



MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

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SUBJECT: MFA's 2018 Spring Board Meeting - Minutes **Rev. B**

Date: April 15, 2018
Time: 9:00am to ~ 11:00am:
Location: Tele-Conference due to snow-storm predictions

Attendance: Peggy Bruzda, Robert Budden, Rockne Johnson, Dan Maxwell, Joe McGrath, Dave Perrin

Guests: Dave Blumer & Steve Johnson

President's & Secretary's Report: Dan Maxwell

- General update: Dan noted that his professional commitments will continue to dominate his time for next 60 days at a minimum, so his MFA activity will focus on core, short-term commitments. Primarily, gathering the data for the 2016/2017 grant that is winding down.
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- Newsletter: Now that the "Drawdown Research grant" has been approved, the Newsletter needs to go out ASAP. Dan will send out his proposed draft tomorrow, for review and/or Board approval. Since this is the newsletter that announces the MFA Annual Meeting, it goes out to all property owners, not just MFA members.
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- Membership survey: The consensus is that the current draft version is acceptable, but a few minor improvements should be considered. Dan will modify the current draft and submit it to the Board for final approval. The Newsletter will be drafted in such a way as to direct folks to our website by way of a link to actually fill out the survey online to simplify response tabulation. Folks who are not "online savvy" will be allowed to submit written responses.
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- 2016 – 2017 grant status: The deadline for submitting our grant refund request is due on June 30, 2018. This will be Dan's primary effort regarding MFA activity.
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- Board member planning summary: Board members are to contemplate possible Board member additions as an ongoing activity. Current membership counts are sufficient for now.
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- Calendar for 2018: It was noted that an additional meeting may be require specifically for Drawdown presentations and/or discussions.
 - April 14: Spring Board Meeting
 - June 9: Annual Meeting & AIS event
 - October 13: Fall Board Meeting (Stakeholders to be invited)
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 - February 9, 2019: Winter Board Meeting
 - April 13, 2019: Spring Board Meeting
 - June 8, 2019: Annual Meeting & AIS event
- Minong Flowage Stakeholders status report:
 - Dan noted that Stakeholders have been, and are likely to continue to be, uncommunicative until Drawdown plans firm up.
 - Dave Blumer noted that all "key entities" (not lake property owners) such as GLIFWIC, Washburn County, etc. are "likely" to support a drawdown once a specific plan is presented from which they can draw specific conclusions.
 - Once the Board is convinced that a drawdown is necessary, the narrative must address all core concerns that are likely to arise from various individuals and groups.
- Misc. items: Hazard Buoy's, Slow-no-Wake markers, etc. have not had any activity, nor discussion, since last fall.

Treasurer's Report: Peggy Bruzda

- Peggy's report was approved by voice vote.
- A discussion was raised as to the merits of continuing to pay \$432.52 in annual dues to "Wisconsin Lakes". They are primarily a lobbying organization focusing on the protection of lakes and rivers. Steve Johnson noted that although we have not needed their support on issues directly relating to The Minong Flowage as yet, we might very well need them as the drawdown discussion advance. The Board voted to approve the continued annual expenditure.

MFA Membership Report: Peggy Bruzda

- Peggy will follow last year's method of soliciting new and renewing memberships prior to the Annual Meeting.

MFA Website Report: Bob Budden

- Bob is continuing his efforts on the remodeling of the website and encourages other Board members to review some of the options and share their input.

Clean Boats / Clean Waters: Wayne Johnson

- Wayne was not present, but his past reports noted everything is in place to follow last year's process.
- Dan noted that Minong Town Lakes got a grant similar to last year's amount, so their people should be monitoring the Campground landing again this season.

Shoreline Erosion update: Steve Johnson

- Steve continues to monitor various venues of information and insights.
- Dave Perrin noted that degradation of the Island's shorelines and landmass should be noted in the Newsletter to garner greater awareness and support to the issue.

New Business: Dan Maxwell

- MFA Annual Meeting:
 - Dave Perrin confirmed that Swift Nature Camp will host the Annual Meeting again this year. He will manage all logistics of the event and solicit assistance where needed.
 - Dave Blumer's status report on the Drawdown Research Project will be the featured topic.
- DAP (Drawdown Research Project)
 - A \$17,104 ACEI grant has been approved by the DNR to fund research and planning regarding a possible drawdown(s) to control EWM
 - Timeframe = 2018 & 2019
 - Dave Blumer agreed that most of these funds would be used to pay for his efforts on the project. He noted tracking volunteer hours would be very important towards offsetting the matching funds portion of the obligation.
 - Several people noted the need to foresee obstacles, concerns and questions with prepared viable answers.
 - The question was raised as to a "drawdown decision day". Everyone agreed that we need a great deal more information from which to make a decision about drawing down the lake next fall/winter. However, if we had enough information, what day would be the deadline for making such a decision? Wednesday, August 15th was arbitrarily picked as the initial deadline, until more information can be gathered.
 - Next steps include:
 - Note the current status in the Spring Newsletter.
 - Have one question in the survey address the topic.
 - Dave Blumer will begin to flesh out answers to key questions in preparation for a PowerPoint presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.