

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE-- Final MINUTES
MAY 28, 2013 – 9:00

Members present: Laurie Johnson, Russ and Barb Robinson, Debbie and Jack Loza, Sally Dahlby, Kate Zimmerman, Judy and Keith Leary, Megan Landis (intern for Lisa), Lisa Burns, John Ney, Tony Tubbs, Amy Wandell (CBCW coordinator—guest), Sam Lewis, Warren Heuer (LNPA treasurer—guest)

Barb and Russ shared some “Lake Life Pocketbooks” put together by the Sawyer county Lakes Forum. They contain lots of good lake information which could be shared with association members.

Amy gave an update on CBCW program. There have been a few bumps in the road starting the program, but, overall, she feels it is going well. We started a week late, of course, due to late ice out. A couple of kids were sleeping on the job and not inspecting boats. They have been warned. Amy added a couple of replacement folks to help fill in when needed. She added two weekends to Horseshoe monitoring. She has met with the boy scouts. It is unclear what they will do at the moment. Boat traffic is somewhat down compared to prior years due to the poor weather. She thinks we should only have 4 hour shifts next year since longer ones get too boring and tedious. Risk liability forms need to be signed by volunteers.

Tony gave a financial update. He wrote checks (16) to monitors, but they were a week late due to a misunderstanding and computer issue. They will get checks bi-weekly in the future including next week to catch up. We have \$7823 in the account. Gilmore donated \$1000 to MTLC. Three people donated \$175 due to our solicitation in the newsletter. The Town will make \$8000 advances to MTLC in July, August and September for the balance of money needed.

Lisa outlined what Megan will be doing which is to help with CBCW, EWM beetles, AIS, etc.. She is a UW Madison student. She will do some monitoring during the week at some landings. There will be a July 4th CBCW media blitz. We will try to use that to help promote the grant. The DNR will be handing out towels at landings. We are to try to get a newspaper reporter up here to get publicity; Sally said Bass Lake landing gets a lot of family use and activity on that weekend.

The Minong Flowage is being lowered for dam repairs, but it is not all the way down yet.

Russ showed what progress he has made on the web-site using a Google site. His son has helped. The home page will show committee members, a mission statement and sub-page headings. Sub-pages include: area news, documents, lakes, links and contacts, newsletter, and pictures. The site could incorporate local advertising. Minonglakes.org is the domain name. The site will need updating periodically especially after winter inactivity. Russ will need help with that. The site is free except for \$6 domain fee per year. A presentation about the site

should be given to the Town Board once it goes live. Everyone thought Russ had done great work.

John talked about the volunteer hours we need and the need to track them. There is a computer site called Volt that can be used by individuals to track hours. Hours will need to be transcribed to DNR forms later. If we don't tally enough hours, we will be on hook for cash donations. Sam and Warren reported that LNPA is considering a donation—no amount figured out yet. Kimball should also make a cash donation.

Jack and Debbie talked about the first MTLC newsletter. They mailed 383 to non-association lake residents. 1360 newsletters were produced (1300 ordered, and White Birch gave an extra 60). Suggestions included using non-glossy paper the next time, and there were lots of ideas about how to distribute them in the future including via email. Perhaps some will be produced on one page which can be inserted in association newsletters. All present commended Debbie and Jack for a good job. Newsletter production/distribution hours associated with CBCW and our grant can be counted as volunteer hours toward our total.

P.O. Box: Everyone felt we need our own box. A large box can be obtained for a \$58 annual fee. Sam will apply for the box in June. Tony and Laurie should have access to the box.

Laurie will send a thank you note to the three individual donors to our CBCW program.

Barb talked about the Hunt Hill ecology program for Northwood students. It is \$10.50 per student to attend. The committee approved donating \$100 to support the program.

Laurie gave her update about the CBCW program. She felt there were numerous communication issues in starting the program. Amy said she had computer problems. Laurie hopes those are resolved, and gave Amy hard copies of all emails to which she had not responded. Amy had said she might have deleted them too quickly.

Russ said that a couple of Minong businesses have asked about another Town Lakes Fair. It is a tentative go for one next year. The town might build a pavilion south of the town hall which could help.

Next meeting: June 25, 9:00-11