

**AIS Committee meeting
Monday, October 21, 2013 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall**

Members present: Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Gerald Gustafson, Lee Wiesner, Pamela Toshner, Mitch McGee, Steve Krivinchuk, Dorothy Vogel, Jeremy Bates

Absent: Glenda Mattila, Sally Pease, David Pease, Leslie Hall

Ingemar called the meeting to order

1. Minutes from the September Meeting

Ingemar asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Lee made a motion to accept the minutes; Steve seconded; passed.

2. Clean Boats Clean Waters

Sally was unable to attend the meeting but Ingemar spoke with her recently and she indicated she was a little behind on her paperwork but would be caught up soon. The boat landings were covered by paid employees over the Musky tournament weekend.

3. 2013 Volunteer Hours

Gus reported on the status of the grant volunteer hours. Gus is reminding people to get their hours and any miscellaneous expenses in, there is still time. Gus reviewed the Eau Claire Lakes data supplied by the DNR.

4. Shoreline Monitoring Update

We received a good response to the shoreline monitoring form request mailing— about 45 people sent forms in. John Kudlas, Tom Brovold and Fred Haueter were the three people who won the drawing. Each of them will receive a \$25 gift certificate at a local restaurant. Ingemar will keep Barb updated whenever a new person is added to the shoreline monitor volunteer list.

5. Current AIS Projects

Mitch and Glenda removed the buoys from Sandbar Lake. Michele Nault and 5 coauthors wrote a scientific publication on the research piece of the Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes project. Matt Berg is still finishing up his point intercept studies on several lakes. He expects to have these done within the next several weeks. Gus is wondering how we request an extension of the Tomahawk/Sand Bar Lakes grant, not all the funds have been used.

6. Bayfield County Activities

Jeremy spent some time on Upper Eau Claire Lake raking for Curly Leaf Pondweed. He found quite a few plants. He feels we need to map the areas of growth next year and take some control measures. Plants appear to be re-growing on Middle Eau Claire where they did the most pulling. Jeremy discussed the concept of placing black mats over the plants as a control method.

7. Future AIS Funding Resources

In the long term we are going to need funds for lake treatments, we can't count on future grant funds. Ingemar discussed the idea of asking the Town Board to consider a resolution to provide funding for treatment and control of AIS. He made the motion to have the committee explore the concept with a plan to possibly have information gathered and prepared for a resolution for the November 2014 meeting. Gus seconded the motion; passed.

8. Technical Assistance Person

Pamela and Jeremy discussed the responsibilities a technical support person might assume, specifically if Jeremy were to be that person. They included; assist in grant writing, pre and post monitoring of the lakes, timing and coordinating treatments, applying for treatment permits, plan development for future funding. As of now, there is no fee that would be charged for this, however that is not a guarantee that there would not be a fee in the future. Jeremy felt he could supply a memorandum of understanding that would outline the duties he would assume. Jeremy will supply the memorandum via email to all the AIS committee members.

9. 2014 Sandbar Tomahawk Property Owners Meeting

The group agreed we will have a meeting of the property owners of the two lakes in 2014.

10. Other Business

- Cameras for the boat landings – Eric Lindberg has contacted the AIS committee about purchasing cameras for the boat landings. Ingemar asked Eric to put together a price quote for two cameras and he has not yet responded to that request. Some discussion took place about the idea of the cameras.

Next meeting Monday, February 17, 2014 6:30 P.M. Barnes Town Hall

Motion to adjourn: Lee, seconded by Barb; passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM