

AIS Committee meeting
Monday, July 15, 2013 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

Members present: Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Dave Pease, Sally Pease, Glenda Mattila, Gerald Gustafson, Leslie Hall

Absent: Lee Wiesner, Pamela Toshner, Steve Krivinchuk, Mitch McGee, Jeremy Bates

Ingemar called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from the June Meeting

Ingemar asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Dave Pease made a motion to accept the minutes; Glenda seconded; passed.

2. Clean Boats Clean Waters

Scott Bell, one of our landing monitors, has been unavailable all season. Carol, Dave and Sally Pease have been able to cover his shifts. Next year we will probably need to post a position for a new boat landing monitor. Some discussion took place about contacting Scott in some way to let him know we are replacing him. Sally is working on the volunteer list. She reported that the landing blitz over the 4th went well. They handed out towels supplied by the DNR at the Upper, Middle and Lower Eau Claire boat landings.

Ingemar has completed the grant application for 2014 and it will be presented to the Town Board tomorrow evening. The grant will be for 5 lakes, a total of \$20,000. Ingemar and Gus think that we will have a problem next summer if we don't have more landing monitor volunteers. We won't have the funds to cover the landings with paid labor as often as this year. Sally explained that some teenagers have been monitoring the landings for community service hours.

3. Shoreline Monitoring Workshop

Jeremy will not be able to do the shoreline monitor workshop scheduled for August 3rd. Carrie Sanda will be taking over and the workshop will go on as planned. Barb will send a postcard reminder to the people who have signed up to attend, next week. About 20 people have signed up.

Leslie indicated that the POA Board felt they might want to contribute some funds for the materials if more people want to attend. Ingemar thought that we need to organize the educational efforts and group of volunteers better and next year would be a good time work with the POA on expanding the program.

4. Study and treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed on Upper and Middle Eau Claire Lakes

Leslie reported her concern that a series of events has prevented effective CLPW pulling efforts on Upper. Cris Neff and Sue Jansen have done a few hours of pulling, but the task is overwhelming without a lot more volunteers. She felt that divers could do a much more

thorough job much more quickly. She is proposing an emphasis on volunteering to be a part of Saturday's POA annual meeting. Pullers are advised to be sure to capture all of the turions, whether on the plant or floating, as they produce more plants.

Lee and a couple volunteers spent 18 hours pulling the beds of weeds on Middle Eau Claire. Matt Berg will be surveying Middle and Upper Eau Claire Lakes in August.

5. Treatment and follow up study of EWM on Sandbar and Tomahawk lakes

Sandbar Lake received a whole lake treatment of 2-4D on June 21st. Glenda indicated that it appears the treatment has been effective so far. Spot treatment on three areas in Tomahawk is scheduled to be done tomorrow. Michele Nault and her crew will be doing plant surveys on both lakes this week. Leslie asked the cost of treating a lake. Ingemar advised her it cost about \$12,000 for the whole lake treatment of Tomahawk Lake. Treating and mapping George Lake cost \$6,000.

6. Status of EWM on George Lake

In a written report to the committee, John Kudlas indicated that he has not seen any evidence of EWM on George Lake. Native plants dominate the lake; he has identified 11 different aquatic plants.

7. Other Business

- Leslie and the group talked about various ways to organize the efforts of the shoreline monitor volunteers.
- The POA Board voted to contribute to the Rapid Response program if we run out of funds. Leslie is eager to get some divers to pull the Curley Leaf pondweed; she got some names of people that might be interested in doing it as volunteers if we pay for their air.
- We need to discuss future options for treating the lakes. Grant funds may not be infinite.

Next meeting August 19, 2013, 6:30 P.M. Barnes Town Hall

Motion to adjourn: Glenda, seconded by Dave; passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM