

# LAKE MINNEWAWA ASSOCIATION

Minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 9AM by LMA president Greg Pfeifer.

Roll Call Present, Excused, Absent

Board Members Present:

<u>  P  </u> Greg Pfeifer President	<u>  E  </u> Robbie Danko
<u>  P  </u> Ron Conzet Vice President	<u>  P  </u> Mark Pawelski
<u>  P  </u> Mary Ellen Anderson Treasurer	<u>  P  </u> Linda Peterson
<u>  E  </u> Chuck Munson Secretary	<u>  P  </u> Curtis Pieske
<u>  P  </u> Pat Rath	<u>  P  </u> Steve Olson
<u>  P  </u> Larry Antonsen	<u>  P  </u> Randy Sloan
<u>  E  </u> Joe Danko	<u>  P  </u> Sue Westberg

Visitors: Dale Kratochwill (new board member now!!!!) Welcome and thanks Dale!!

Secretaries Report: June meeting minutes were passed out and approved as printed.  
Motion to approve Curtis P., Second by Ron C.

Treasurers Report: Current detail report of deposits and expenses was passed out. Moved by Greg P. and seconded by Ron C. to accept.

The year to date donation deposits for the 2011 are down approximately \$3000.00 from the July amounts from the past 2 years. Donations from local, supporting groups are down by ½, business membership are down from 11 donating business to 6 so far this year, and individual memberships are only at approximately 115 so far this year. The July 12<sup>th</sup> current balance in the checking was at \$4260.28 and \$2097.68 in the money market account. There is also a CD with \$5000.00 Monies were turned in by members from raffle ticket donations, promotional item sales, and \$500.00 donation from the Sportsmen's Club. There is an invoice from Aquarius Aquatic systems for \$1700 for the new conveyor equipment that was needed for the harvester.

It was agreed that we would need to carefully watch all further expenses. Harvesting operations will have to managed carefully to be sure funds are available to cover payroll cost and may need to be limited if further funds are not received.

Membership Report: Greg P. received a list of the current memberships and those from the 2010 year from Curtis P. Greg P. sent out 55 emails to those past members that donated in 2010 but had not as of yet in 2011. Board members volunteered to call the members that the LMA did not have email addresses for that had donated in 2010 and not yet in 2011. This is in effort to get the count up for the individual members for 2011 up and to generate further funding. Larry A. will continue to contact local businesses to encourage further business membership support. Greg P. has sent out thank you letters to all the area clubs and business sponsors. It was agreed to update the names of the sponsors on the LMA garage board and all further publication for the 2011 season.

Harvesting and Equipment Report: Due to the State shut down, the DNR has suspended all, ALL, permits for aquatic vegetation control. Greg P got wind of it before the 4th of July weekend and waited until we got the official letter. The DNR does not have staffing during the shut down to monitor the harvesting and chemical treatment on the lakes so they shut everyone down statewide,,, Minnetonka, City of Minneapolis, everyone. It appears that the shut is to end this upcoming week and operations will then begin. The (3) front conveyor tracks had to be replaced. These are the conveyors that run constantly while harvesting. They receive the weeds that are cut, moving them up and onto the body of the harvester. Most of the conveyor is the original material and is severely worn. Areas have been replaced in the past but create different tension between the (3) conveyors causing them to track / run incorrectly. The new conveyor material was installed any of the existing conveyor that was in good shape was saved

to be used in the future. Total loads are at 43 for the year. This is lower than in the past due to the stormy, cool spring and the State shut down.

Water clarity Report: Readings have been taken and are on going. Reading on July 4<sup>th</sup> were 7'-0 and 7'-6 at the 2 sites with particles present due to windy conditions. This years reading are posted on the LMA web site. Great job Greg on keeping up with the readings.

Old Business:

\* Memorial day handouts were completed and it seems that the counts were correct for the different areas of the lake. Bev Rath put a lot of effort into dividing up the lake into areas for the board members to deliver the handouts and has a good system down. THANKS Bev.

\* We continue to accept McGregor Food Shelf donations on Saturdays at the LMA garage. Donations have been low but this year is more of a get the word out year in hopes of increasing donations as the year goes on and for next year.

\* Ron C. indicated he is all set for the Kids fishing day on Minnewawa. This is done by LMA volunteers to provide staffing and boats for this great event! Thanks Ron.

\* No new walleye stocking info as of yet. The next step is the survey of the walleye population due to take place this fall.

New Business:

\* The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM at the Sportsmen's Club on Hwy. 6. Greg P. will be sure signs will be up at Willey's Sports shop and at the Sportsmen's club for public notification as well as in the Voyager Press. Topics were discussed and board members' responsibilities for the meeting. Topics are as follows: Financials, Memberships, Fund raising, Water Quality, Harvesting, Walleye Stocking, and President's Report. We have (5) board members that have their 3 year terms up for renewal: Greg P., Ron C., Mark P., Curtis P., and Larry A. Larry indicated he would continue to support the LMA but did not want to renew his term as a board member. Mark P indicated he would renew his board membership. Greg P. indicated he would renew his board membership but unsure about the position of President. Ron C., and Curtis P. are at this point undecided. Election / approval of new and existing officers will take place at the meeting.

\* We will be hosting an event on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 at Bann's. There will be a beanbag toss tournament, food sales, and items for a silent auction. Sue W. and Robbie D. have worked to put together this event. They will be beginning the advertising for the event this upcoming week. Board members signed up for helping out the day of the event and to provide additional items for a silent auction. At this point, it looks like there will be a set of Twins Tickets, set of MN Wild tickets, 4 person hot air balloon ride, ice auger, 2 chair & table patio set, and additional baskets with theme items such as LMA apparel, LMA glass wears, Kids fishing items. Board members were asked to create their own basket items to add to the auction. Everyone was asked to get the word out. Look for further details soon.

\* Board members signed up for times to be at the garage sale over Labor Day and to put up the advertisements for the sale.

Next meeting, The Annual Meeting, will be on Aug. 13th at 9:00AM at the Sportsmen's Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Pfeifer

LMA Board President