

## MINUTES OF JULY 27 MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE

Present: Kate Zimmerman, Doug Bush, Russ Robinson, Laurie Johnson, Al Engen, Pete Miller, Sally Dalby, Tony Tubbs, John Ney, Bob Hendricks, Lisa Gabriel, Sam Lewis

We decided that the pontoon classroom is a go with about 32 attendees counting boat drivers and speakers. We can make do with 4 boats which will work well since we have 4 stations. Doug will check with Wendy's for sandwiches. Those interested in finding stations should meet at the landing on 8/3 at 9:30. We will use Doris and Chuck Youngquist's pontoon.

Landings: John has submitted the applications to the DNR for the docks for Gilmore, Pokegama and Bass. We hope to hear something in August about whether the grants will be made. The town will not act on matching money until we hear from the DNR. The Bass Lake landing was very uneven, but the town fixed it up after Tony mentioned the problem at the Town Board meeting.

The Sheriff was at the town hall on Saturday. Minong Township pays about 1/5 of the sheriff's budget, but some residents feel that the town does not get much service. The sheriff was not very positive that he could station an officer here more unless he could hire someone new who would live in the N. part of the county.

The committee favors having a repeat of our successful fair in 2011. However, many felt that adult activities would have to be somewhat different. It should be possible to have fairly similar activities for kids since kids often like the same things, and there would be a new group of kids. We will look at what went well last time and what didn't. Some changes would need to be made in how we dealt with lunch.

Bob Hendricks asked if anyone had ever considered becoming a lake district so the district could levy taxes as a district is a form of government under state regulations. Nancy considered briefly but not seriously. There are only two districts in the county—Trego Lake and Spooner Lake. A district would be useful to raise money in case it is decided to remove the blade which (perhaps) raises the level of Pokegama.

**The next meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. on August 16-  
-Monday**