

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday August 8, 2016

Committee Chairman, Lee Wiesner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken and verification of public notice was made.

Present at the meeting: Lee Wiesner, Gus Gustafson, Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Dave Pease and Chris Webb. Also present were Pamela Toshner and Andy Teal.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda the following additions:

1. Discuss need for Surveys on Tomahawk Lake, Sand Lake, and George Lake.
2. Getting notices mailed to Shoreline Monitors.
3. Discuss methods to encourage donations to Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Association Aquatic Invasive Species designated fund.

The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion made by Ingemar, seconded by Dave to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting and to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Communication:

1. Lee had been in contact with Pamela regarding potential grant for cost of treatment of Water Milfoil at Tomahawk Lake. Lee had asked Pamela to attend tonight's meeting if possible.
2. Ingemar has been in contact with Potawatomi Property Owners representatives regarding Island Lake Landing. Island Lake Landing is one of the five landings covered by DNR Grants for monitoring of AIS. The Property Owners benefit from this program but the program is in need of additional volunteers for monitoring.
3. Pamela and Andy informed the committee of two new areas where Water Milfoil has been found very recently. Plants were found in Lakewoods Marina on Lake Namakagon, and plants were found near a resort on Red Lake in Douglas County.

CBCW Grant hours:

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| 1. Island Lake            | 189 hours recorded   |
| 2. Lower Eau Claire Lake  | 371.8 hours recorded |
| 3. Middle Eau Claire Lake | 351.9 hours recorded |
| 4. Upper Eau Claire Lake  | 361.9 hours recorded |
| 5. Robinson Lake          | 128.9 hours recorded |

Once again, Robinson Lake is short volunteer hours. Efforts will be made to focus more hours on this lake until the end of season. If landing is monitored thru fishing contest in October, the minimum 200 hours should be met.

Budget: Profit & Loss Financial report was available for each of the grants. This report is different from the Grant Balances provided earlier. The Grant Balances provided by Jane (DNR) is the money we still are entitled to. The Expenses showing on the Profit & Loss report won't be filed with the State until end of season along with other documentation for reimbursement for 2016 programs.

Progress on BAISS: Gus reported that the BAISS boat worked well in initial testing. There are several areas of concern that are being addressed. Gus and the other volunteers continue to work on the design to enhance the potential success. The Milfoil has become too thick at the Tomahawk Landing to use the BAISS, so plans need to be considered for another treatment of the lake.

Pamela stated that the Aquatic Invasive Species Established Population Control Grant is used for this purpose. To be successful in getting this grant several things would be needed.

1. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan would need to be updated.
2. A Point Intercept Survey would need to be completed.
  - a. Ellen Kujawa and Paul Frater, DNR Research Scientists had completed one in 2015.
  - b. Pamela will verify whether this survey is sufficient.

Pamela will work with the Committee in this application. Lee will contact Matt Berg to schedule scuba surveys as more of this documentation enhances the application.

Divers for BAISS: Lee informed the Committee that the Town Board directed that divers working with the BAISS be qualified scuba divers for initial year.

CBCW: Sally provided update of lake landing monitoring. One alternate monitor has resigned. Should be fine for rest of this season, but know that posting for this position will be needed next spring. It has been hard to find monitors for the Middle Eau Claire Lake Landing. Sally still does not have the Town Computer for her use in recording the needed information. Chris will check with Judy and Tom to find out what is going on.

Equipment for BAISS: Gus and Lee have given the Town Clerk receipts for recent purchases for equipment. There will be additional purchases to ensure safety and other requirements are met.

Andy Teal:

1. Project Red scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 to 4:00; will be moved to Cable area due to recent storms' effect on the waters in that area. It is planned to float a stretch of the Namakagon River.
2. Bridge Snapshot will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 at the Barnes Town Hall. A second one will be held at the Great Lakes Visitor Center.
3. Bayfield Count Fair August 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers still needed for booth.
4. An App is being designed to assist with Clean Boats/Clean Water data entry.

Scheduling of CBCW: Still have plans to add calendar to website. Website is being redesigned and a calendar will be ready for next spring.

Appeal for CBCW volunteers at Robinson & Island: Ingemar will be contacting Potawatomi Property Owners Association again to encourage cooperation in this endeavor. Sally will focus on assigning additional hours at this landing and possibly thru the fishing contest in October.

**Other Business: Items added to the Agenda**

1. Lake Surveys: Lee has been in touch with Matt Berg regarding scuba surveys. Matt has been busy with the effects of July's storms and is behind in scheduling scuba diving projects. Lee will be in touch with Matt again; especially since a grant application will be due in February for Tomahawk Lake treatment.
2. Shoreline Monitoring Program: Ingemar noted that it is time to get letters out to those who are registered for Shoreline Monitoring. The mailing consists of letter of instruction, and form for submitting volunteer hours & equipment costs. Ingemar volunteered to stuff and stamp envelopes once letters are prepared. Lee will work with Barb and Ingemar on this.
3. FOECL Aquatic Invasive Species Fund: Discussion of direct appeal to lakeshore owners on Tomahawk Lake and Sandbar Lake to donate to the FOECL Aquatic Invasive Species Fund. FOECL donates money to the Town for use in monitoring of Aquatic Invasive Species and these lakes have benefitted by the monitoring that has been done. No method was decided on how to do this.

A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Ingemar to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Acting Secretary – Christine Webb