



MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

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**SUBJECT:** MFA's Board-of-Directors Meeting: Spring: MINUTES **Rev. B**

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**Date:** April 22, 2017  
**Time:** 9:00am to ~ 11:00am  
**Location:** Dan Maxwell's cabin - W7626 Wallin Drive

**Attendees, or teleconferenced:**

- Bob Budden, Dave Moline, Dave Perrin, Joe McGrath, Peggy Bruzda, & Rockne Johnson.
- The sound quality of the teleconference feature allowed callers to hear conversation in the room, but callers were barely audible to the folks in the room. Later investigation found my speakers to be functional, so I must have had an incorrect setting engaged in the program. Therefore, it should be a simple fix...

**Absent:** Wayne Johnson.

**Guests:** Dave Blumer & Steve Johnson.

**Secretary's Report: Dan Maxwell**

- January 28<sup>th</sup>, Meeting's minutes vote: approved.

**Treasurer's Report: Dave Moline**

- Financial update presented. Vote: approved.
- Directors and Officers insurance: Approval of the policy offered by Great American was obtained via email vote earlier in April. Rockne Johnson will follow through with the sign-up and payment process.
- Dave Moline's 3<sup>rd</sup>, and final, term ends at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Peggy Bruzda is willing to acquire that responsibility along with her Membership duties.

**MFA Membership Report: Peggy Bruzda**

- General update.
- Membership growth promotion via direct email to individuals whose dues are expired (or expiring soon) will be issued in May.

**MFA Website Report: Bob Budden**

- General update.
- Homepage viewership spiked around the time of the January Board meeting. The interior page with the most views was "fishing", which implies a strong interest in Craig Roberts presentation of the 2016 Fish Survey's preliminary results!

**Grants Status: Dan Maxwell**

- Clean Boats/Clean Waters: **Dan Maxwell (for Wayne Johnson)**
  - o DNR Landing for 2017 continued by Boy Scouts of America.
  - o The committee recommends that Wayne Johnson confirm that the Scouts should emphasis Zebra Mussel awareness this year.
  - o Campground Landing for 2017 continued by Minong Town Lakes Committee.
  - o Washburn County has obtained a large grant for AIS control. We speculated that this is likely for Zebra Mussel control & awareness programs.
- AIS Control Grant – Minong Flowage: **Dan Maxwell**
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MFA membership survey for 2016's feedback to be issued by Dan (?) ~ May 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - Flood effects?
    - AIS advancement?

- Water quality?
- Fishery quality?
- Shoreline issues?
- Boat traffic issues?
- o Grant reimbursement request for 2016 has been delayed. Dan Maxwell will submit it later this summer, or just wait until all activity is completed and submit the whole request in late 2017.
- o General plan for 2017 season
  - Dave Blumer activity:
    - Informal Shoreline Evaluation for fulfillment of grant line item, pending final approval of the MFA Board of Directors.
      - o A LEAPS intern will work with Dave Perrin & Rockne Johnson to assess the general condition of the entire lake's shoreline as it relates to DNR "Healthy Lakes" parameters.
      - o Special interest will be focused on the condition of public property and it's perceived quality decline.
      - o Dave Blumer noted that such surveys are common and have not been controversial, but specific findings are to remain under the control of the MFA Board of Directors and held confidential.
    - Jane Malischke approved redirecting grant funds for the Drawdown Analysis Project (DAP). Dave will begin preliminary research on the project pending Board approval of his expectations. Dan Maxwell will submit a summary email to the Board.
      - o Phase 1: Identify Permit Requirements and timeline(s).
      - o Phase 2: Gather relevant information and factors to be researched in detail.
      - o Phase 3: Develop a specific plan for the issue.
  - Matt Berg contract for 2017 plant survey work will entail:
    - June AIS Survey of EWM and Curly-Leaf Pondweed.
    - September/October AIS Survey of EWM and wild rice.

**Events and activities of note – general discussions: Dan Maxwell**

- 2017 Task-List for volunteer activity recruiting.
  - o Dan Maxwell to send Rev. A to Steve Johnson.
  - o Copy all board members.
  - o Looking for general evaluation, suggestions and implementation ideas.
- Board of Directors recruiting:
  - o Dave Moline's departure in June will leave us with 7 active board members (the minimum allowed), so additional recruiting is not critical.
  - o Dan Maxwell will touch base with a couple of prospects.
  - o The maximum number of board members is 9, so current board members are encouraged to contact any likely prospects soon, too.
  - o Note that the Annual Meeting is when we elect new members and it is only 7 weeks away.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> MFA Annual Meeting's assorted topics
  - o Location options
    - Swift Nature Camp
    - Pogo's
    - Campground pavilion
    - Minong Town Hall (reservations prohibited until May \_\_\_\_\_?)
    - Wascott Town Hall
  - o Feature Event: Craig Roberts' 2016 Fish Survey Report
  - o General business
  - o Board of Directors member additions vote: (Clearly confirm all directors via membership vote in 2107).
  - o Burgers & Beverages? Dave Perrin will review. Rockne Johnson has a conflict that day and can't attend, but may be able to provide "home-brewed beer".
  - o AIS Education Event following the Annual Meeting.
    - Lisa Burns: Washburn County AIS manager?
    - Rich Reeve: Zebra Mussel expert?
    - FYI: Dave Blumer will not be on-hand due to an alternate commitment.

**MFA tentative 2017 calendar: Dan Maxwell**

- June 10, 2017 - MFA 2017 Annual Meeting
- June 10, 2017 - AIS Education Event (tentative date)
- October 7, 2017 - MFA Board Mtg. (tentative date)
- November 9, 2017 – Minong Flowage Stakeholders 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting (tentative date)