



MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 167 / Minong, WI 54859
minongflowage@gmail.com

MFA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2024

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Wascott Town Hall

Board Member Attendance: Harlan Johnson (President), Becky White (Vice President)*, Dave Vogt, Paul Gundersen, Marcia Vogt, Adrienne Banaszynski (Treasurer)*, Brian White (Secretary)*

Other Attendees: Dan Maxwell, Dave Blumer (LEAPS)*

** Denotes remote/virtual attendance*

CALL TO ORDER - Harlan Johnson, President

- The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

ATTENDANCE, AGENDA SPECIFICS AND CHANGES

- Review of attendees and guests, those present, remote, and absent.
- There were no agenda change requests.

STANDING REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report - Adrienne Banaszynski
 - Revenue and Expenses are through 1/6/24.
 - Total Revenue was \$3,279.76.
 - Expenses were \$6,628.84; largest expenses were \$1,792.84 for LEAPS payment and \$4,790 for EWM Mapping/Treatment.
 - The Check register and upcoming invoices were reviewed
 - Current balance in MFA checking is \$10,545.50.
- b. Membership Report – Becky White
 - Current paid membership remains at 141.
 - Becky will review ideas for increased dues and membership under Old Business.
- c. Lake Management Committee – Dan Maxwell
 - Reminder that we are working on a 5-year APM plan. Until approved, we can't do drawdowns or herbicides.

- We recently received a one-year extension of the existing drawdown grant so we might be able to utilize any remaining funds.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Campground Expansion(s) – Becky White
 - Up North Resort on Cranberry Lake recently applied for a Conditional Use Permit to expand from 97 to 200 RV sites.
 - Wascott Town Board allowed public input at their meeting on 1/2/24. Concerns ranged from environmental impact, increased traffic, hardship on area infrastructure, etc. Several MFA board members were also present.
 - Wascott Town Board pointed out that the expansion does not conform to current zoning ordinances. They recommended to the Douglas County Zoning to deny the CUP. The CUP was denied on 1/10/24.
 - Seaman's, Chipmunk and Cranberry Lake resort had been granted permission for expansions last year as they did fall within their respective zoning ordinances.
2. Bylaws re-write – Harlan Johnson
 - Moved to New Business.
3. 2023 DNR Programs & Activities – Harlan Johnson
 - Reporting from 2023 for Fish population, Creel Survey and AIS monitoring, etc. is analyzed during the winter months. We should have a report by the Annual Meeting in June.
 - Some of the information has already been included in the APM that Dave Blumer is working on.
4. Other Topics – Harlan Johnson
 - Harlan briefly discussed the drowning accident in Serenity Bay this last fall. He will gather pertinent documents and articles for electronic storage for historical reference.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Dave Blumer
 - The final draft of the new APM Plan will be done in the next few weeks.
 - The plan will give more detail on options to determine when drawdowns are done vs herbicides vs nothing. Part of the determining factors include historical data from past scenarios as well as input from Matt Berg.
 - If a future drawdown is proposed we would again look for public input.
2. Bylaws Re-write & Final Edits – Becky & Harlan
 - Discussion on Eligibility section to clarify what is required by the DNR as well as current trends on lake use. We will open up to include Cranberry Lake properties. Vote was 7 yeah. Motion passed.
 - Discussion on number of Board members due to recent lack of interest and need to have a quorum. We will reduce to a minimum of 5 and keep a maximum of 9, with a preference for at least 7. Vote was 6 yeah, 1 nay. Motion passed.

- Discussion on term length for Board members. We will leave it at 2 years, with up to 3 consecutive terms, and max of 6 years on a rolling 10 year span. Vote not needed.
 - All agreed there is a fine line between having new blood and keeping consistency on the board.
 - Final edits will be sent to Jill with the DNR to confirm we conform to their requirements.
 - Final draft to be sent to association members well in advance of our Annual Meeting in June for vote to adopt the revised Bylaws. The final draft will include a summary comparison between the most recent Bylaws from 2020.
3. Minong Town Lakes Committee (MTLC) Update - Harlan & Paul
 - Focus is as an oversight committee to promote communication, address concerns and apply for grants collectively.
 - They will be creating a website and Facebook page.
 4. 2024 DNR Programs, Activities, MFA Participation – Dan, Harlan, Paul
 - Paul will reach out to the DNR on any upcoming activities for 2024
 - Paul is working to get the CBCW cleaning stations started up for the year ahead.
 5. 2024 MFA Member Activities - all
 - Brainstormed ideas on member activities/fundraising (raffle, bingo, etc.).
 - Adrienne will look into licenses for various fundraising events.
 - Becky will work with WDTA to get on the Wascott 2024 Calendar.
 - Annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Wascott Town Hall.
 6. 2024 MFA Board Member & Committee Activities & Objectives - all
 - Discussion on different avenues to become more active and visible with local associated groups and stakeholders (WTDA, MTLC, county entities, DNR etc.).
 - Becky will check into a redesign of MFA dock plaques.
 7. Other Topics & General Discussion
 - Tax exempt status has been renewed.
 - Harlan proposed we move bank accounts to Shell Lake Bank in Minong for ease of access as well as safe deposit box. Adrienne and Harlan will do further research.
 - Dan is compiling final volunteer hours for grant submission.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Harlan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky. All voted yes. The MFA Board meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am.

MFA Board Standing Meeting Calendar

- Spring – April 13, 2024 – location TBD

- Summer – Annual meeting tentatively June 1, 2024 (first Saturday in June)