

## Minutes of the Minong Township Lakes Committee Meeting of August 16, 2010

Present: Laurie Johnson, Don Johnson, Ron Brown, Sam Lewis, Tony Tubbs, Doug Bush, Al Angen, Sally Dalby, Russ Robinson, Kate Zimmerman

We first discussed the pontoon classroom held on the Minong Flowage on August 6. Everyone present thought in general it went very well. The pontoon drivers were all great, the weather was good, the stations were interesting and the lunch was good. John Haack and Pam Toshner indicated that they thought things went well and that grass roots organizing is the way to go. There were a couple of suggestions for the future in case we ever do another classroom:

- Have a time keeper/facilitator on each boat so things don't back up
- Flag the boats and make sure each pontoon driver knows where to go
- Consider doing all the stations prior to lunch
- Advertise more by word of mouth, email and signs rather than the *Northwoods Shopper*
- Have the classroom in the morning
- Stress shoreline, creatures and water quality

Ramp issue—If no grants are approved for the new docks, Gilmore might proceed anyway using their own funds if the town would match so at least one dock could go in and we could tap a little of the town money.

Website—Russ will work on one after Labor Day. Tony will help. It is a way to publicize our committee's efforts. Russ will use Google Sites for the website.

Fair: We decided that the fair next year will be Saturday, July 23.

These are a few concerns expressed in notes from the 2009 fair:

- Manage portions at lunch/perhaps ladle plates rather than let people take what they want
- Need a volunteer coordination committee
- Tents were a problem/sides needed
- Kid event volunteers need subs so they can get a break!
- Close kids events during lunch.
- Lottery rules need to be published in advance so no one feels cheated!

Russ will solicit volunteers from our group for the various committees in September. Tony mentioned that a fellow named Wallin volunteered his band for another fair. Everyone thought this was a good idea, but we felt that the band should not play during speaker sessions. Some felt that 5 speakers was one too many. We all felt that the more hands on things we could have, especially with animals and plants, the better. The MN Raptor Center might be willing to come and display their birds the whole day so people/kids could wander there and ask questions. The Program Committee needs to work this fall. Town visibility is a key to a successful fair as is merchant participation.

It was suggested that each lake association make a donation to the fair according to their means.

CBCW: There was some brief discussion about the possibility of a joint town-wide application for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters grant program. The first step is to ensure that all associations want to participate.

Sally is going to find all addresses around Bass during the fall with Barb Robinson's help so she can mail them a letter proposing an association for Bass Lake.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 AT THE TOWN HALL AT 9:00 A.M.**

