

AIS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, September 16, 2013 Minutes
Barnes Town Hall

Members present: Mitch McGee, Dave Pease, Steve Krivinchuk, Glenda Mattila, Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Lee Wiesner, Jeremy Bates, Dorothy Vogel

Guest present: POA – Leslie Hall

Absent: Barb Romstad, Gerald Gustafson, Pamela Toshner,

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

Minutes from August 19, 2013 Meeting:

1. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected from August 19, 2013 meeting was made by Lee Wiesner, seconded by Dave Pease, all in favor –“T”
2. **Clean Boats Clean Waters:** The Town of Barnes received \$5,000 in advance for the \$20,000 grant for 2014. Musky’s Inc, was notified that if they were using the Upper Eau Claire Lake that they will need to use the Robinson Lake Landing as the Upper Landing is closed. The POA would like to publish the names of the volunteers in their Annual Fall Newsletter. Leslie Hall and Sally Pease will work together on that list. Leslie also noted that the POA will donate a substantial amount of money to the CBCW program. Along with this donation, a boater from MN stated that he and his wife were so impressed with the Landing Monitors that they would be sending in a special donation. Looking ahead, Ingemar was wondering if we still had the job description for our monitors. As we will be looking for a new Landing Monitor for next year. Jeremy Bates noted that at least 200 hours of volunteer service at each landing would need to equal 1000 hours required for the Grant.
3. **2013 Volunteer Hours:** Ingemar noted that we still have a number of forms to be returned for volunteer hours. It was suggested that a notice with the form be placed in the next Blog.
4. **2014 Shoreline Monitoring:** The Middle Eau Claire has been divided into zones for shoreline monitoring for the past 2 summers, the other large lakes should follow that lead. Lee Wiesner, Leslie Hall and Ted Eastland will work together to form this structured list. They will make sure that each volunteer is assigned to a specific area on each lake. Those volunteers will be responsible for monitoring their assigned section of lakeshore. On the Middle & Upper Lakes the volunteers will be made aware of the areas that currently have aquatic invasive species. Lee stated that it will be up to this committee to decide what will be done with the Curly Leaf Pondweed.
5. **Current AIS Projects – EC Lakes, Sandbar/Tomahawk and George Lake:** The Eau Claire Lakes have not yet received the final aquatic plant study from Matt Berg. Shoreline Monitoring is still going strong. Lee noted that just off the boat landing on the Middle Eau Claire should be chemical treated. Jeremy will look into an opaque tarp to anchor down and kill these weeds by no sunlight. Jeremy will possibly do a fall littoral zone of the Middle and Upper Eau Claire Lakes. Sand Bar Lake as of current had not found any new growth of EWM. Matt Berg noted he I could find no evidence of EWM in Sandbar Lake. Areas that

were visited that had 8ft tall plants in June had nothing but empty patches of substrate that was rapidly being colonized by native species. Despite the rumors you mentioned from lake residents, the only species we found in the areas reported where Chara Coontail, and Common waterweed. The Illinois/Variable pondweed hybrid that dominates the lake near shore plant community was abundant and growing. We saw sizable fish populations throughout the lake associated with these beds. Elodea was common at depths of 8-12ft before being replaced by Coontail and Nitella in the 12ft range. Large-leaf pondweed was common, but not dense in all areas of the lake that I looked at. On Tomahawk Lake according to Matt Berg EWM is all laying flat on the bottom and doesn't appear to be showing any new growth. The stems are brown, and most of them fall apart with slight pressure. However, many of the leaflets still appear green. Although not vibrant, it is not obvious to me that they are dead. On a positive note, the native plant community looks great. There are fish throughout the area, and I didn't notice that any species I've seen in the past were absent. Based on what we could see, there was no area where plants were killed outright (as I would have expected). Instead, they all seemed to be knocked down. There has been no EWM sited in George Lake according to John Kudlas and Steve Krivinchuk

6. Bayfield County Activities: Jeremy Bates noted that he had put about 6 days of work on controlling Japanese Knotweed. Bayfield has a large amount of Japanese Knotweed. He is aware of two sites in Barnes and has worked on control at one of them. Jeremy also stated that the Boat Washer has been used a lot this year on Lake Superior. He said that if the committee wanted he could try to coordinate the use of the Boat Washer during the Musky Tournament in October. He will discuss this with Sally.

7. Technical Assistance person: Pamela Toshner and Jeremy Bates will meet to discuss what this technical assistance person should be able to offer the Town of Barnes and have something prepared for committee members to review at the next meeting.

8. 2014 Sandbar/Tomahawk Lakes property owners meeting: Ingemar suggested having a meeting in May with property owners to clarify what has been done and refresh them on AIS.

9. Other business: Eric Lindberg would like to meet with the committee to discuss a video camera called Eye Lids for use at the boat landings. The cost of each camera is \$6,000, he suggested writing a grant for \$4000 and pay the remaining \$2,000. There would be a \$200 per month fee to use the cameras. The camera at best can only maybe make a case for someone entering the boat landing with weeds attached. Suspect could claim they removed weeds at waters edge prior to entering the water. Subject would however be citable for transporting weeds on his boat or trailer. As far as boats taking out with weeds attached, I doubt if any case could ever be proven. Many boaters, myself included do not remove weeds on the ramp, but further up in the parking lot, especially if the boat landing is busy. Camera may capture boat being pulled up the ramp with weeds attached, but it does not mean a violation occurred. We will discuss it more at the next meeting with Pamela.

10. Next meeting: Monday, October 21, 2013, Barnes Town Hall @ 6:30 p.m.

11. Meeting adjourned: Motion was made by Lee and seconded by Steve @ 8:15 p.m.