

## MINUTES

### Town of Minong Lakes Committee

September 4, 2008, 3pm, Home of Don Johnson (Pokegama Lake)

Present: Tony Tubbs and Pete Miller (Kimball Lake)  
Sam Lewis and Kate Zimmerman (Nancy Lake)  
Don Johnson (Pokegama Lake)  
Russ Robinson and John Ney (Gilmore Lake)  
Ron Brown (Minong Flowage)  
Bob Holman (Horseshoe Lake)  
Lisa Gabriel (Washburn Land & Water Dept)

Absent: Tim Poucher and Doug Bush

Chairperson Sam Lewis called the meeting to order at 3pm.

The first order of business was unanimous approval of the August 6, 2008 minutes.

Don Johnson provided background information on Pokegama Lake.

- 453 acres
- 6 miles of shoreline
- Maximum depth = 23 feet
- Heavy aquatic vegetation on north end – shallow
- Outlet to Shell Creek on north side and inlet on south side.
- Current issue related to dam (plow blade) on north end of the lake. Place in 1960 during road construction. WDNR has not ruled on whether to remove or not. Problem: Lake resident have acclimated to current lake elevation over the last 48 years and removal of dam would potentially create problems.
- Has a well managed, long standing girl's camp on the east shoreline.

Next Sam started a discussion related to holding a lakes educational fair on July 25, 2009, the last Saturday of the month. Tony has reserved the Town Hall for that date.

Don mentioned that he had addressed the Pokegama Lake Committee during their annual meeting and received a lukewarm response to his request for volunteer efforts related to the fair.

Russ mentioned that volunteers would be needed primarily for food & drink, setup/take down committees, and those activities will not be needed until next Spring/Summer. The other committees could be handled by members of the current TMLC group.

It was decided that all lake associations could start to promote the fair through newsletters, websites and e-mails. The date and time will be: Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 9am to 3pm at the Minong Township Hall.

For preliminary planning purposes, we should plan on attendance of 400-500 people and a cost of \$6000-\$7000.

With respect to funding, there was a brief discussion of available grant money, raffles, and donations.

Bob recommended that we could solicit contributions in cash in lieu of time as an effective way to raise funds.

We next discussed the need to get three of the committees staffed and started in developing a plan for the fair. It was also agreed that these three committees – finance, advertising and program – need to share information during the planning stage.

After extensive discussion the following committee assignments were made:

Finance: Sam (leader), Russ, and John  
Advertising: Ron (Leader), Bob, and Doug  
Program: Tony (leader), Pete, Lisa and Pam

Also assigned:

Setup/take down: Tim  
Food and Drink: Kate

It was also agreed that all five committees may need specific lake association contacts for relating information and getting volunteer assistance. The lake association contacts will be:

Tim Horseshoe Lake  
Sam Nancy Lake  
Don Pokegama Lake  
Tony Kimball Lake  
Ron Minong Flowage  
Russ Gilmore Lake

Don mentioned that starting at the next meeting, a second representative for Pokegama Lake will attending our meetings. His name is Bob Hendricks. Don will provide Sam and Russ with contact information for Bob Hendricks.

Russ asked that the finance, advertising and program fair committees meet in the near future. Information from these meetings should be supplied to Russ to coordinate sharing between committees.

Sam will address the Township Board on September 8, 2008 to inform them of the committees plans related to the Lake Fair.

John Ney then brought up the subject of the Township's launch ramps. He has contacted the WDNR with reference to the ramps. The WDNR has matching funds available for ramp improvement but is not interested in taking on additional ownership responsibility.

John next described the deplorable and dangerous situation at the Gilmore Lake ramp which has not been addressed by the responsible township. Trees downed by the July 11 storm still clog much of the ramp parking area causing a dangerous parking situation on the adjacent road. In addition, a number of trees are leaning over the remaing launch area which creates a considerable danger should they fall onto vehicles, boats and people who use this area.

John said he would address the township board directly at the next meeting, September 8, 2008 and asked that others on the committee join him in addressing the board with these issues.

The next meeting of the TMLC is scheduled for October 2, 2008 at 3pm. Location Tim Poucher's house, Horseshoe Lake A chair for the Lakes Fair needs to be determined at that meeting.