

Minong Town Lakes Committee  
P.O. Box 215  
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Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2013

Members Present: Laurie Johnson, Barb Robinson, Don Olson, Tony Tubbs, Sally Dahlby, Keith Leary, Judy Leary, Brian Abbott, Warren Heuer, Debbie Loza, Jack Loza, Ron Brown, Russ Robinson

The minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

Kate Zimmerman sent a thank you card for the going-away gift presented to her at the last meeting.

Sam Lewis is stepping down. His contributions and enthusiasm will be missed.

Amy Wandell provided a review of the CBCW Project. The following are comments from that review.

1. Amy would have an interest in the coordinator position in 2014 if we receive a grant.
2. Four hour shifts work better than 8 hours.
3. A greater number of monitors would be desirable to cover no-shows.
4. Mature monitors preferred over youth.
5. Ten monitors showed interest in returning next year.
6. Two monitors were let go during the year.
7. Inspection signs were difficult to manage with only 4 of the 10 remaining.
8. Shirts and aprons are probably sufficient to designate inspection site/authority.
9. Data entry completed, easier to stay current than try to catch up.
10. Amy will hold on to supplies until next year. About 200 inspection sheets remain.
11. Four issues with boaters resulted in reports to WDNR Warden Dave Swanson.
12. Scovil, Bear Track, No Mans, Big Sand and Horseshoe had very little launch traffic. Suggests if grant guidelines allow, we only inspect these lakes on holiday weekends in the future.
13. Big Bass was extremely busy this year.
14. Move Saturday coverage to 7am-4pm; Sunday 8am-3pm and Friday remain at 4-8pm.
15. Holiday coverage could end at 2pm on the date of the holiday.
16. Many positive comments received about inspections, especially from small lakes.

The committee will need to contact the Minong Flowage Board to find if they intend to be included in CBCW inspection for 2014. Laurie to contact Dawn Pearce (Tony Tubbs has Dawn's contact information).

Committee agreed that a letter should be sent thanking Amy for her work this summer.

Amy was encouraged to apply again next year if we receive a WDNR grant for inspections.

Financial Report – Tony Tubbs

- \*Approximately \$34,000 paid out for CBCW Program
- \*\$140 spent for inspection thank you party at Club Northern.
- \*Current Balance is proximately \$2,650.
- \*We received approximately \$2800 in contributions this year.

2014 CBCW Grant and 2014 Lakes Fair Grant need to be prepared for next year. Is there still WDNR grant money available from the August 1, 2013 cycle? If so should we take advantage of the surplus? John Ney to prepare grants. Russ to help if needed.

We could apply for a stand alone Educational Lake Grant to support newsletter costs.

Two items on the Town Board agenda tonight:

- ~~ action on the resolution for sponsorship to apply for grants (Lakes Fair specifically, but the CBCW landing grant and potential newsletter support will be mentioned to be included in the resolution)
- ~~ a request for \$6,000 to be allocated to The MTLC as a line item in the Town's 2014 budget

The committee discussed how we interact with the town board. We are a standing committee approved by the board to advise on lake issues and provide education/support of the town's most valuable asset.

Deb and Jack Loza asked for input in the 2014 newsletter.

1. 2014 newsletter to include a double-sided page, light weight informative insert to be prepared for insert in April newsletters for the following lakes: Nancy, Minong Flowage, and Gilmore.
2. The above insert will also be included in the MTLC standard newsletter to be distributed to other lake resident in May.
3. The following items and articles to be highlighted in the 2014 newsletter:
  - \*New address, website (Russ), 2014 Fair (Laurie), 2013 CBCW program results (Russ), Kimball article (Don Olson), President's comments (Russ), Dam status (Jeanne Brown), letter on Bass Lake traffic/vulnerability (Sally/Russ)
  - \*Continue to ask for contributions and help
  - \*Other current events and news.

2014 Committee Positions:

**Treasurer** – Donald G. Olson, September 2013 through May 2014. After May to return to Tony Tubbs's responsibility.

**Secretary** – Sally Dahlby

**Vice Chairman** – Laurie Johnson

**Chairperson** – Russ Robinson

2014 Fair Committee person – Laurie Johnson

Grant Preparation – John Ney

Ron Brown provided an update on the Flowage Dam project

- \*Completion expected November 2013

- \*Cost now at approximately \$1.5 million

- \*Additional problems found in dam understructure contributing to cost increases.

Next Meeting – Schedule for September 23, 2013 at 9am at Minong Town Hall. This meeting will focus on 2014 Fair agenda and presenters. If possible we would appreciate the WDNR (Pamela or Alex?) and County (Lisa?) attendance for input on speakers and/or presenters.

Final comment. Don said he has learned of rumors that the town has given MTLC \$25,000 and sole use of the Pavilion (when built). Both comments are totally false and should be defused if addressed to committee members.