

MINONG TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE MINUTES-- 9/24/2012

Members Present: Laurie Johnson, Tony Tubbs, Don Olson, Bob Hendricks, Debbie Loza, Lisa Burns, Sally Dahlby, Barb and Russ Robinson, John Ney, Ron Brown, Dave Ginther, Sam Lewis

The minutes of the August 27th meeting were accepted.

Tony gave a brief treasurer's report. There is \$2440.01 in our account. He paid \$250 to the Totogatic project and a bill that Sally submitted. Matt Berg has also been paid. He reported that the Totgatic Solar property is \$18,000 short, but WCLRA believes they will be able to raise the money. The Twin Lakes association raised money through a matching program. The Natural Resources Board has to approve the land transfer.

Newsletter project: Debbie is learning MacBooks. She has collected lake property owner names for the lakes in the NW portion of the township. There was discussion about what to include in a newsletter. She and Barb are checking costs of printing and mailing newsletters. An outfit called "Click2Mail" is a possibility. Color would cost twice as much as black and white. Articles should be centered initially around these topics:

1. Importance of lakes to the area both economically and ecologically
2. Value of lake associations
3. Quality of our waters and the surrounding shore lands
4. Articles about what our committee has done and will do

Several associations could include brief newsletters with their newsletters, but lakes without associations would need separate mailings, or perhaps, all the newsletters should be mailed to all residents.

Discussion about the boat monitoring process:

We continued to discuss the contractor/employee business. Independent contractors must meet certain definitions—the crux of which is that they 'run their own thing.' After considerable discussion Sally made a motion that was approved: The Town of Minong should hire one part time employee (the coordinator for the program) and contractors should be hired to be inspectors.

At the October 8th meeting committee members (Laurie in the lead) will be asking the town to approved three things:

1. Be willing to sign the grant application for town-wide boat monitoring
2. Be willing to have one part-time employee during the grant activity
3. Be willing to advance up to a maximum of \$24,000 until DNR money is forthcoming

Barb arranged to have the project put on the agenda. Russ will update the project description and value for the meeting. John indicated that he would be willing to formally write the grant when we get approval from the town.

MTLC Website: Al turned the website project over to Russ' son Tim. Tim does this kind of work in Colorado. He would do the development for free. However, a key to any website is maintenance and updating, and we need to identify someone who will do that. Everyone should send website ideas to Russ.

Future meeting: No date was set. We will wait to see what the Town Board decides at the 10/8 meeting.