

Minong Township Lakes Committee meeting minutes of June 2, 2010.

Present: Russ Robinson, Sally Dahlby, Lisa Gabriel, Tony Tubbs, Don Johnson, Kate Zimmerman, Doug Bush, Ron Brown, Sam Lewis, Pete Miller, John Ney

Correction to the minutes of the May, 2010 meeting: Lisa Gabriel is getting married on August 14 not August 7. Congratulations Lisa!

Pontoon Classroom: The classroom will take place on August 6, Friday from 9-3:30. Doug has reserved the Totogatic Park Pavilion from 8-4. Ron is still checking whether dam tours are possible. Lisa has confirmed Brent Edlin (shoreline restoration), John Haack (wildlife habitat), Pam Toshner (water quality/testing), Alex Smith (aquatic plants) and Kris Larson (AIS) as expert speakers. Dave Swanson (warden) will join the group for lunch. The Town Hall has been reserved for the day as an emergency alternative in case of terrible weather.

The committee of Lisa, Sally, Sam and Laurie will work up an ad for the Shopper which will go out late June. Associations should push the classroom at upcoming association meetings.

Lunch will be served at the pavilion. Doug and Ron will work to obtain 7 (2 backups) largish pontoons for the day. We should be able to handle 40 in total on the pontoons (about 30 aside from owners and MTLC members). Reservations are to be made to Lisa Gabriel at 468-4654 or Sam Lewis at 466-2591.

Launch Ramps: Tony and John visited landings owned by the town. Many of them are deficient in various ways. In terms of priority need they ranked them as follows: Sleepy Eye, Gilmore, Pokegama, Nancy and Big Bass. Tony said that the town has a supply of old RR ballast rock that could possibly be used to help the ramps. He will ask the town if they can use some of that to help with launch problems. There is a problem with some dry hydrants which are now above the waterline. A document needs to be prepared for the Town Board outlining problems, needs and possible solutions which Tony will work on. The committee felt that the town should devote some resources to their ramps.

May meeting: The Town Board was advised at the May meeting that MTLC would be forwarding requests for budget allocations to them.

Tax Assessment: Our tax assessor stated that the total assessed value of properties is \$367 million. Of that \$289 million is lake properties (79%). Of the total value 16% is made up of Flowage property, 14% Nancy property, 13% Gilmore, 7% Horseshoe, Pokegama 5%, Bass 4%. Interestingly enough, 70% of owners are non-residents who cannot vote. Russ volunteered Barb to help Big Bass find property owners to contact them re: possibly creating an association.

Website: Russ indicated that a site would be relatively easy to construct and maintain. A site could create useful publicity. The group had no objection to the creation of a site. Russ will work on this in the fall with a couple of helpers.

CBCW: New forms are available but not mandatory. Questions? Call Lisa G.

EWM surveys: Russ stated that he could help lakes w/o EWM look for it. It is best to do a visual meandering survey in midday on a calm, sunny day. Contact him.

NW Lakes Conference: It is June 18 at the Drummond High School.

Grant applications: John is researching whether lake grants are available for boat ramps.

Next meeting: July 6th, Tuesday, at 9:00 at the Town Hall.