

AIS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 20, 2013 Minutes
Barnes Town Hall

Members present: Mitch McGee, Gerald Gustafson, Dave Pease, Pamela Toshner, Steve Krivinchuk, Glenda Mattila, Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Lee Wiesner, Jeremy Bates

Guest present: POA – Leslie Hall

Absent: Barb Romstad

Ingemar Ekstrom called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Minutes from April 22, 2013 Meeting:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from April 22, 2013 meeting was made by Lee Wiesner, seconded by Gus Gustafson, all in favor - I

2. Volunteer Appreciation Review - Approximately 30 volunteers were present. This number was down from years past.

Jeremy Bates presented Crayfish ideas on how to keep them at bay and ways to collect EWM with a gunnysack. Jeremy spoke briefly on MN's plans to use decontamination on boat ballast solution. Jeremy also thanked Sally Pease for the additional gunnysacks that she provided for use during the Drummond School AIS Event.

Lee Wiesner would like to see the State take a stand on the issue with wake board boats and to find ways to remove the water from the bladder of the boat.

3. Clean Boats Clean Water – Report from Sally Pease. Dave and Carol Pease were able to help cover at the landings this last weekend as Brenda needed to catch up in the office after the Germann Road Fire.

Sally will be working on a Volunteer work list for the 2013 season. Due to a virus on the CBCW computer she has been unable to use that computer for entry. Ingemar will contact someone to have to computer repaired. Sally will try to use the computer that is held in the Town Hall.

The Barnes Triathlon that will be held May 26th and will only be using Tomahawk Lake for the canoe / kayak portion of the event. Land owners on both sides of the Tomahawk Boat Landing have been notified of this event. It originally was to have a portage into Sand Bar Lake, however with the EWM currently in Sand Bar it was revised to only include the use of Tomahawk lake. Sally will be at the landing with Jodi Higgins to have participants fill out forms on prior usage of their boats before entry in to Tomahawk Lake and keep track of how many boats enter the lake. Sally will attempt to have this completed prior to the start of the event. Ingemar will email the head of the event so that he is aware of the protocol as well as the need to have boats cleaned prior to entry and upon leaving the area.

4. Shoreline Monitoring Workshop; Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. – Jeremy Bates will be presenting this workshop. Ingemar will get Jeremy a list of monitors and he will cross out the names of the monitors that were present last year. Jeremy will send invitations to all that weren't present or showed an interest in attending last and were not able due to the workshop being full.

It was discussed as to how to split up the Shoreline Monitors on larger lakes. According to Jeremy it is not a bad idea to have more than one person to cover each of those sections.

This makes certain that if one person covers an area and sees nothing, a second watchful eye may see something else. It is also a good idea to have a designated person that keeps track of the materials and that the monitors can report to so that we are sure each section is being checked for AIS. The Middle Eau Claire Lake is currently split into 4 sections that are monitored by Lee Wiesner, Jack Gribble, Fred Haueter, and Carl Heltne.

5. Preparations for Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment and Aquatic Plant Study for Upper Eau Claire and Middle Eau Claire Lakes – Lee Wiesner is currently taking water temperatures at his house and the boat landing. Sally Pease is taking water temps at her house. As of the meeting tonight there has been no visible sign of the Curly Leaf Pondweed. A survey was to take place on Memorial Day Weekend, however with the weather this season it might be too soon for the survey. Lee didn't think that a Literal Zone Survey would be needed, however he would check with Matt Berg to see what he thought. It will be suggested that Matt do a visual check prior to doing the survey.

Leslie Hall asked if someone would notify her prior to the Middle Eau Claire Lakes being treated. Lee Wiesner said he would take care of the notification.

6. Preparations for EWM Treatment and follow-up Study for Tomahawk Lake and Sand Bar Lake - Glenda Mattila has not yet checked the water temperature on Sand Bar Lake. She will however complete the first temp check over the weekend. Gus Gustafson reported that the surface water on Tomahawk Lake was 62 degrees and then 10 feet down read 52 degrees.

Ingemar will send Glenda the email address of Chad Hadler with Lake Restoration, she will report water temperature to him directly. Rate of application for Sand Bar Lake will be either .25 or .30.

7. EWM Observations in George Lake – John Kudlas, Mark Holm and Steve Krivinchuk have noticed no EWM as of yet. It was reported that the native plants are coming up thus showing no evidence that the treatment did any harm to them. Steve Krivinchuk also noted that the lake level has come up about 6-8 inches.

8. Bayfield County AIS (Jeremy Bates) - Jeremy stated that District 25, State Senator Robert Jauch was present and spoke at a conference sponsored by Spider Lake during an open house forum. The Senator stated that he would like to stay on top of the AIS in WI, their findings and accomplishments. He would also like to see grant funding continue. It was noted that in Washburn County people are allowed to go through EWM beds and he would like to see this be prohibited.

It was noted that Grants for each Eau Claire Lake and Tomahawk/Sand Bar Lakes should be in by July 1st for this next fiscal year. August 1st is the beginning of the next fiscal year for the DNR, however it was suggested to have them in by July 1st. We currently also have 5 landings that we will apply for grants to help pay for our CBCW workers. Each grant offers \$4,000 which equals 200 hours of volunteer time per landing. We can if needed move hours from one landing to another to fulfill the 200 hours.

Jeremy Bates mentioned that he will provide ice packs for the CBCW "Drainage Campaign". This campaign will take place on June 15 & 16. The idea of the ice packs is to encourage boaters to empty their live wells and place fish on ice to transport.

9. Other Business -

Leslie Hall on behalf of the POA stated that all donations to the POA will be tax deductible. Due to a change in officers it was missed that they were required to reapply for tax deductible status. She felt confident that anyone that paid prior to this error should fall in to the tax deductible status however she could not confirm that for sure. The POA will also be sending out new applications showing the choice of being able to donate toward CBCW and that all donations will be tax deductible. The POA currently has about 350 members. They will continue to support the Town of Barnes AIS Committee.

The **NW WI Lakes Conference** will be held on June 21st at the Spooner High School. The AIS Committee has offered to pay the \$40.00 registration fee for committee members to attend. The registration deadline for the conference is June 14th.

**Next meeting date – Monday, June 17, 2013
Barnes Town Hall**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Pease and seconded by Lee Wiesner.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Brenda: Please post these minutes. Thank you.