

**AIS Committee meeting**  
**Monday, September 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Barnes Town Hall**

Ingemar Ekstrom called the meeting to order.

Members present: Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Dave Pease, Sally Pease, Lee Wiesner, Mitch McGee, Glenda Mattila, Gerald Gustafson (Gus), Jeremy Bates

Absent: Pamela Toshner

**1. Minutes from the August 20, 2012 Meeting**

Ingemar reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. A motion to accept the minutes for the August 20, 2012 meeting was made by Lee Wiesner; seconded by Mitch Dave Pease.

Ingemar reviewed the letter we sent to the shoreline monitor volunteers. Anyone can submit hours on those forms. The letter went to the George Lake, Tomahawk & Sandbar lake property owners as well as the shoreline monitors for all the lakes. Barb asked that she get all the returned letters in order to keep the list up to date.

**2. Grant Summary – Gus**

The total expenditures to date are \$23,310.40 of which \$4,521.96 is volunteer hours. Gus asked for helping determining mileage for several volunteers and also cleaning up a couple other details in the database he uses. The group went through the names and recorded the data they could verify.

**3. Clean Boats/Clean Waters**

Sally is working on a thank you for the Blog. Sally thinks everyone but Barb is interested in returning next year. Sally is finalizing the statistics entry for this year. She is inventorying the equipment and getting it put in storage.

**4. Grant Needs for 2013**

In response to finding curly leaf pondweed in Upper Eau Claire Lake and Middle Eau Claire Lake, Lee indicated he will prepare grant applications for both lakes, \$20,000 for each lake. The grants will include funding littoral zone surveys in May, 2012, of the areas on the lakes where we know the plants exist and a point intercept survey of the both lakes areas later in the summer. The grant will also cover the following years (it is a 5 year grant) and any follow-up or treatment that will be needed.

**5. Progress on evaluation of EWM intervention for Sandbar Lake**

John Skogerboe will be coming to look at all 5 area lakes that have been identified as having some type of invasive vegetations around the end of September or beginning of October. Hopefully once John has inspected Sandbar Lake we will be able to propose a plan for treating the lake next year. Ingemar is anticipating that by the October meeting this will happen.

**6. Musky Tournament – October 5-7**

Paid monitors will cover the landings on Saturday and Sunday of the tournament weekend. Lee suggested that the monitors be at the landings at least one hour before the tournament start time.

**7. AIS Activities**

Jeremy Bates will be gone for several months however he will be available via email. Jeremy discussed some of the grants the county will be applying for.

**8. Communication with Property Owners on Tomahawk/Sandbar Lake – Ingemar**

Now that the studies have been done, it is time to communicate the results and the maps of the lakes with the owners.

**9. Progress on Replacement for Gus's Job**

Gus indicated that it would be too hard to divide his job between several people. Ingemar discussed the position with Gene Ratzle, who declined after he saw the magnitude of the tasks. Glenda has indicated an interest if it is a paid position, which it was going to be, had Gene Ratzle taken the job. Some discussion took place regarding employing a person or hiring the work out to an independent contractor. Dave Pease made a motion to establish a paid position for the data gathering and grant processing tasks of the committee; Steve Krvinchuk seconded the motion; passed.

**10. Other Business**

- John Kudlas did a survey of Lake George recently and found no evidence of EWM.

**11. Next meeting Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:30 P.M. Barnes Town Hall**

**Motion to adjourn: Barb; seconded by Glenda; passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM**