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1) 1-foot Drawdown Project.

The Washburn County Hwy Departments plan to perform a 1-foot lake-level drawdown has been postponed from the week of September 17th, to the week of October 1st due to recent heavy rainfall amounts. This drawdown's specific purpose is to enable assessment of possible repair work on a portion of the dam that was not replaced at the time the new dam was constructed.

A copy of the official notice from Washburn County can be found on the MFA website via this link: [Letter from Washburn County Highway Department regarding September Temporary Lake Draw Down](#)

2) 5-foot Drawdown Analysis Project.

The analysis of a possible 5-foot lake-level drawdown for the purpose of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) control continues. We are currently awaiting the DNR's response to our permit request. Presuming that this permit garners approval, there is still a great deal of planning to be completed before any such event will occur.

A "Frequently Asked Questions" document can be found on the MFA website via this link: [Frequently Asked Questions Regarding a Winter Drawdown](#)

Note that the earliest potential season for a 5-foot winter drawdown is 2019/2020.

There will NOT be 5-foot winter drawdown for the purpose of EWM control in the coming winter season.

Additional information presented at the Public Stakeholders Meeting, held August 18th, can be found on the MFA website via this link: [Minong Flowage Stakeholder Meeting Minutes 8/18/2018](#)

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) MFA website renovations.

We are in the process of upgrading the Minong Flowage website. The upgrade should provide better viewing on mobile devices and improved website management tools. We are planning to go live with the new site around November 1st, 2018. There will potentially be a few issues with the new site please be patient with us as we work through any issues. If you find something that it wrong please send the information to us using the following email address MinongFlowage@Gmail.com

5) Clean Boats / Clean Waters.

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

6) Lake-wide briefs

The MFA Board Members trust that you all enjoyed another fine year on the Minong Flowage!

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

8) MFA's Board of Directors... Come Join Us.

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

- October 13, 2018 – Fall Board of Directors meeting. This meeting will be held at Dan Maxwell’s cabin, W7626 Wallin Drive, which is on the south end of the Minong Flowage. 9:00 ~ 11:00am. Contact Dan Maxwell for teleconferencing options.
- 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. All other Newsletters, and general correspondences, are only distributed to MFA members.

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.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dan Maxwell	612/817-8257	Treasurer: Peggy Bruzda	715/466-5815
Membership: Peggy Bruzda	715/466-5815	CB/CW: Wayne Johnson	612/269-7873
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Member at-large: Joe McGrath	715/466-2370	Member at-large: Rockne Johnson	218/728-3689

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DNR Tip Line: 800/847-9367
Minong Town Constable: Erik Gulbrandsen: 715/466-2519

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