



MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

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DATE: April 16, 2016
TO: Minong Flowage Association's Board of Directors and Members
CC: Board meeting file – Dan Maxwell
SUBJECT: MFA's Board Meeting: Rev. C

Date: April 16, 2016
Time: 9:00am
Location: Minong Town Hall

Attending Board Members:

Budden, Bob / Brudza, Peggy / Johnson, Steve / Maxwell, Dan / Moline, Dave / Peck, Bill

Absent Board Members: Wayne Johnson

Guests: Dave Olson, Dave Blumer, Joe Seacotte, Jean Johnson, Gene Goss

Call to Order: Dan

Secretary's Report:

- January 23, 2016 minutes (Rev. C) were approved via e-mail on March 25, 2016.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dave passed around the latest finance report.
- Steve made a motion to approve the finance, Peggy seconded, approved by voice vote

MFA Membership Report:

- Peggy reports that the spring newsletter has been sent
- 3 new members, 4 old members paid up
- Currently we have 149 members, and only 17 don't have e-mail addresses

MFA Website Report:

- Bob reports thru Constant Contact we have 210 e-mail contacts for the MFA and Cranberry Lake members
- Over 500 total contacts.
- "E-mail Open Rate" is 77%
- PayPal program reviewed, costs would be up to \$200 for start-up, then 2.9% + 30 cents for each transaction
- Steve made a motion to go forward with the start-up costs, Bill seconded, approved by a voice vote

Governors Fishing Opener:

- Friday, May 6th = "Expo" at Heartwood Resort
- Steve & Dan in 10x10 booth (free for non-profits)
- Friday evening banquet = 250 VIP's and media;
- Saturday - morning = Governor's boat launches from undisclosed location
- Saturday – noon = Shore lunch at Pogo's

- Governor likely departs the area after lunch
- Saturday afternoon = MFA pontoon tours. Approximately 6 needed, 10 are lined up just in case
- Total weekend event entails about 800 people; 200 estimated as “registrants”.
- Lake amenities upgrade? Buoys, MFA Logo, signs, _____?

Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM: 2016-2020):

- Reviewed APM plan with Dave Blumer
- 2016 EWM DNR-bay treatment discussions, this will be the only area treated in 2016
- Washburn County Forestry funding update
- Dan Maxwell moved that we accept Dave Blumer’s \$4,716.00 new LEAPS contract, and close out the previous contract. The motion was seconded and passed.

Grant Status:

- AEPP-431-14 (Aquatic Invasives Education): Steve reported that a Control grant refunds for \$23,022.80 will be submitted to the DNR.
- CBCW-245-16 (Clean Boats / Clean Waters): Dan (for Wayne) reported that for the DNR landing that the Boy Scouts and volunteer property owners will monitor
- The campground landing will be managed by the Minong Town Lakes Committee - CBCW-258-16
- AEPP-479-16 (Aquatic Invasives Education): On the DNR’s recommendation, Dan withdrew this grant request in favor of accepting ACEI-186-16 (\$18,076.66) because it is identical to AEPP-479-16, but offers the additional benefit of covering costs for the DNR herbicide treatment. December 2015, January 2016 & February 2016 consulting fees will now need to come from the general fund, but this additional expense is more than offset by the funding gains obtained in ACEI-186-16.
- ACEI-186-16 (Est. AIS Control Grant for the **Minong Flowage**) approved for \$23,246.42. This grant will cover our consulting fees and general costs for 2016 & 2017. It will also cover the 2016 DNR bay herbicide treatment, which should occur around May 7th.
- ACEI-187-16 (Est. AIS Control Grant for **Cranberry Lake**) approved for \$20,599.40. Dave Olson and the Cranberry Lake/Flowage Assoc. will work with Steve Scheiffer in the administration and performance for this grant. We believe it covers the Cranberry Flowage down to the County T bridge.
- LPT-499-15 (Fish-Sticks) Dan Maxwell reported that the 2nd fish-stick has been put in and the paperwork is being finalized.

MFA Annual Meeting:

- Donuts & Coffee - Steve and Jean Johnson
- Sign-in table - Peggy and Bob
- General agenda - Dan will review drawdown topics, fish survey and current AIS projects
- Guest speaker - Eric Gunderson, Minong town constable
- Other stuff - Dave Blumer will attend to support “questions & answers” activity.

Minong Flowage Stakeholders committee:

- General invite to MFA board meetings.
- General invite to MFA Annual meeting.
- Primary event will be an annual stakeholders meeting each November.

On-lake activities:

- Citizen Lake Monitoring - Ron & Jeanne Brown have been running for 6-7 years. They check water clarity, oxygen levels, etc.
- Spearing - Done this spring with no prior notice given to the MFA, but the DNR was well aware of all tribal plans. Since 2005 there have only been 5 spearing events, and the harvest has been minimal.
- DNR Full lake fish survey throughout 2016 - Survey is underway.
- EWM signs updated at boat-launches - New signs will be deployed. Jean Johnson will investigate options/viability for some sort of additional laminated lake-map showing EWM locations. Further investigation concluded that the actual benefit would not justify such an effort.
- Buoy placement and management – Discussions, permits & costs need to be discussed with the towns of Wascott & Minong. New "no wake zone" buoys will replace the 3 old buoys in Pogo's channel.
- On-lake hazard markers & channel markers: The disappearing island may need some navigation markers, however liability is a concern. Steve Johnson is assessing options.

- Summer “lake education event” is possible near the end of August.
- Dave Blumer recommends acquiring a GPS device. Dan made a motion to spend up to \$400 (to be refunded via ACEI grant) on a GPS device, Steve seconded and it was approved by a voice vote.

Drawdown Topics:

- Ongoing-issue review, discussed by Dan
- Research funding via grant options – t.b.d.

Regional Associations:

- Main communication is via our Newsletter
- Cranberry Lake Assoc. communication development: Dave Olson of Cranberry Lake spoke of their control grant. He needs time to assess his plans.

MFA Board Membership:

- Recruiting is an “on-going process”.
- Dan discussed Dawn Pearce possibly returning and Bill possibly leaving.
- Dan discussed having a business member on the board.

Other: Seaman's resort/bar has been sold, with new ownership arriving in mid-May. Reports are they will keep running it as a resort.

MFA tentative calendar:

- ***** 2016 *****
- April 16, 2016 - MFA Board Mtg.
 - Governor’s Fishing Opener planning
 - MFA Annual Meeting planning
- June 11, 2016 - MFA Annual Meeting
- August 27, 2016 – AIS Education Event (tentative date)
- October 1, 2016 – MFA Board Mtg. (tentative date)
 - Season Review
 - 2017 outlook
- ***** 2017 *****
- January 28, 2017 – MFA Board Mtg. (tentative date)
 - AIS planning
 - Summer activities planning)
- April 22, 2017 - MFA Board (tentative date)
 - MFA Annual Meeting planning)
- June 10, 2017 - MFA Annual Meeting
- August 26, 2017 – AIS Education Event (tentative date)
- October 7, 2017 – MFA Board Mtg. (tentative date)
 - Season Review
 - 2018 outlook
- ***** 2018 *****

New Business:

- Directors & Officers insurance: research t.b.d.
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Adjournment: Bill made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded and it was approved by a voice vote at 11:30 AM