

MTLC
Minutes 5-21-2015
MTLC PO Box 215

Attending: Russ Robinson, Laurie Johnson, Don Olson, John Ney, Keith Leary, Peg Wachtler, Bill Wachtler, Sally Dalby

CBCW monitor reported to Russ and Laurie that she lost five of last years monitors; three were not asked to return. One monitoring position is being held for a Ms. Featherly until she returns to the area.

Last year three suspect EWM samples were found and sent to be analyzed and were found innocuous. The monitoring season ended with a pizza party for all monitors.

For this season a change to two monitors at The Flowage was requested and implemented. Lisa Burns has an intern this summer and some of the intern's hours will be used monitoring at The Flowage.

Twelve new CBCW shirts were ordered and lettered with Town of Minong. Laurie has been reimbursed for that purchase.

Bank of the West will continue to be the location of the MTLC account. Too many details to deal with before the monitoring season began. New banking regulations require all signatories be present for change. New checks were obtained to meet needs of the early in the season pay periods.

11/30/2014 showed a balance of \$7,235.90. Current balance is \$10,122.73. Post Office Box payment and grant funds were part of the difference. A donation of \$1,000 from the Gilmore Lake Association was added to the balance at this meeting to help cover the expenses for monitoring. Thank you to that group!

First payroll for CBCW was \$3,970 (\$500 for coordinator and \$3470 for monitors). There will be a total of eight pay periods for the monitors and 12 for the coordinator.

It is suggested that someone give the coordinator a quick tutorial on the use of Excel spreadsheet. Let the committee know if you have that skill.

Don Olson will continue to do the Treasurer job if changes are made to the payroll process. Some time is needed for turnaround between submission of hours and cut of check. The new procedure will be: approved hours will get to Don by Monday evening (except holiday weekends). Checks will be ready for the Coordinator to pick up from Treasurer on Friday. Changes or errors in number of hours will be reflected on the following pay check.

Last fall a group met to consider education activities for this season. Two types of seminars were selected. Shoreline protection and lake association members "training" are the ones selected. The shoreline protection topic fits right in with work that Pamela Toshner (DNR) is currently doing. There is a new "rapid response" grant application for groups or individuals taking on this activity (\$ for planning as well as supplies). A local seminar to let local residents

and associations learn of this is a choice for this summer (maybe late July). June 25th shoreline protection will be the topic of a seminar at the DNR service center in Spooner. Russ will send more complete information to the committee.

Interest in training for lake association members is the other topic. Property owners often wonder about the reasons for associations and what is the charge of said association. Other educational opportunities include the Lake Leaders Institute, and UW Stevens Point has a large amount of information available on line or leaflet form. Committee members should think about topics for questions to be sent to lake associations to be discussed at a lake eaders seminar.

When your associations meet this season, members might suggest a contribution to MTLC. Remind property owners of the work MTLC has done with CBCW among other things.

Next year it will be five years since the meandering surveys were done on 8 local lakes. In keeping with baseline/historical data collection it might serve to have that survey done again at the five and ten year marks. The members present agreed with this idea to re-survey next year. (Gilmore, Horseshoe and The Flowage will be doing a repeat survey to comply with their control projects) so the grant would be for 5 lakes.

The ramp to the dock on Big Bass Lake disappeared over the winter. It was decided to replace it if the expenditure is under \$750. John will contact the manufacturer and proceed if the cost is in the range suggested.

Next meeting: 9:00 AM, Friday, June 19th at the Town Hall