

# MINUTES

## TOWN OF MINONG LAKES COMMITTEE

July 2, 2008, 3pm, Home of K. Zimmerman (Nancy Lake)

Present: Sam Lewis and Kate Zimmerman (Nancy Lake)  
Tony Tubbs and Pete Miller (Kimball Lake)  
Tim Poucher and Bob Holman (Horseshoe Lake)  
Russ Robinson and John Ney (Gilmore Lake)

Absent: Lisa Gabriel, Doug Bush, Ron Brown, Don Johnson

Note: Bob Holman is new to the committee and can be contacted at:  
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The meeting was called to order at 3pm by Chairman Sam Lewis.

The first order of business was approval of the June 4, 2008 minutes with a correction on page 2 – Terry Dryden's title is: Washburn County Sheriff.

Sam Lewis clarified the fireworks ordinance that was discussed at the last meeting. A permit is required for fireworks with more than ¼ gram of black powder or that are aerial displays.

Kate and Sam presented background information about Nancy Lake to the committee.

- \*Nancy Lake Association was established July 2, 1972.
- \*The lake is named for the daughter of one of the original settlers (Nancy Pomeroy).
- \*Nancy Lake is comprised of four major lobes (bays).
- \*Nancy Lake is 772 acres in size, with 11 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 39 feet.
- \*Much of the shoreline has been developed including some larger residences.
- \* Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM) which was first recorded in the lake in 1988 is now commonly found in a ring around the two deeper lobes of the lake at depths of 6-12ft.
- \*Early treatments of EWM on Nancy Lake was done by introducing weevils and harvest method. Now annual herbicide applications are used. In 2008, 7.4 acres were treated with 1100 pounds of herbicide at a cost of \$5300. Treatment is usually effective for a period of up to 3 years.
- \*A comprehensive Lake Management Plan and aquatic plant survey are needed to qualify for WDNR grant monies to control EWM.

Kate Zimmerman distributed the final approval copy of the committee's by-laws.

Russ Robinson and Sam Lewis signed the final approved copy of the committee's Charter.

The following potential projects were discussed by the committee:

1. Minong Township Lakes Educational Fair.
  - \*The merits of sponsoring a Lake Educational Fair similar to St. Croix Riverfest, Nancy Lake's 2005 Fair and Lake Wissota Fair were discussed.
  - \*Likely venues would be the Township Hall and Bass Lake launch ramp park.

\*Grant money may be available (WAL, WDNR) – the Nancy Lake Fair cost was about \$3000.

\*Advertising is critical to the success of the event.

\*A subcommittee (Tony, Russ, Tim and Sam) was established to develop their scope of this project for additional review by the committee. (Tony to organize subcommittee).

2. Launch Ramp Improvements

\*John suggested the committee could become involved in an effort to improve the quality of our township's launch ramps.

\*The area launch ramps are in generally poor repair and ownership, responsibility (and liability) are unclear for many of the ramps.

\*Federal grant money may be available to help with improving launch facilities (John to further research). Sam will research Vilas County actions related to ramp improvement.

\*Additional discussion planned for the August agenda.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and feasibility of Township program that would replace individual lake programs.

\*Lisa Gabriel provided Sam with information on WDNR grant limits that we might be eligible for. Annual grants up to \$75,000, \$12/hour labor rates, 3 to 1 match.

\*Lac Du Flambeau and Barnes have established similar grant programs.

\*Efficiencies in manpower, coordination and reporting process could be realized.

\*This program would require a paid coordinator for approximately 6 months annual (part-time).

\*Sam will ask Pam Toshner (WDNR) to provide more information at one of our future meetings.

Ancillary Committee Discussions:

1. Committee minutes will be provided to Minong Town Board by Tony after review.

2. Tony encourages town residents to attend the July 14, 2008 Town Meeting and comment on the Fire/Ambulance budget/cost. Also to attend the Fire/Ambulance meeting scheduled at the Town Hall on July 22, 2008 at 7pm.

The Town of Minong Lakes Committee's next scheduled meeting will be August 6, 2008 at 3pm. Location to be determined.