

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 18, 2016  
6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Office

**Members present:**

Andrew Teal, Carl Heltne, Ingemar Ekstrom, David Pease, Sally Pease, Susan Jansen,  
, Gerald Gustafson, Lee Wiesner, Barb Romstad, Pam Toshner

**Absent:** Chris Webb

**1. Roll call and verification of public notice**

meeting called to order by Lee Wiesner

**2. Approve the Agenda**

motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Carl, approved

**3. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

motion made by Ingemar and seconded by Barb

**4. Communication – Everyone**

no one received formal correspondence, members discussed survey sent to some members by DNR to collect information on planning for funding, prioritizing Aquatic Invasive Species program. Bayfield County received funding, most likely because of the partnering with several local organizations Northwest Lakes Conference is June 24 in Spooner at the high school, a local resident, Carol Lebreck, is a featured speaker. Jeremy Bates and Lee wrote a letter of support for John Skogerboe, and received recognition for his work. He is from the Army Corps who guided the AIS committee.

2015 summer survey found EWM in concentrated area by the beach and on the east side of Tomahawk Lake, also in Sandbar Lake. No EWM found on George Lake. GPS markings were taken

5. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Training Friday, May 6 @ 11:30 – Barb, Lee

Cost receipts for post cards and labels presented by Barb \$42.90 for supplies, \$38.50 postage for reimbursement. Funds to be taken out of George Lake grant. Barb gave a list of supplies for the luncheon needed to be purchased, Lee will do. Gus will provide sodas and water. Volunteers arrive at 10:30 to prepare. Sally will provide some information, Andy will give an update for the clean boats clean water and shoreline monitors. No ads placed in the Barnes Blog because of the cost. Melissa Skully to place on FaceBook and Melissa Driscoll for the town website. Next meeting address updates to Barb – Carl, Ingemar, Sally. Barb suggested setting the Volunteer luncheon date earlier so the info can get in communications from the FOELA.

**6. AIS Budget updates for 2016 – Chris, Lee, all**

correction made to the date listed on agenda, changed from 2015 to 2016 grant money approved for Clean Boats Clean Waters

**7. Progress on DASH boat – Gus, Lee**

jet pump tested last fall and is working on the DASH boat.

Flooring and air system materials to be purchased - money taken from Upper Eau Claire grant. BAJA volunteered the use of their heated storage building for the application of the vinyl, donation by committee members to cover costs to BAJA. Possible - if the DASH boat is successful, would it be possible to rent out to other lake groups. Request made by Carl to add rent discussion to next agenda. FOECLA dedicated \$1465 to be used for AIS activities, some of these funds will help pay for materials, FOECLA received two \$500.00 donations from Barnes property owners to help with the DASH boat construction costs. Before using, Gus recommends developing safety rules. Signage on boat to identify boat and purpose. Boat in the 4 July parade??? Once the boat is up and running, divers needed. Volunteer divers vs paid divers? Not full time work, 3-4 days per week, hours varied. Weed harvesting begins as soon as possible in June, weather dependent. Our goal to harvest milfoil in Sandbar in mid July/August.

**8. Clean Boats Clean Waters update monitors etc. - Sally**

Full-time monitors for 2016 summer are Al Basacker on the Upper, John Loughren on Middle, and Gene Pease on Lower, alternates Zach Derosier and Doug Storely. No change in the monitoring forms. Badges identifying clean boats clean waters volunteers will be obtained and kept in the landing envelope where record sheets are stored. FOECLA will purchase 12 badges. Andy will conduct two training sessions, first in Cable, April 28 @ 4:00, focusing on new volunteers and refresher training for current monitors and the second at Northland College on June 3, 8:00-11:00.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Weed Monitoring Day - recommended to establish committee to plan/organize. Subcommittee: Carl Heltne, Susan Jansen, Andy Teal. Lee made a motion to establish a shoreline monitoring day committee, seconded by Gus. Approved.

**9. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report - Andy Teal**

Andy shared information on fresh water mussels. Reminded committee members about the AIS Round Table discussion in Drummond Community Center, April 30, beginning with registration & coffee @8:30, discussion beginning at 9:00. Several committee members plan to attend.

Invasive Species ID Day, once a month from May to October at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. First session is Tuesday, May 17, 1-4 PM, featuring two speakers from the DNR.

Kids Fishing Day June 4

Plant Sale

June 28 -30 Aquatic Plant Identification Day, contact Andy if interested. Each session is the same for each day

Andy will order and provide: towels -200, ice packs - 7 boxes for free promotional give-away in June and 4 July

**10. request for Grant Extensions for Upper, Middle and George Lakes - Lee**  
Lake George least likely for an extension after June 30, likely for the other lakes - request must be done by June 30. Surveys suggested by Matt Berg on Sandbar,

Tomahawk and George, Upper and Middle. No money left in grant for Sandbar and Tomahawk, Lee will ask the Town if they will pay for the surveys on those two lakes. Cost to be determined.

**11. Welcome back, Barb, Barb's new role** – Lee, Barb

Barb Romstad joined the AIS committee to keep track of volunteer hours, taking over the duties from Gus and to provide mail merge communication for committee events

**12. Future meeting dates** – discussion

meeting date will be the second Monday of the month in the Town Hall meeting room. Next meeting is May 9 @ 6:30

**13. Adjourn**

Sally made motion, Dave seconded, approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:42