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**1) Minong Flowage Association’s (MFA) Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The MFA’s **Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Drawdown Analysis Project (DAP) shoreline deterioration, general lake management topics, and Board of Directors elections.

The annual **Aquatic Invasive Species (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 Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and the Drawdown Analysis Project 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) Minong Flowage Association’s Annual Membership Survey.**

The MFA Board of Directors is seeking your feedback on a variety of lake-topics. You can respond on the survey by one of the following methods:

- Click this link: [2018 General Topic Survey](#)
- If you need assistance in obtaining a survey, call Robert Budden: 715/614-2544
- Please respond no later than Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **3) Shoreline and County-owned Island Deterioration.**

Degradation of the natural appearance of the lake's shoreline and the county-owned islands seems to be accelerating. Do you agree? Would you like to help reverse this trend? If so, contact Steve Johnson (715/829-3686) for more details.

### **4) Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) 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 2017 Fall Aquatic Plant survey only identified a few EWM beds of a size that barely exceeds the threshold for action in the coming season. The DNR advised us against applying for a herbicide treatment permit as they, the DNR, would not approve it. Therefore, we did not apply for herbicide treatment permits in 2018.

Since herbicide treatments are not expected to be an option in the foreseeable future, we issued an ACEI grant request to fund research to identify the process for, and the factors to consider regarding a winter lake-level drawdown. The DNR approved this request with a \$17,104 for 2018 & 2019. A progress report will be presented at the June 9<sup>th</sup> MFA Annual Meeting.

Property owners who want proactive EWM interdiction will be directed towards hand-removal efforts.

### **5) Clean Boats / Clean Waters.**

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). The Minong Town Lakes Committee will manage the monitoring of the Totagatic campground landing.

In an effort to control the spread of zebra mussels, Washburn County passed a new ordinance "*that basically states that if a decontamination station is present at a boat landing, the boater is required to use it*". The MFA Board of Directors is unaware of any plans to have a decontamination station at any of our boat landings. For more information, contact Lisa Burns – Conservation Coordinator at 715/468-4654.

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### **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](mailto:MinongFlowage@Gmail.com)
- Minong's Summer Days festival will be June 29 – July 1<sup>st</sup>: [MinongChamber.com](http://MinongChamber.com)
- The Jack Link's Aquatic and Athletic Center is opened on March 24, 2018: [JLAAC.org](http://JLAAC.org)

## **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. 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) [MinongFlowage@Gmail.com](mailto: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 9, 2018 – MFA Annual Meeting & AIS education event.
- October 13, 2018 – Fall Board of Directors meeting. (Stakeholders invited)
- February 9, 2019 - Winter Board of Directors meeting.
- April 13, 2019 - Spring Board of Directors meeting.
- June 8, 2019 - MFA Annual Meeting & AIS education event.

## **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](mailto:MinongFlowage@Gmail.com), or call Peggy at 715/466-5815.

### **CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ENFORCEMENT PROMPTLY!**

DNR Tip Line: 800/847-9367  
DNR Regional Warden – Dave Swanson: 715/645-0053  
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