



MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

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MFA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Wascott Town Hall

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Harlan Johnson (President), Becky White (Vice President), Paul Gundersen*, Adrienne Banaszynski (Treasurer)*, Jim Sakara (Secretary)

Lake Management Committee: Dan Maxwell*, Steve Johnson

Absent: Marcia Vogt, Dave Vogt, Zoe Wisnoski

** Denotes remote/virtual attendance*

CALL TO ORDER - Harlan Johnson, President

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM

ATTENDANCE, AGENDA SPECIFICS AND CHANGES

- A quorum was satisfied.
- There were no agenda change requests.

STANDING REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report** - Adrienne Banaszynski
 - Revenue and Expenses are through 4/10/25.
 - Total Revenue for this period was \$1,599.27. (1/20-4/10/25)
 - Fiscal Year Expenses YTD were \$12,715, the highest expenses were \$5,376 for LEAPS and \$3,078 paid for Clean Waters hours worked.
 - The Check register and upcoming invoices were reviewed.
 - Current balance in MFA checking is \$21,515 as of report dated 4/10/2025
- Membership Report** – Becky White
 - Current paid membership remains at 145.
- Lake Management Committee** – Dan Maxwell and Steve Johnson
 - Steve reported we will receive \$14,207 for our final payment reimbursement from the DNR from our three-year Draw Down Grant. This project started in 2020.
- Minong Town Lakes Committee (MTLC)** – Harlan Johnson
 - Securing inspectors for the 2025 summer season is underway. Very close to getting the number of inspectors needed for the 2025 boating season.
 - We need to fund around \$4,500 to complete Boat Inspections.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **CBCW-** Paul Gundersen

- No Money is available to the MFA from the Clean Boats Clean Water program for 2025. The Wisconsin DNR Stated they “never received” our email request for funding. This impacts boat inspections at the DNR landing, which has always been managed by the MFA and not part of the larger MTLC lake inspector program.
- Becky indicated we should prioritize MFA funds for Boat Landing Inspections, as this is the most effective Invasive Species activity available. We will want to direct our hours toward staffing Weekends and Holidays.
- Harlan is working with Patrick Peterson (new MTLC Lake Inspector Supervisor) to coordinate inspectors and alternate inspectors to check boats at 8 Minong boat landings, for invasive species.
- We will continue to log our hours for CBCW inspections as this information must become part of our Grant Request.

2. **2025 Grant Programs** – Harlan Johnson

- Our 2025 Grant Request was ignored by the DNR because the DNR stated our request was “Never Received”.
- To apply for 2026 Grant Money, we must spend around \$8,000 in 2025 on Lake Surveys and Consultants including Fish population, Creel Survey, and AIS monitoring, etc. to satisfy the DNR.
- We will need to write our own 2026 Grant Request this year since LEAPS will no longer be at hand to author the request for us.

3. **MFA Logo Merchandise** – Adrienne Banaszynski

- Adrienne will continue to explore Merchandise options. We expect to see around \$300 in Set Up costs. Local vendors to manufacture will be sought.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board Member Participation Plan** – Harlan Johnson

- Paul Gundersen will continue to work with Clean Boats Clean Water
- Dave Vogt will continue to work with MFA informational signage on the islands and the maintenance of the Slow Wake and Hazard buoys.
- Becky White will continue to work with the Wascott Tourism and Development Association.
- Marcia Vogt is our Washburn County Tourism liaison.

2. **AIS Removal Options** – Jim Sakara

- Jim Sakara will contribute an article to the MFA Newsletter, encouraging homeowners affected by Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) to contact available Scuba Divers for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) removal assistance.

3. **Annual Dues, Donations, Sponsorship, Collateral Material** – Becky White

- Annual Dues Increase – After 15 years of continuous DNR funding we now face a huge task because we have no guarantee we will receive DNR funds in the future. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, our dues cannot exceed \$50 per year. At our annual meeting in June, 2023 the board received positive feedback from the members to increase dues in the future. We will be increasing annual dues to \$40 per year effective with renewals on 6-1-25, and still include a 5-year paid in full discount. Members are also encouraged to donate beyond their dues to help offset loss of funding. Dues paid between May 1 and May 31 will be applied to the upcoming year. A reminder to members that our memberships run June 1 – May 31.

- We need to fill our coffers as much as possible now so we can continue with lake management, as detailed in our Aquatic Plant Management Plan, in the future.
 - Becky is collaborating with a local woodworker (MFA member) to design new MFA signed Member and Sponsorship Plaques.
 - We reviewed Becky's work on our "MFA Points of Interest" Map which will be available to all members on our website. VRBO owners have also expressed an interest in distribution of the Map which we will provide. Also reviewed was a "Good Neighbor" flyer about points to remember being on a public lake with a lot of activity. This is similar to what is done at Nancy Lake.
 - Display of Educational Signage at Boat Landings regarding Invasive Weeds and Lake Bottom destruction are being created.
4. **Proposed 2025 MFA Activities - All**
- Various Fundraising options were discussed.
 - We will explore partnering with Marsh's Viewpoint by supplying volunteers to assist with a proposed 7-25-25 Music Festival at the Ballpark.
 - We will continue to run the Ice Cream Boat over the weekend of the 4th of July, now including a Donation Jar.
 - Harlan and Becky are drafting our Agenda for our 2025 MFA Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 7th at 9:30am at the Wascott Town Hall.
- 5 **Other Topics & General Discussion - all**
- The Town of Wascott has asked that we survey our lakefront owners regarding the use of wake boats in ballast mode. The Wascott Town Board will take up discussion of a potential ordinance for wake boats operating in a wake enhancement (ballast) mode again in May. We will email MFA Members to assist the Town of Wascott in their survey effort.
 - We need two more Hazard Buoys to identify the sand bar on the north side of the lake. We agreed to pay for them and Dan Maxwell will install them.

ADJOURNMENT

- Harlan Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky White All voted yes. The MFA Board meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.
- A brief executive session was held following adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Sakara 04-14-25

MFA Board Standing Meeting Calendar

- Minong Town Board Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, 6:00pm at the Minong Town Hall (Nancy Lake Rd)
- When signing your name on the sign-in-sheet, write MFA next to it please.

Future required Board Meetings – Please note these dates on your calendar.

- July 12, 2025, MFA Board Meeting
- October 11, 2025, MFA Board Meeting