he rated as a 1. As a reminder the scale for physical condition and recreational suitability runs 1 through 5 with 1 being the best.

New Business:

President Rath distributed the final approved version of the Lake Minnewawa Aquatic Vegetation. This management plan will be in effect through 2012. Bev stated that the plans goals can be found on pages 11-12. Bev also pointed out that one of the goals that must be a high priority for the association is to assure that all lake area residents have access to the plan. We will be posting this on our web site. Pat Rath moved that hard copies should be made available for a fee. This being due to the length of the plan, which is nearly 70 pages. Greg Meredyk suggested a fee of \$15.00. Kay Klumpner volunteered to check on what the price would actually be to print a copy. The motion will be tabled until Kay reports back on this.

Bev also pointed out that on page 12 of the plan it clearly states who is responsible for meeting these goals. In all cases it falls to the Lake Minnewawa association and the DNR.

Also of interest to many lake area residents is action #2 under goal #5. This states that under certain circumstances that Wild Rice, Bulrush and Pickerel weed, may be harvested under some circumstances. This harvesting may be allowed if growth is hindering lake access to individual land owners. The Landowner has to make a written request to the LMA harvesting manager. Maximum control in this instance is limited to a 15 foot wide channel using the shortest route to open water.

Bev revisited the cancellation of the meatball dinner. She feels we need to start finding alternatives to fund raising for the association. She feels that our demographics of the lake area residents is beginning to shift.

Bev made a suggestion of perhaps having a pancake breakfast sometime in the future. Margie Marsyla suggested a craft sale. This idea will be revisited.

Bev also suggested that the board should revisit the idea of a tax incremental district. She cited the challenges in staffing board initiatives. These initiatives are often left to a small number of members to accomplish on a minimal budget.

County Road 6 highway clean up was the same day as our meeting. Kay Klumpner was recognized for having the event well organized.

Township Clean up day. The board president recognized board member Tom Leach for his efforts in organizing the LMA involvement this spring. Bev also thanked Lyle Marsyla, Ron Conzet, Steve Olson and Pat McGinn for their time in manning the drop off points.

It was announced that the board has received a bill from Shamrock Township for concrete disposal from the boat launch renovations that took place last year. Steve Olson asked if the could be paid for out of proceeds from the grant the LMA received for undertaking this project.

Bev also asked if we could keep a record of special donations such as the truck the association received last year.

Finally it was mentioned that payroll for the harvesting operators be turned in on a monthly basis.

Old Business:

Bev Rath passed around the sign up sheet for activities for the coming summer. There are many activities that do not have names assigned. That being the case, those activities will not be pursued.

Business Membership Drive:

At The president's request, each board member has taken 2 business membership brochures to distribute to area businesses and businesses who might be interested.

Informational hand out bags: Kay Klumpner reported that the local price was more than what could be had in the Minneapolis metro area. Leanne Anderson had been checking in the twin cities and Bev stated she will follow up on this.

Mail Received by the LMA: Mail received in the winter months had been forwarded to Pat and Bev's address in Coon Rapids. The forwarding has expired and Tom Leach has volunteered to pick up the mail regularly from the post office. He will forward it on to Pat and Bev.

Bev mentioned that we need to find out of the board members and former board members who presently has keys for the association garage. She asked all board members to check with former board members as the opportunity presents itself.

The Kids Fishing Event: It is noted that LMA members volunteer to do this but we the association itself has not received any press on our contribution of time and effort. Margie Marsyla will be addressing this in addition to being a point person on this project

Garage Sale Raffle Items: Linda Peterson will once again be donating a bicycle and Margie Marsyla will be donating a quilt.

Summer handouts were discussed briefly. It is hoped that Ron Conzet may help organize this.

There being no other business, the President asked for a motion to adjourn. Greg Meredyk so moved, Pat Rath seconded.

The May 2008 LMA Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Meredyk
LMA Secretary