

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE (TMLC)
October 25, 2010 9am

Attendees: John Ney, Lisa Burns, Doug Bush, Pamela Toshner, Sally Dahlby,
Russ Robinson, Don Johnson, Ron Brown, Bob Hendricks, Kate Zimmerman,
Al Angen, Laurie Johnson

John Ney opened the meeting with an update on the Lake Ramp Improvement Program. John's grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has been approved. These matching funds are made available through a State Recreational Boating Facility Program. This grant required matching funds which were made available through the Town of Minong. The Town's decision to fund their portion was approved during a special session held on October 20, 2010. As a result, portable docks will be purchased for Bass, Pokegama and Gilmore Lakes.

As a condition of approval the MTLC must take responsibility for annual dock setup/takeout and signs, with language yet to be determined, warning about proper use of the docks. The five foot wide docks will be purchased from Badger Dock in Spooner. John and Doug will plan a trip to Spooner to discuss payment and delivery options. Russ will place a small posting in the NW Shopper thanking the WDNR and Town of Minong for purchase of the new docks.

John has been involved in the preparation of numerous grant applications and reports over the last few years. Sally and Russ have offered to help share the load in the future.

Russ initiated discussion on asking for a 2011 Town Budget line item. In 2010 we had approval for up to \$10k in matching funds to be used by the MTLC. With purchase of the docks, we will have used approximately 50% of those funds. The committee's general consensus was to ask for \$7500 in 2011. This reflects an interest on controlling expenditures given the current economic conditions. The funds will be intended for use in having as many as 10 of the town's lakes surveyed for AIS issues. Matching funds to be provided through WDNR grants. Grant application may take the form of a combined application with the Lake Fair Grant, or separate, and applications maybe made to both AIS and small scale grant programs. A separate grant may be easier for the town board to deal with. Budget line item request to be made at November 8, 2010 Town board meeting.

Lisa started our discussions on preparations for the 2011 Lakes Fair. She provided a handout with the preliminary program outline. The 2011 program format is similar to the 2009 program with a few notable exceptions. Major presentations will be limited to keynote speakers and special talks y Dave Swanson (Warden) and John Haack. These presentations will be supplemented with booth presentations by various groups i.e. DNR, MTLC, Wisconsin Lakes WCLRA, REGI (Raptor Education Group), Loon watch, etc.

Pat Goggins from the University of Wisconsin Extension is our primary target for keynote speakers. If unavailable we will need to solicit additional ideas on candidates for keynote speaker.

There will be a number of other displays setup, both commercial and non-commercial. We plan on having an acoustics bank play during the lunch break. The lunch break will be

extended to 1 ½ hours. The kids' activities will need a break midday to allow volunteers the opportunity to get something to eat. Tony will contact Skip Fiedler to see if he will be willing to do the pig roast again in 2011.

Laurie presented preliminary information related to 2011 Fair logistics. Tent rental is our most significant expense. Pamela mentioned a company names Doquette Supply in Duluth that the logisitcs committee may want to check out. We agreed on the need for at least 3 tents, one of which is at least 20X40 ft. with partial sides. Also agreed that we'll need four port-a-potties, two of which are ADA approved. Laurie to contact Tony if she needs checks to cover deposits. Although not mentioned at the meeting, Russ did contact the owner of the air strip and has received verbal permission to use that location for off-road parking.

John discussed the activities of the Fair Finance committee. The 2009 Fair expenses were about \$3,500. We should have no difficulty financing the 2011 Fair with the same sources as 2009. MTLC cash reserves will help provide the necessary working capital and major funding from grant applications will be pursued.

Russ asked that the various Fair committees continue to communicate during our off-season as information become available.

Russ provided information on the NW Containment forum and upcoming planning meeting tentatively scheduled for June 2011. He also provided information on the Critical Lake Habitat Program and upcoming reports for Nancy Lake and the Minong Flowage. The committee was reminded that the WDNR has a meeting scheduled at the Town Hall for November 4, 2010 at 6:30pm. The meeting is a call for public input on recreational and management activity of the newly state acquired land along the Totagatic River.

Ron asked about which town lakes prepared newsletters. It was recommended that copies of those newsletters be sent to the MTLC members as they provide a source of local lake information updates. Lisa mentioned that there has been interest expressed for another pontoon classroom by residents of the Minong Flowage Association. This might be an activity that the Minong Flowage Association could sponsor for their residents in the future.

Our Spring meeting has been scheduled for March 21, 2011, 9am at the Town Hall