

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013

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Members present: Lisa Burns, Don Olson, Kate Zimmerman, Sam Lewis, Laurie Johnson, Tony Tubbs, Barb and Russ Robinson, Debbie Loza, Warren Heuer, Joan Schrader, Brian Abbott, Bob Hendricks and John Ney

The minutes from the July 15th, 2013 meeting were approved.

Financial report: Tony said that there is \$6381 in the bank account. The town has advanced \$16,000 for CBCW, and the third payment of \$8,000 is due in August. Six pay periods have passed, and there are three more to go. About \$4,000 is paid per period. He thinks we will end with about \$2,000 in the bank, but Laurie said it might be less because we have to cover some more time at the 5 small lakes two more weekends. Donations from lakes and a few individual donors are included in the funds. The town has about \$800 of our original allocation \$10,000 left in their budget. We can ask for that if needed. The money can be carried over, and we must match any spending which we have done in the past. Laurie and Russ will draft a request letter to town for future funding for the committee.

Amy is slowly entering the SWIMS data. Once it is in we need a report on hours and boats at each landing so we can decide how to proceed with next year's DNR funding request for CBCW. We will need to consider whether it makes sense to staff the smaller lakes, and we need some good input and a strong representative from the Minong Flowage because they should be involved next year. John believes that if the data is available by September, he can do the report to the DNR, and the town should be able to be reimbursed by November.

Russ reported on the web site. He needs more input, especially from the Flowage and Pokegama. He will do a brief show and tell of the site to the town board this evening. We should encourage realtor offices to use the site. A suggestion is to have a blog-like update occasionally about happenings in the area. The town has upgraded their site also.

John will produce a resolution for a \$3,000 DNR grant request for the fair next summer. He will also talk to Debbie about a small grant request for the newsletter.

Laurie asked if people were in favor of a fair next year, and the answer was yes. A tentative date of 7/26 was set. Fair planning should begin soon. Don Olson suggested that we could have a presentation about how to protect your lake home against fires. Laurie will ask for a resolution to have the fair, and have the board sign the grant request at the town board meeting tonight. John can do the DNR grant request in December.

Lisa Burns reported on her activities which have included supervising an intern, working with the purple loosestrife beetle program and working on AIS. She is also involved with the Northwoods Charter School paddle down the Namekagon. She says the county has a lot of money for shoreline initiatives.

However, the matching will be changed next year from 70/30 to 50/50. Contact her office for help and information.

Laurie and Sam took a few moments to recognize Kate Zimmerman's work on behalf of the committee. Kate has been involved with MTLC since the committee was formed.

The work on the Flowage dam is proceeding. More problems than anticipated were located, and the costs are escalating, but everyone expects the work to be done this year. Boats are still using the Flowage.

The next meeting date is confirmed for September 9 at 9:00 in the town hall.