

MTLC  
Minutes 9-26-2015  
MTLC PO Box 215

Members present: Keith Leary, Peg Wachtler, Russ Robinson, Laurie Johnson, Don Olson, Barb Robinson, Sally Dahlby

Finance report shows One check left to disburse to Amy for \$500. This will be sent when all reports are done for the season.

For the period 8/17 – 8/31	273 hours of monitoring	\$2730	plus \$500 coordinator
8/31 – 9/8	247 hours	\$2470	\$500 coordinator will be paid when season reports are finished

Ending balance 9/14 \$4583.52

Total CBCW expenditures for 2015 - \$36,945 + \$500 to be paid. The expenditures will need to be watched more carefully next year.

Next year we need to consider raising the pay rate for monitors. Competitors are paying \$12 to \$15. \$12 will likely be the rate for next season. Grant application should include higher rate.

The last payment on the CBCW will be made after season end reports are complete.

There was a conversation about the Town Board meeting discussion of the culvert issue on Gilmore.

Two picnic tables with plaques stating they were gifts from MTLC were purchased and paid for with the line item budget set asides for MTLC. This was a \$450 expenditure which showed no change in our checking account balance.

Those set aside budget line items can help us with the match for the 2016 aquatic macrophyte survey on four of the five lakes done in 2011. Since only a small portion of Twin Lake is in the Town of Minong, it will be suggested that the Twin Lake Association might wish to do the survey. Maybe even at the same time as the other four lakes. (Kimball Lakes, Bass, Big Sand and Pokegama)

Matt Berg has agreed to keep the cost the same as 2011.

A portion of the grant application process includes community support. Russ would like letters from lake associations and residents where there is no association. He will include a skeleton form for such letters with the publication of these minutes. He will chat with the lake association chairs. Grant application deadline is December 10, but the letters should be to Russ mid-October.

Laurie reported that a \$750 contribution to MTLC was approved at the last Horseshoe Lake Association meeting.

With Tony Tubbs no longer a member of MTLC, there is a need to add another signatory to the checking account. Laurie Johnson, Russ Robinson and Don Olson are approved by this committee to be signers on the Minong Town Lakes Committee checking account currently setup at Bank of The West in Spooner. All three plan to make a trip to the bank in the coming week to update the signature list. They will need to take a copy of these minutes along with photo ID.

The PO Box was opened by Sam Lewis. There were originally two keys, now there is just one. Another needs to be acquired and the replacement fee paid.

A motion was placed (Sally Dahlby) to do another newsletter next year. It would be sent in the fall. We would like to go for wide distribution and hope to include a portion to encourage readers to share their e-mail addresses to receive future missives from this committee. This e-mail list would NOT be a public list and would be sent blind copied.

The motion was seconded and carried the floor. Action will take place in the spring and publication would be fall 2016.

This digital format would be a great source of community education and information for residents and property owners.

WCLR is contemplating an educational opportunity for plant and gardening info (shoreline) next year. One of their members is a master gardener and would lead this effort. It was suggested that MTLC could offer facilitation assistance in this activity (non monetary).

**Note:** letters of support for the Aquatic Macrophyte grant should be forwarded to Russ Robinson via email, [r.rubarb@gmail.com](mailto:r.rubarb@gmail.com).

The brief letter of support should include: 1) Name and title of person supporting the grant application. 2) study would be a follow up to the studies conducted in 2011 for Bass, Pokegama, Sand and Kimball Lakes. 3) provide information about current aquatic diversity compared to 5 years prior, 4) provide a status of sensitive species found in 2011 and 5) evaluate any change in the status of invasive species occurrence in these lakes, eg. Eurasian Water Milfoil.

We would like to get letters of support from: From Lake Associations including: Gilmore, Minong Flowage, Horseshoe, Nancy, Pokegama, Kimball, and from residents on Bass and Sand lakes included in the study.

The next MTLC meeting to be scheduled in May 2016.