

MINUTES
TOWN OF MINONG LAKES COMMITTEE
September, 18, 2009
MINONG TOWN HALL

Present: Sally Dalby
Kate Zimmerman
Bob Hendricks
Pete Miller
Tony Tubbs
Lisa Gabriel
Laurie Johnson
Don Johnson
Barb and Russ Robinson
Pamela Toshner
John Ney
Sam Lewis

Absent: Ron Brown, Doug Bush, Tim Poucher, Jan Pierson

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Sam Lewis. Two new members were introduced—Laurie Johnson from Horseshoe and Sally Dalby from Bass Lake. Russ reviewed the minutes of our July 28th post fair meeting. He reports that the balance in our account (after reception of the 2nd payment from WAL for our grant and the upcoming 2nd payment of \$750 from WDNR will be \$3,678. This balance is larger than anyone expected and should help us do projects in the future years. Tony is still going to ask the Town of Minong to establish a “line item” for our committee in the town budget.

The 3rd prize in the raffle of \$64 has not been redeemed nor has one fly rod.

Russ then took over the chair position for the committee, and Sam took over as secretary. Tony will act as treasurer in the future.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to discussing possible activities for the coming year.

Each committee member is asked to vote for their top three (3) choices from the list below by return email to Sam by no later than September, 25th.

Voting categories:

A: Community Outreach/Education Opportunities

1. Kids fishing tournament (with mentors). These have been successful in nearby communities—they give prizes to the kids
2. Pontoon Classrooms. These usually incorporate 6 stations run by experts. Pontoons with participants go to the stations in a rotation. Lunch is usually provided. Stations could be: fishing, water testing, shoreline management, aquatic vegetation, critters and wildlife. Pre-registration would be needed.

3. Another lake fair (I included this one even though we rejected the idea for 2010 at our July follow-up meeting because of a strong pitch for another fair from Laurie Johnson)

B: Lake Protection Activities:

1. Area-wide Boat Landing monitoring program. This is done by the Town of Barnes. In our township only Nancy/Kimball have coordinated in the past. Pamela will check processes with some towns. Could our town pay monitors?
2. Area-wide AIS monitoring or treatment program. There are numerous possibilities here. It seems like large AIS requests are being funded while small ones are not.
3. Area-wide water quality monitoring. Currently, only a few township lakes have water quality monitoring.

C: Lake Improvement Efforts:

1. Area-wide Boat Landing cleanup and upgrade work day(s). Tony reports that all landing except two in the township are owned by the town. Most are in need of work. Pokegama he deemed to be in the best shape.
2. Septic health awareness/inspection
3. Shoreline/property management program for healthy properties such as Burnett County Incentive Program or Sawyer County "Conservation Star" program. The Burnett County program provides a financial incentive for keeping shoreline native. The Sawyer County program uses a checklist to ask shoreline owners to volunteer to have their shore assessed for obtain a "Conservation Star."

D: Lake user conflict abatement campaign:

1. Possible town ordinances could include recommended hours for skiing/jet-skis or housing rental usage. As with all ordinances, there is a question of how an ordinance would/could be enforced.

Next meeting date:

Our October meeting will be held Friday, October 2 at 10:00. It will be at the home of Barb and Russ Robinson at W7116 County I.