

AIS Committee meeting
Monday July 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

Lee called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Present: Barb Romstad, Sally Pease, Gerald Gustafson, Lee Wiesner, Andy Teal, Jim Krook, David Pease

Also Present: Bill Flood

Absent: Ingemar Ekstrom, Pamela Toshner, Sue Jansen, Chris Webb

1. Roll Call and Verification of Public Notice

Lee verified that the agenda had been posted according to state statutes. Lee took roll call to establish a quorum; quorum established

2. Approve the Agenda

Barb made a motion to approve the agenda, Dave second; motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13 meeting, Sally second; motion carried.

4. Discussion of Volunteer Diving for the BAISS boat

Bill Flood introduced himself and described his experience as a diver. Having taken WI Master Naturalist course, he is required to do some volunteer work and has offered to donate some of that time to the TOB AIS harvesting efforts. Bill reviewed the BAISS boat operation with Gus and the equipment that has been purchased for the diving operation. He had some suggestions for equipment for the divers. Bill expressed his opinion that sending a diver down that is not certified is not recommended. Some discussion followed concerning the depth at which we need a certified diver and depths at which we could get by with a non-certified diver. Bill presented some estimates on costs of vests that are orally inflated. He also discussed the rating on wet suits that would be needed for different times of year, their costs and costs of different weights. Bill said that experienced divers doing similar work on Squash Lake, WI runs \$25 per hour. Gus and Bill made tentative plans to test the boat and system next Monday, July 18. Sally Pease will investigate sources for filling air tanks.

5. Communication

FOECLA is willing to donate to the BAISS boat harvesting project. Jim Krook indicated that the AIS committee needs to submit a written request to FOECLA for funding that includes an itemized list of anticipated expenses for equipment and/or operation of the BAISS boat.

6. Progress on BAISS Boat

Lee and Gus have spent many more hours getting the boat ready for operation. The boat has been proven sea worthy and the pump is operational. Gus discussed the procedures in approaching the weed beds and the process of harvesting the weeds. Gus is compiling a list

of equipment needed for the boat such as PFD's, gloves for the divers, a pool skimmer, anchors, etc. (Lots of discussion on anchors followed.)

7. BAISS permits

The BAISS boat permits have been approved. We are required to give the DNR 4 day notice prior to starting the work. The town has the hard copies on file.

8. CBCW Update

Sally indicated that the CBCW is going well. Many boats were inspected for the canoe race. Sally discussed the need to make sure our personnel are inspecting the craft as they should be. Sally will make sure that the boaters are offered the watercraft inspection stickers and the personnel have the supplies they need. Sally indicated that she has not yet had much response to the appeal for more hours for Island and Robinson Lakes. Barb distributed the CBCW Project Summary that includes data entered through June 27th.

9. Scheduling Volunteers

Sally is looking for her programs on the town computer. The town still has the computer and is working to get it fixed. For that reason no google calendar for scheduling volunteers is yet available. She reported that she has a new Upper Eau Claire landing volunteer.

10. Bayfield Co. AIS Coordinator Report

Andy has a signup sheet for Project Red Training, a river early detection program. At Blueberry Fest Bayfield Co. AIS will march in the parade wearing various Invasive Species costumes, that according to Andy are VERY cool. July 20th is the next Invasive Species ID Day.

Lee asked Gus if he would bring the BAISS boat to the FOECLA meeting on Saturday, July 16. Gus agreed to do that – the signs have been delivered and are in the town office. Gus will get them mounted on the boat by Saturday.

11. Adjourn

Sally made a motion to adjourn, Jim second; motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting August 8, 2016