

Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2020

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb, Town Board liaison and acting as temporary Committee Chairperson, at 9:10 am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

2. Roll call: Members Present: Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, Gerald Gustafson, and Andy Teal (Bayfield County AIS Coordinator), and Pamela Toshner (DNR Water Resources Management Specialist). The meeting was held in the Town Hall and on Zoom.

Members Absent: None

Verification of Public Notice: Public notice of meeting was posted on October 20, 2020 at 1:09 pm by Judy Bourassa, Clerk/Treasurer.

3. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Gus to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. However, Ingemar requested that the agenda be modified by adding the Shoreline Monitor gift certificate drawing to item #5. A new motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Diane and the motion carried.

4. Approval of last month's minutes: A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Diane to approve the revised minutes from October 12, 2020 that were distributed at the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. (Diane Menard, secretary, stated that two errors were corrected in the revised minutes: the date was incorrectly stated as October 28 instead of the 26th and Matt Berg's title was added in Section 7, Part b.)

5. Finalize Grant Payment Requests for 2020:

a. CBCW Paperwork:

Sally is still having difficulties logging into the SWIMS website. Chris will work on the problem with Sally after the meeting.

b. Eau Claire Lakes Rapid Response:

Gus handed out new copies of the lake maps of Tomahawk, Sandbar, Upper EC, and Middle EC Lakes. These maps include additional data than the previous ones. Gus explained the grid system symbols used on the maps:

Red Circles= BAISS boat sites

Flags= Matt Berg Survey sites

X inside a Circle= GPS boundary marker points

c. Tomahawk/Sandbar Research Grant:

Spreadsheet data will go along with the lake maps.

Grid points coordinate with spreadsheet and will use data from 2020 in 2021.

Gus will get data on the size of the grid.

According to survey data, we will chemically treat one acre more than we did in 2013.

d. Shoreline Monitor Drawing

The three winners of the drawing for the \$40 gift certificates:
Glenna Mattila, Cris Neff, and Tom Feiden won out of the 21 participants.

6. Finalize Grant Applications for 2021:

a. Letters of Support:

Six letters of support were returned. Chris named them off and detailed the financial support offered and ways volunteers may give our committee support. The letters are part of our grant.

Andy offered two comments on the grant.

Pamela offered several comments on revision and additions that could be made to the grant. One comment was to maximize the dollar amount to \$50,000. Another comment was about the intercept surveys and bed mapping. She sent a copy of the grant with highlighted revisions to all the committee members on October 26th.

b. Chemical Treatment of Tomahawk:

Chemical treatment is written into the grant. Ingemar will contact Dale Dressler (Northern Aquatic Services) about the exact cost and his recommended treatment.

c. Plant Surveys versus Bed Mapping:

Matt Berg mapped the lakes in 2020.

Matt Berg will map the lake again in 2021 after the chemical treatment is done (Tomahawk Lake).

Gus will confirm with Matt Berg. In 2020, Matt Berg's surveying cost \$4,362. We have \$6,000 written into the new grant for surveying.

Upper and Middle Eau Claire Lake will need plant intercept surveys done also.

Chris will try to finalize the grant by Thursday, and no later than Friday (due November 2nd). She will update the recent comments and budget data and send us a final copy to review.

The CBCW Grant is due November 2, 2020 also, but it is much simpler. It pays \$4,000 per lake. Chris asked the question: should we stay with 5 lakes in this grant or go for 4 lakes (combining Robinson and Tomahawk)? The difference is in the number of volunteer hours needed – less lakes, less volunteer hours needed. This grant pays for our minimal expenses of the boat landing monitors wages and educational items.

7. Next meeting Date for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Ingemar and seconded by Marcia to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard
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