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SUBJECT: MFA's 2018 Fall Board Meeting - Minutes

Rev. B

Date: October 13, 2018
Time: 9:00am to ~ 11:00am:
Location: Dan Maxwell's cabin: W7626 Wallin Drive / Minong, WI

Attendance: Bruzda, Budden, Johnson R., Maxwell, McGrath, Perrin (teleconferenced)

President's & Secretary's Report: Dan Maxwell

- 12" drawdown update
- 2016 – 2017 / \$23,246.32 / grant # ACEI18616 / refund status
- Calendar for 2019
 - January 19: Issue Winter Newsletter.
 - D.A.P. update
 - Board member recruiting
 - How is the lake level controlled and monitored...?
 - LEAPS 2017 "Shoreline Study" summary
 - February 9: Winter Board Meeting
 - 2019 D.A.P. planning
 - April 13: Spring Board Meeting
 - 2019 D.A.P. planning
 - Annual Meeting planning
 - April 27: Issue Spring Newsletter
 - 2019 D.A.P. update
 - Promote Annual Meeting attendance
 - Law and regulation enforcement on the lake
 - Boat decontamination guidelines
 - Wake-board "surfing" safety & erosion issues/regulations on Wisconsin lakes per Wisconsin Lakes Assoc. "listening session" attend by McGrath, Budden & Brown
 - June 8: Annual Meeting
 - 2019 D.A.P. update
 - Annual AIS event may be a boat decontamination demonstration
 - Post meeting BBQ managed by Dave Perrin
 - Invite Wayne & Tim Schirmer as dam management representatives.
 - October 12: Fall Board Meeting
 - Date may change to Oct. 5th to avoid 4 Seasons Rec. clubs ATV Ride Day
 - D.A.P. update
 - 2019 season summary
 - 2020 preliminary planning
 - October 26: Issue Fall Newsletter
 - 2019 season summary
 - 2020 preliminary planning
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Treasurer's Report: Peggy Bruzda

- The Treasurers report was approved without a voice vote.
- The Forestry check for the campground's boat launch fee (AIS control) will likely be issued in early 2019
- The board voted unanimously to reimburse \$50 to McGrath for his expenditure to obtain MFA membership on the Washburn County Tourism Association.
- Peggy's service as Treasurer will end when her current term expires in June of 2019.

MFA Membership Report: Peggy Bruzda

- Current membership is at 175.
- The recent Newsletter, which went to all property owners due to the 12” drawdown issue, seemed to prompt a couple of new members.
- Peggy’s service as Membership Manager will end when her current term expires in June of 2019.

MFA Website Report: Robert Budden

- Remodeled website will go live on November 1st.
- It can be reviewed at: <http://ccs2.YourWebWorkSpace.com/>
- Ongoing refinements will be addressed as they are discovered
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Clean Boats / Clean Waters: Wayne Johnson (submitted by Wayne prior to the meeting)

- 2018 season documentation will be submitted to the DNR in late October
- 2019 grant application will be submitted on time
- Day-visit boating activity appears to be growing from previous years
 - 2016: 218 SCOUT-HOURS LOGGED; 347 BOATS LOGGED (1.6 BOATS / HR)
 - 2017: 300 SCOUT-HOURS LOGGED; 536 BOATS LOGGED (1.8 BOATS / HR)
 - 2018: 222 SCOUT-HOURS LOGGED; 524 BOATS LOGGED (2.4 BOATS / HR)
- McGrath submitted a summary of the 2018 Campground’s boat launch that was issued by the Minong Town Lakes Association. Maxwell will scan and forward to all board members.

Shoreline Erosion update: Steve Johnson (submitted by Steve prior to the meeting)

- Public property
 - He has received no calls regarding the issue
 - No progress/support from governmental organizations
- Private property:
 - He has received a few calls, but he has no plans to pursue, or manage private property issues.

5’ Drawdown Analysis Project: Dave Perrin

- The DNR considers the permit request application complete and has now entered 30-day period whereby the public can submit a written comment, or request a public hearing.
- A notice is posted on the DNR’s website, and will appear in the Spooner Advocate’s October 18th issue.
- We are waiting for this process to play out and will then continue to develop activity for 2019.
- Dave Blumer submitted his update to the board via an email dated October 10th.
 - The protracted effort required to get the permit application properly submitted has consumed most of the consultant financing embedded in the current grant. The board’s general discussion on the issue indicates favoritism towards insuring he gets properly compensated for his efforts on our behalf.
 - He recommends letting the “public notice” period play-out before taking any additional action.
 - Financing of a drawdown is the next big hurdle and will likely involve solicitation of funds from the DNR, GLIFWC, the St. Croix band, Washburn County, Douglas County, Renewable World Energy, etc.
 - Many entities have indicated that they can’t supply funds for RWE’s potential lost revenue.
- Maxwell’s discussion with Pamela Toshner (DNR) indicates that pursue funds via expanding the current grant, or issuing a new grant request may be worth further evaluation.

General Topics: Dan Maxwell

- Wild Rice:
 - The strong presence of EWM in the rice beds east of Smith’s bridge will likely engender support form GLIFWC and the St. Croix band.
 - EWM hasn’t appeared to constrict the abundance of rice yet, but it is known to do so when it gets firmly established in an area.
- Purple Loose Strife
 - We will continue to monitor and remove accessible plants annually.
- Zebra Mussels
 - More regional lakes are installing decontamination stations, which require mandatory usage.
 - Governmental plans for decontamination stations on the Minong Flowage are unknown.
- Lake water level management: Day-To-Day
 - More discussion and evaluation of this issue will occur in early 2019.
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- Law enforcement on the lake: Daily, Peak Weekends, etc.
 - More discussion and evaluation on this issue will occur in early 2019.
 - No project manager volunteer has stepped forward thus far.
 - It is general knowledge that DNR and county enforcement personnel are thinly spread for enforcement efforts.
- Buoys: No wake, EWM, Hazards, etc.
 - More discussion and evaluation on this issue will occur in early 2019.
 - No project manager volunteer has stepped forward thus far.
- Wake-board “surfing” issue regarding safety and shoreline erosion:
 - While the MFA board has not received any specific complaints about this activity, it has become a big issue statewide.
 - The Wisconsin Lakes Association has been offering “listening sessions” around the state. Joe McGrath and Ron Brown attended one such session.
 - Injuries have occurred through this activity, which is only loosely regulated.
 - Significant lakeshore erosion and loon nesting habitat has been reported.
 - By way of these “listening sessions” the Wisconsin Lakes Association is seeking to gather feedback from the public, as well as commercial entities.

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.