

## Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday July 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 9:00 am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, Gerald Gustafson, Jim Krook, and Andy Teal

**Members Absent:** None

**Verification of Public Notice:** Public notice of meeting was posted on July 11, 2019 at 10:52 am by Judy Bourassa.

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

**Approval of last month's minutes:** A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Sally to approve the minutes of previous meeting, held June 17, 2019. A voice vote was taken and motion carried.

**1. Communication:** A letter from Laura MacFarland was received on July 12, 2019 extending our Upper Eau Claire Lake Grant# AIRR-134-13 to June 30, 2020 at which time all costs must be incurred. Ingemar suggested looking for other grants to cover all the lakes in the future, for treatment and the diver. Perhaps, Pam Toshner should be involved as a resource.

An email was received from Ted Eastland concerning Curly-Leaf Pondweed in the river between Middle and Lower. Discussion: Can the BAISS boat get through? The boat may be driven in there at the end of the season to see if it can get through. It was noted that the Pondweed is now breaking up. One new BAISS boat volunteer was recruited at the FOECLA meeting on Saturday.

**2. Grant Balances/budget:** Judy did file for an extension on AIRR-133-13 and AIRR 134-13. Judy received a response on 7/12/2019 to extend AIRR-134-13 to June 30, 2020. Sinking Fund Balance is \$\$11,255.41. Total expenses for Jan. 1-July 2, 2019 are \$17,321.34

**CBCW 2019** is due on 12/31/2019, paid \$5000.00 on 2/4/2018, remaining \$15,000.00.

**DNR Middle:** an extension was filed on 5/20/2019. Paid \$1676.01 on 5/2/2018. \$11,279.39 remaining.

**DNR Upper:** an extension was filed on 5/20/2019. Paid \$ 970.78 on 6/12/2018. \$4916.41 remaining.

Discussion: The FOECLA board made a commitment to help cover the wage increase for boat landing monitors and BAISS boat diver. The AIS Committee will bill the board at the end of the season.

**3. CBCW:** (Sally reporting) One new volunteer was gained for Middle. There is an issue with the monitor at MEC about incomplete paperwork. The landings were very busy on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and the weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup>. Matt Berg reported the Eurasian Milfoil is breaking up on Lake Tomahawk and Sandbar. Discussion: Do we have enough volunteer time to meet the needs of the grant? Sally will

compile a chart on the total hours from SWIMS data. What is in the future at the landing concerning boat cleaning stations?

**4. Bayfield County A.I.S. coordinator report:** (Andy reporting) Lake Owen decontamination station demonstration is today at the Lake Owen landing and at Bear Country. Discussion: Yellow iris on Bony Lake was dug up last summer in several spots, they may need monitoring to see if they come back. Presently, the irises are past their peak and no longer blooming, so difficult to identify. Andy reported on the Northwest Lakes Conference. Andy and Jeremy Bates spoke on AIS topics. The BAISS boat was mentioned there. Andy has a "Do It Yourself" workshop on Monday, August 26, 2019 for 3 hour class on how to make collection devices to collect invasive species. He has the materials. We need to get notices out to participants. Andy talked about Snapshot Day on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Lake Tomahawk Park. Notices need to be sent out to participants. More laminated books are needed to be ordered, Andy will do it. AIS Plant ID event at NGLVC on August 16, 2019. Bayfield County Fair is August 8-11. Sally will help with AIS displays.

**5. Friends of Eau Claire Lakes annual meeting:** (Ingemar reporting) Ingemar spoke at the FOECLA meeting about our AIS programs. He emphasized the need for more volunteers. He said response to his comments were positive. Discussion: How to get more volunteers? How to recognize monetary donors? Everyone expressed a need to get our volunteer lists updated with current names, mailing addresses, and email addresses.

**6. BAISS Boat:** (Gerald reporting) Curly-Leaf Pondweed collection is going well on Upper with 2 bags collected each day. No weeds were ever collected on Middle this season. The Pondweed is beginning to break into small pieces. Now using "way points" on the GPS instead of latitude and longitude. Discussion: we may need a new GPS device that can connect to the computer with maps. The boat will be moved to Lake Tomahawk for week 10 and collect milfoil. A few small parts were repaired this weekend on the boat. Discussion: What is the future? How do we determine when to start in the spring? How can we find out about plant growth early in the spring? How will river currents affect the collection process? Can we get a new GPS to get all data documented accurately on a computer?

Two additional items mentioned: 1. The committee needs to look over the budget in next meeting.  
2. A mailing to Shoreline Monitors needs to go out after next meeting.

**Next meeting** for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, August 19th, 2019 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Sally to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard  
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