

Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Friday, June 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 9:55 am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

1. Roll Call: Members Present: Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, and Gerald Gustafson. **Members Absent:** None

Verification of Public Notice: Public notice of this meeting was posted on June 2, 2020 at 1:45 pm by Judy Bourassa, Clerk/Treasurer.

2. Agenda approval: A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Marcia to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. Meet with certified diver applicants:

Two divers were in attendance at Lake Tomahawk Park where we met for this informal meeting.

Terry Bauer is a certified diver and has been a scuba diver instructor for the past 15 years. He also spent 20 years as a science teacher in the classroom and was a principal. He is an EMT instructor and is certified in CPR. He lives in Bayfield. Terry might know some divers who would help out part-time, if needed.

Alexis Kabasa recently graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in criminal justice. She has been a certified diver for 11 years. She is applying for a job as a jailer in Bayfield. She lives in Ashland.

The committee and the divers went to the beach where the BAISS boat was docked. Gus Gustafson described the operation of the boat, the vacuum system, and the air supply system. Sally found Eurasian Milfoil next to the dock and showed it to everyone. Julia Lyons was also there. She is a public health nurse and will make recommendations to keep us all safe from COVID-19. As a group, we discussed using the boat for 6 hours per day from 10:00-4:00 with each diver working for one hour and the other diver working for the next hour throughout the day. One volunteer will man the weed collection station with help from the diver who is not in the water. Possibly, the 6 hour shift can be cut into two 3 hour shifts. We would operate the boat for 4 days per week with Fridays off.

We generated a list of items needed on the boar.

Committee/Township

Hand sanitizer/bleach spray

Face masks

Drinking water (additional)

2 air supply regulators (one for each diver)

Personal

Sun screen, hats, sunglasses

Face masks

Drinking water, lunch, snacks

Ear protection

Next meeting for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, June 8, 2020 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

4. Adjourn: A motion was made by Gus, seconded by Sally to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard
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