

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING OF **AUGUST 13, 2012**

Present: Laurie Johnson, Russ and Barb Robinson, Tony Tubbs, Don Olson, Pamela Toshner, Dave Ginther, John Ney, Keith Leary, Lisa Burns, Sally Dahlby, Ron Brown, Sam Lewis

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Tony gave a report on our bank account. There is a balance of \$2886. There are a couple of small bills outstanding including \$100 for Matt Berg's talk.

38 people attended the talk on 7/21, and it went well. Matt commented that he thought our group was larger and better informed than a similar group in Solon Springs. Dave suggested that some kind of presentation about MTLC be given to lake association meetings.

We then moved into a lengthy discussion about what to do about boat monitoring and the proposed fair for 2013. John explained the options—the simple \$4,000 per boat landing option or a combined CBCW/education option. The simple option will not provide any money for boater/resident education. According to Pamela it will be possible to do the short form and use some of the money for a coordinator of a Minong Township CBCW monitoring program. Russ and Lisa talked about educational options that the committee could work on to supplement a strictly monitoring operation in 2013. There could be educational sessions like the Berg talk, programs for kids, signs, a pontoon classroom, newsletter inserts and/or a MTLC website—all of which could be educational efforts.

After much discussion Laurie called for a straw vote of the attendees. The first vote was to delay the Lakes Fair until 2014 so we can concentrate on the town-wide boat monitoring effort. The second vote was in favor of doing the simple grant application form over the combined monitoring/education form. Nancy/Kimball and Gilmore can still make their combined monitoring/education applications in case the town-wide effort is not funded.

Laurie will talk to the town board this evening to tell them that we are working on a simplified town-wide CBCW monitoring program for next year, and that we believe it is a priority because the Flowage will be drained so more boaters could come to other nearby lakes.

Efforts will be made to work with lake communicators to help with the education process. Those communicators are: Gilmore-Barb, Nancy-Sam, Kimball-David Grandstrand, Bass-Sally, Flowage-Ken Edmondson, Pokegama-????

Laurie, Russ, Lisa, and Sally will get together to discuss educational possibilities. It might be possible to fund all those from our budget and the remaining town commitment without having to make a separate grant application.

John, Tony, Bob and Sam will meet to decide on what amount to ask for with the simple application.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 27 at 9:00 A.M. at the town hall.