

**AIS Committee meeting**  
**Monday June 13, 2016 6:40 p.m.**  
**Barnes Town Hall**

**Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Sally Pease, Gerald Gustafson, Lee Wiesner, Andy Teal, Chris Webb, Jim Krook

Absent: Sue Jansen, Pamela Toshner

**1. Roll Call and Verification of Public Notice**

Lee verified that the agenda had been posted according to state statues. Lee took roll call to establish a quorum; quorum established

**2. Approve the Agenda**

Chris made a motion to approve the agenda, second Ingemar; motion carried.

**3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

Sally has not yet completed the minutes from the May 9 meeting. She will get to them soon.

**4. Communication**

Lee reported that he had received some paperwork and also a name of an additional volunteer for scuba diving – John Haack. He also indicated that he had conversed with Chris Neff about doing some scuba diving. Andy said that he was contacted by Angelique Dahlberg, the St. Croix River Association Invasive Species Coordinator, who indicated she would like to be more involved in this area of the St. Croix watershed and see our new BAISS boat.

**5. AIS Budget/Grant Balances**

Chris is working on getting a good report of the town's expenses compared to available grant money to date. She feels we are within the budget at this time and by next meeting we will have a report.

**6. Progress on BAISS Boat**

Lee and Gus have spent lots of hours getting the boat ready for operation. The jet pump is working, really well. Gus reported on some of the specifics of getting the equipment fastened to the boat.

**7. Divers for BAISS Boat**

Some discussion took place as to whether the volunteer hookah divers will need to be certified. The group has discussed getting divers in the past however no employment ads have been placed – the group feels it will be best to verify that the boat with the pump is fully operational prior to hiring divers.

The group discussed having the boat in the parade. We felt that there should be a signs identifying the boat. Gus will get specific measurements for the signs to Barb and she will

see if she can get them done in time for the parade. Andy will get a couple hundred bobbers to be handed out along the parade route.

#### **8. Permits and Plant Management Plans Required for use of BAISS Boat**

Lee, Pamela, Andy, Gus and Ingemar put together an Aquatic Plant Management plan for all the lakes on which the BAISS boat will be used. This was a prerequisite to the Mechanical/Manual Aquatic Plant Control Application to get a permit to use the boat.

#### **9. Clean Boats/Clean Waters Update**

Sally reported that there have been few boats launched at the Island Lake ramp in Potowatomi. Overall boaters have been cooperative and employees have been reliable. Sally is working on getting more volunteers for landing monitors. She has several volunteers who have committed to a weekly time slot for the entire season.

#### **10. Bayfield Co. AIS Coordinator Report**

Andy is urging us to get an abundance of CBCW volunteer hours. Some discussion took place about what qualifies as volunteer hours. The group decided to promote having people volunteer at landings anytime they want to, not just on the weekends. Lee will contact Carl Heltne about having him put information to that effect in the upcoming FOECLA communication.

Andy encouraged folks to attend the upcoming Northwest Wisconsin Lakes conference in Spooner on June 24<sup>th</sup>; deadline for advance registration is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Spooner, Shelly Thomsen will be hosting listening sessions for lake and river groups to provide input on the lake, river and AIS grant program.

Throughout the summer there will be Invasive Species ID Days once a month at the Northern Lakes Visitor Center 1:00 – 4:00. June 14 and July 20 are the most recent upcoming dates. Andy updated the group on the Asian Carp project using sound barriers as a deterrent.

#### **11. Request for Grant Extensions Upper, Middle and George Lakes**

Lee got a letter from Jane advising us that the grants will be extended for the second time. We have until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to use funds on the Upper, Middle and George Lake grants.

Matt Berg will be doing post BAISS treatment scuba surveys on Sandbar and Tomahawk and a scuba survey on George. He will also be doing post BAISS treatment littoral zone surveys on Upper and Middle.

#### **12. Other Business**

Agenda template will be updated with Chippewa Valley Bank. Sally needs to get access to the town laptop for the summer.

#### **13. Adjourn**

Chris made a motion to adjourn, David second; motion carried

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Next Meeting July 11, 2016**