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1) Minong Flowage Association's (MFA) Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 10th.

The MFA's **Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, June 10th at the Swift Nature Camp (near the "DNR boat landing" on the eastern shore of the beautiful Minong Flowage: W7471 Ernie Swift Road).

The Board of Directors will host a **Meet-N-Greet event** starting at 8:30am. Pastries and coffee will be on hand and you can take a moment to update your MFA membership profile and dues status. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00am. Agenda items will include: the 2016 DNR Fishery Survey, lake management topics, and Board of Directors elections.

The annual **AIS Education Event** will occur following the Annual Meeting, starting about 11:00am. It will run for 20 to 30 minutes and offer details about EWM, Zebra Mussels, and drawdown research.

The MFA Board of Directors will then host a **casual picnic** from about 11:30am to 1:00pm. Brats, burgers, fixin's, chips, soda, ice tea, coleslaw and cookies. Yum!

2) DNR's 2016 Fishery Population Study – Presentation at the June 10th MFA Annual meeting.

Craig Roberts, our DNR Fisheries Biologist, will present the results of the 2016 Fish Population Survey.

The DNR performed an extensive survey of the fish population in the Minong Flowage throughout the course of the 2016 season. The data gathered will compare current populations of assorted species to the last such study, which was performed in 2005. The 2005 study can be found on our website:

www.MinongFlowage.org

3) Zebra Mussels in Washburn County!

Zebra Mussels were discovered in nearby Big McKenzie Lake last fall. This is the first confirmed infestation in the NW Wisconsin region. Research and planning is ongoing. Information can be found on our website via this link: www.minongflowage.org/invasive-species/

4) Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) control plans for 2017.

The Fall Aquatic Plant survey did not identify any EWM beds of a size that exceeds the threshold for action in the coming season. Therefore, we will not be applying for herbicide treatment permits in 2017. Property owners who want proactive EWM interdiction will be directed towards hand-removal efforts.

Cranberry Lake is likely to treat some areas of EWM this spring.

5) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control plans for 2018 – 2020.

It is assumed that current EWM beds will expand in size and density, and new locations will appear. The rate of expansion is not predictable, but many stakeholders anticipate that EWM presence will achieve several hundred acres in the next few years if left unchecked.

The Clean Boats/Clean Waters program is a critical factor in our AIS battle. This year, we are again partnering with the Boy Scouts of America's Troop #97 to monitor the "DNR boat landing" (on East Flowage Road), while the Minong Town Lakes Committee will manage the monitoring of the Totagatic campground landing.

The MFA Board of Directors is continuing to review options and actions to protect the Minong Flowage.

6) Lake-wide briefs

Property owner insights & observations are very important to the Board of Directors and all lake stakeholders.

- The fall & winter months have negated any recent feedback. We encourage your comments as the coming summer season ensues. They can be submitted via: MinongFlowage@Gmail.com
- The first annual Minong Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 27th. www.MinongChamber.com
- Minong's Summer Days festival will be July 20 – 23rd. www.MinongChamber.com
- The Jack Link's Aquatic and Athletic Center is expected to open in August.

7) MFA Membership

Please consider joining the MFA, or renewing your membership if you have not done so for this year. Our continued strength is in the size of our organization. Your dues assist in the annual costs of the lake management activities, newsletters, maintaining our website and our email system that is not covered through grants. Membership keeps you up to date on important activities affecting the lake (as exemplified by last year's flood). The Association also advocates through our lake management plan, ways to improve and maintain the lake's ecosystem, water quality and fishery management.

Membership is only \$25 per year, or \$100 for 5 years. You can renew online on our website through PayPal, or send a check to the Minong Flowage Association, P.O. Box 167, Minong, WI 54859.

Contact Peggy Bruzda for current dues status. (715/466-5815) www.MinongFlowage@Gmail.com

8) MFA’s Board of Directors elections.

We need you... to join the MFA Board of Directors. Two more folks would provide us with a full compliment of 9 directors.

The MFA Board of Directors consists of 7 to 9 MFA members in good standing. Individual functions of committee members are allocated among the members of the board, as their available time, interests and talents will allow. Meetings are held as needed, but typically occur 4 times per year. Teleconferencing into the meeting is a new, and popular option. Board members are elected to a 2-year term and allowed a maximum of 3 terms.

Many non-board members remain active in the ongoing activities of the MFA. It is an excellent venue for meeting lake-neighbors, DNR and lake management officials and a variety of public representatives who enjoy our common bond. Please consider becoming a board member, or nominating someone you are inclined to support.

9) MFA calendar

- June 10, 2017 – MFA Annual Meeting & AIS education event.
- October 7, 2017 – Board of Directors meeting (tentative date).
- November 9, 2017 – Minong Flowage Stakeholders Meeting (tentative date).

10) Newsletter Distribution Policy

The **Spring** Newsletter is the only newsletter sent to all known Minong Flowage and Cranberry Flowage Stakeholders **regardless** of their membership status in our association. It announces the date of our annual meeting and advises you about plans and activities regarding the care and management of our lake.

Our preferred method of communication is email. We will continue to mail paper newsletters to members in good standing that don’t want, or don’t use, email for the time being. ***Please confirm your preferred email address to Peggy Bruzda*** via MinongFlowage@Gmail.com, or call Peggy at 715/466-5815.

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