

Minong Township Lakes Committee minutes from the Meeting of July 6

Present: Russ Robinson, Tony Tubbs, Bob Hendricks, Don Johnson, Sally Dalby, Pamela Toshner, John Ney, Doug Bush, Lisa Gabriel, Sam Lewis and guests Bill Owens and Bill Doeden

Bill Owens reported on the effort Kimball has been making to legalize their voluntary slow-low speed rule which was not well publicized in the past. They considered asking the town to restrict speed and water skiing. A slight majority of Kimball owners were in favor of restricting speed, but after meetings and consideration the Kimball board decided not to proceed with trying to obtain a town rule. Instead, Kimball reaffirmed their voluntary rule and will try to publicize it better and put up signs. By state law a lake cannot forbid personal watercraft or any other type of boat.

Pontoon Classroom: There have been 2 ads in the Shopper and another will appear in a modified form next week. Registration is not going well. Folks speculated that low registration is due to the length of the day. Three pontoons have been identified to date. We have about 18-20 registered so far but need 30. A go or no go decision will be made at the next meeting on July 27. If the day is a go, we will need to identify sites for the speakers, organize lunch and so forth. Pam will bring her own boat for her site.

Launch ramps: John and Tony have been working with the town to improve ramps. They have a plan to provide docks for Bass, Gilmore and Pokegama. John has submitted a resolution to the town for the expenditure and will proceed with an application to DNR to try to obtain matching funding. The ramp improvement process will be on the Town agenda Monday. Also under consideration for town action is spreading gravel at ramp sites. The town might be reluctant to assume any responsibility for ramp improvement unless pushed, and they will have concerns about maintenance and liability so we need to be aware of those issues.

NW Lakes Conference: Russ and Tony presented a session on our committee to 18 folks at the Drummond conference.

Gilmore had a bake sale and garage sale which generated \$2250 and ads in their newsletter bring in \$400.

On 7 /17 Sheriff Dryden will be at the town hall at 9:30 to answer questions. Minong Township probably contributes the most to the Sheriff's budget, but many feel that we get the least service. Our township is considering having our own constable and has already purchased a car.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IS TUESDAY, JULY 27, AT 9:00 AT THE TOWN HALL.