

MTLC  
Minutes 9/12/2017

Present: Laurie Johnson, Don Olson, John Ney, Linda Featherly, Sally Dahlby

Ed Slavik spoke about the FireWise program. It is a part of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Representatives will be going to each residence in the Town of Minong to assess the fire dangers. 650 homes have already been checked, scored, and cataloged. This will give emergency response teams an idea of what the area they are headed to has in store for them. Ben Garrett is the DNR Area FireWise co-ordinator. Whoever comes to do this inspection will be in a marked fire truck and should have some distinguishing apparel.

Anna McClosky has been paid for the website updates. It was noted that the surveys recently done should have a clearly defined link to them on the webpage, not ticked in each lakes news.

Mike Threinen from Pokegama has taken an interest in their lake association. While not reestablished, it is being reenergized. Mike has taken a keen interest in shoreline issues and has made some contacts and is doing some personal research. He will hopefully share this information with this committee so the rest of property owners can be educated.

Don shared the treasurers report.

Year beginning:	\$10,034.25	
2 outstanding checks	180.00	
lake association contributions 4 @ \$1000		4,000.00

DNR grant		32,000.00
Expenses:	\$3000 Matt Berg survey	3,304.65
CBCW	monitors	26,770.00
	coordinator	5,500.00
	final coord payment	500.00
Current		10,139.60

It was moved and seconded to approve this report.

Amy Wandell has expressed an interest in continuing in the coordinator position. She feels she has a nucleus of monitors to carry into next year.

John Ney is on the Town Board Meeting agenda to summarize the 2017 DNR requirements completion to reimburse the Town for the \$24K advance loan. Also to request a 2018 loan from them to cover the lag for payment from the DNR for anticipated 2018 CBCW grant. (\$4000/landing monitored)

Lisa Burns reported the status of the zebra mussels situation on the McKenzie lakes. There were three decontamination stations set up at landings. These were used less than one might hope. A letter has been sent to all shoreline service providers (such as Whitetail Waterworks) apprising them of the mussel situation and how to better assist DNR, county and others in their efforts.

Pokegama and Big Bass are two lakes that have conditions ripe for such invasive. Monitoring plates can be purchased from the county to be placed in these lakes to be watched by volunteers.

The committee decided that the CBCW grant/program should be implemented again for 2018 by this committee.

Another project would be another education seminar series similar to the one done two years ago. Topics for these seminars were talked about and it was decided to set 5 dates set so Lisa would have information when soliciting speakers. The last three Saturdays in July and the first two Saturdays in August have been tentatively reserved from 9:00 to Noon.

This group will meet again early spring. Please suggest to anyone who might be interested that they join us.