

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST, 27, 2012

Attendees: Laurie Johnson, Tony Tubbs, Don Olson, Bob Hendricks, Gerry Richards, Debbie Loza, Sally Dahlby, Lisa Burns, Barb and Russ Robinson, Dave Ginther, Kate Zimmerman, John Ney, Sam Lewis

The minutes from our prior meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report (Tony): We paid Matt Berg. There is \$2,750 in our account.

We then turned to our continuing discussion about a town-wide boat monitoring program which took up the rest of the meeting. The group thought that we would be able to generate the needed matching hours (25% of the total program) with little trouble even if we needed 800 or more hours.

The entire tax question is a big one, and we need an answer promptly. Russ, Jerry and Sally are investigating the tax questions. People felt that the issues for the town about the program would be: liability questions, the loan of up-front money and the tax issue. Liability is already present at those landing owned by the town. We should present the program to the town in October for their approval.

We then moved to discussing the education component of our efforts, which would not be a part of the grant request. Laurie and Sally visited boat landings and found them mostly in decent shape regarding signs. They visited Birch Trail to see if they might like to partner. There appears to be no public access on Little Bass, Warner, Spring, or Miles lakes.

Gilmore, the Flowage, Kimball and Nancy have newsletters currently. A special page or articles about MTLC could be created to be included in newsletters and/or distributed to lake residents. There would not be a lot of cost for this except for lakes that do not have associations. Cost would then be about \$1 per family.

Possible educational endeavors include:

- Kids programs
- Seminars, similar to the Matt Berg one
- Creation of a MTLC website
- Mailings
- Presentations about MTLC at lake association meetings

Barb and Debbie volunteered to form themselves into a "newsletter" committee.

Bob, Tony, John and Sam will continue to think about the grant and coordinator/committee member's roles and needs.

We then heard Tony describe the recent WCLRA general meeting at which attendees heard Bill Smith of the DNR talk about the Totogatic. Russ' pictures were shown. Tony suggested that the committee donate some money to the Solar property project. An amount of \$250 was approved.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24, MONDAY AT 9 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Lewis