

AIS Committee meeting
Monday, June 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

Ingemar Ekstrom called the meeting to order.

Members present: Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Dave Pease, Sally Pease, Lee Wiesner, Mitch McGee, Glenda Mattila, Leslie Hall

Absent: Gerald Gustafson (Gus), Steve Krivinchuk

1. Minutes from the May 22, 2012 Meeting

Ingemar reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. A motion to accept the minutes for the May 22nd meeting was made by Lee Wiesner, seconded by Glenda Mattila, passed.

Ingemar talked with Gus recently and was advised that Gus has been entering the data from the sheets that have been turned in. Gus also indicated that he would like some help in the way of a backup person for the data entry.

2. Clean Boats/Clean Water

Sally reported that she has some new names for volunteer monitors and is going to contact some of the inactive volunteers to see if they might recommit. The group brainstormed briefly on possible people. The most difficult landing to find people for is Lower Eau Claire.

The landings will be covered the weekend before the 4th of July and Tuesday, July 3rd from 4:00 – 8:00 pm and for the full day, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, the 4th of July.

3. Shoreline Monitoring Workshop: June 23

Ingemar spent some time calling people for the workshop that will train the shoreline monitors this coming Saturday. So far there are 24 people signed up. The workshop will start at 9:00 am at the Town Hall and then proceed to Ruprechts' where they will get on pontoons for the on-water part of the workshop. Ingemar asked Lee if he would be a group leader. We can use the Romstad pontoon, we could rent one from Bear Country and hopefully Ruprechts' will let us use theirs. Lee will contact Jim Johnson to see if we can use his pontoon instead of renting one. Barb will bring a supply of the shoreline monitor sheets on which they log their hours.

Ingemar indicated that the boat landing monitors should also have the training at some time.

4. Rapid Response Activities

Lee updated the group on the status of the curly leaf pondweed which was found on Middle Eau Claire. Two weeks ago numerous people met and pulled the patches of the weed as much as they could. Because of the nature of the root system on the plants, it's difficult to successfully pull the entire plant. He feels ultimately there will need to have some chemical treatment. The goal for this year is to pull as much of the plant as possible.

A new patch of the weed has been identified in Upper Eau Claire near Dave Pease's house. Lee went through Rapid Response steps. Meanwhile Sally found more patches in the area of Upper Eau Claire called "Pease Bay." Lee thinks we should apply for a grant to have a point intercept done of both Upper and Middle lakes. The group agreed and Ingmar will present the forthcoming grant request which we would like sponsored by the Town of Barnes.

Lee attended the POA board meeting and reported on the AIS committee activities, specifically giving updates on the status of activity on the lakes with invasive species present.

5. George Lake

George Lake was been chemically treated on Tuesday, June 5th. Ingemar read a report from John Kudlas about his observations following the treatment. John stated that the EWM has "turned over" as well as lily pads and other native plants. John Skogerboe as well as several other DNR and Army Corps of Engineer people will observe the lake this week.

6. Sandbar/Tomahawk

Sandbar Lake is still mostly free of EWM. The survey of the lake is scheduled to be done sometime in July.

7. Other Business

- The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held on June 22 at the Spooner High School. It would be nice to have a member of our committee attend.
- Some discussion took place about placing a sprayer at each landing with a bleach solution to spray boats that have been in a lake infested with zebra mussels.

8. Next meeting Monday, July 16, 2012, 6:30 P.M. Barnes Town Hall

Motion to adjourn: Dave; seconded by Glenda; passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM