

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday April 17, 2017

6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Office

AGENDA *with Minutes*

1. Roll call and verification of public notice - meeting called to order by Lee Wiesner
Attending:
*Lee Wiesner Dave Pease Sally Pease Ingemar Ekstrom Chris Webb
Andy Teal Zach Desrosier Gus Gustavson Susan Jansen
Barb Romsted Jim Krooks*
2. Approve the Agenda
motion made, seconded and approved
3. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting – ***motion made, seconded, approved minutes from October 10, 2016 meeting***
4. Communication – ***Lee in contact with Dale Dressel, licensed chemical applicator, communication with Pamela Toshner re Tomahawk and Sandbar Lakes, Gene Pease relating to his CBCW shift assignments at the Lower landing. Ingemar spoke with Buzz Pickering about donating his shoreline drawing to another shoreline monitor. Lee met with Tom Krob about the permitting process***
5. AIS Budget/Grant Balances/Sinking Fund – Chris, Barb - ***Barb researched grant history to account for funds, expressing a need for better tracking of funds. A process needs to be established that the AIS committee knows what bills are being paid, including grant numbers to correspond to the correct account. The town clerk will need direction for submitting payment and recording the information. Discussion centered on establishing a Town Fund created for dedicated contributions, non-dedicated funds will go to the town fund designated for AIS spending – motion/resolution needs to be made at the upcoming annual meeting, Barb will develop a resolution to present at the annual meeting***
6. Clean Boats Clean Waters , monitors, volunteers, flexibility in shifts and landings. – ***all full time monitors returning, (Gene Pease, Al Basacker , John Loughren) as well as one alternate(Doug Storely) Monitors need not***

apply every year, but suggestion was made to ask monitors and alternates to fill out applications every three years.

Chris will talk to Gene Miller about setting up an online system for signing up to work as shoreline monitors

7. Review list of shoreline monitors – Barb. – *discussion centered on shoreline monitor cards returned as undeliverable, some folks no longer live in Barnes. List needs to be updated to determine who remains active as shoreline monitors. Sally will send her monitor email addresses to Barb. Barb will sort list by lake and send to Lee, folks will be contacted*
8. Maintenance of BAISS Boat – *Ron Grilley will go over the motor to see if it's ready for the season. Gus bought parts to build cage to hold the plastic bags, all ready to go.*
9. Divers for BAISS boat – *may not use on Tomahawk or Sandbar because of the chemical treatment. Upper and Middle most likely will use the boat for Curly-leaf Pondweed control*
10. Volunteer deck hands for BAISS boat – *two volunteers needed each time boat goes into the lake for harvesting, three is ideal. Requests for volunteers will be made via local communication outlets – FOECLA, the new 'blog', Bottom Line, posters at town businesses*
11. Sand Bar and Tomahawk Lake Grant Application Status Chemical Treatment Permit Application, Additional Items Requiring Quick Action – *Grant Approved!!! Applications for chemical treatments sent in on April 7.. Property owners on Sandbar and Tomahawk Lakes are being identified in order to notify them of the upcoming whole-lake treatment on Sandbar and spot-treatment on Tomahawk. Official public notice published in the newspaper and a map of application site needs to be included in the letter sent to property owners. Barb will send her contact information, the letter, and all materials that need to be included in this letter to Judy so she and Chris can print the letters and prepare them for mailing. Links to the chemical application and map will be posted on the town website. Motion made by Dave to proceed to chemical treatment without public meeting, motion seconded by Barb. Motion approved.*
12. Volunteer Luncheon and Training – *Friday, May 5, beginning at 11:30. Andy Teal will provide CBCW training after in the parking lot. Barb will organize with Sue Wiesner and Rita Johnson. Sally to send emails reminding volunteers of this event*

13. Grant Extensions for George, Upper and Middle – ***a short letter written by town chairperson(Chris) needs to be submitted to the state by end of May. Copy sent to Lee for his files***
14. Training for BAISS Divers and Deck Hands – ***Lee will coordinate with Andy***
15. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report – Andy Teal : ***towels and ice packs available for distribution during special statewide AIS campaign events to encourage folks to use ice packs for transporting fish catch. Delivery date expected on April 30th for towels and ice packs. Andy will get them to you as conveniently as possible before each event. Andy will send out emails for upcoming CBCW training sessions in the area.***

Upcoming events:

April 19 , John Magnuson PhD, Professor Emeritus of Limnology, will present “What Does Lake Ice Seasonality Tell Us About Climate Change?” at The Alley in Ashland (6:30 pm)-recommend getting there early for a seat, it is really popular.

May 18-20 Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival, based at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC)

June 3, Kids Fishing Day-NGLVC from 9 AM-1 PM ; Native Plant Sale-Northland College from 9 AM-1 PM

Lakes Conference June 16 in Hayward High School, 8 AM-3:30 PM

Invasive Species ID Days dates May 12, June 23, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 1, and Oct 13 event focusing on middle school students, all sessions running from 1-4, except October’s time, which is TBD. All events will be at the NGLVC, except for May’s, which will be up at the Bayfield Pavilion for the Bayfield In Bloom/Gardening Expo Events. This was a new development, more details to follow.

FOECLA requested a do-it-yourself equipment workshop for sampling AIS-plan to hold in June because of Invasive Species Awareness Month

For more information contact Andy: ATeal@bayfieldcounty.org

16. Other Business – ***Judy needs copy of committee meeting minutes for May and June. BAISS boat in July 4 parade, Barb and Gus will organize –Sally would like to create a tabletop display board for AIS. Spoke with FOECLA about funding and help with putting one together. Sally will check on costs of materials and report back to committee for financial support. Lee will talk to Larry Bergman(BAHA) to see if there is a need this spring for a yard clean up***

17. Next Meeting Date – ***Monday, May 8 beginning at 6:30***

18. Adjourn – ***Sally made motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb – approved***

Submitted by Susan Jansen, secretary