

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 20th, 2012

Barnes Town Hall

Ingemar Ekstrom called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Glenda Mattila, Ingemar Ekstrom, Mitch McGee, Gerald Gustafson, Lee Wiesner, Sally Pease, Dave Pease, Pamela Toshner, and Jeremy Bates

Absent: Barb Romstad, Leslie Hall, and Steve Krivinchuk

Minutes from July 16, 2012 Meeting. Correction to minutes were to show that Steve Krivinchuk was in attendance. A motion to accept the minutes for the July 16, 2012 meeting was made by Lee Wiesner, seconded by Dave Pease.

1. Communication: Sandbar/Tomahawk lakes letter - Barb.

Ingemar handed out copies of letters with a map of Sandbar lake that was mailed to property owners on both Sandbar and Tomahawk lakes. The letter was dated July 19, 2012 discussing what to expect in the coming weeks and months by the committee as well as what property owners can do to help control the further spread of EWM.

Ingemar also mentioned that there were property owners on Sandbar lake that have been snorkeling and pulling EWM.

2. Clean Boats Clean Waters - Sally.

Sally noted that we have several new volunteers for the boat landings. She mentioned that she had an issue with a man on the Middle Eau Claire lake that didn't want wait in-line for his turn to launch his boat. He was told that if he didn't wish to follow the guidelines he would leave her no choice but to call the authorities. The gentleman backed off with out incident.

Sally also mentioned that a New Water Guard (Garrett) gave her the *proposed portion for mixing of 2 tablespoons bleach to 1 gallon of water for use in killing of weeds on boats.*

3. 2012 Volunteer hours - Gus, Ingemar.

Ingemar proposed that a letter be mailed to volunteers reminding them that their volunteer hours be written down and mailed back to us for the drawing on October 31, 2012. He will discuss with Barb and get those letters mailed and also placed in the Barnes Blog. Upper and Middle Eau Claire volunteer hours after July 1st will applied to the rapid response grant.

Gus handed out Barnes 2010 AIS Grant Project no ACEI-086-11, Project Summary Hours, Barnes 2011 Control Grant Hours, and 08.11.2011 CBCW Data reports. He stated that as of current he didn't have town expenses from Steve. Sally was also asked to work on entering

the CBCW hours to bring them to current. Sally will work on completing this as soon as possible. Gus stated that compared to previous years our volunteer hours in-kind are not even close to where they should be.

4. **Follow-up on 2012/2013 grant resources for EWM - Pamela, Jeremy.**

George lake - Ingemar spoke with Mark Holm whom has toured George lake and found no evidence of EWM. Native plants are still there and don't seem to have been affected. Should EWM be found next year we may need to look at a retreatment of the north bay. The George lake grant was for \$20,000 and spread over 5 years (2010-2017). Approximately \$6,500 has been spent of the total grant amount.

Sandbar lake - Dense beds of EWM have been found. The remaining grant eligibility is only in effect until the end of 2013, however, Pamela stated that if it was needed we could apply for an amended extension of the original grant for up to 15%.

After discussion, Ingemar will contact John Skogerboe about the possibility of doing a visual survey late summer/early fall 2012 for both Sandbar and Tomahawk lakes. Ingemar will also ask him what method he will plan on using. If John can not do survey for us we will need a Plan B as proposed by Pamela. We could look at volunteers to do a survey including diving and snorkeling. Or, we could contact Matt Berg to do a weekend survey.

Lee made a motion to have a survey for done on both Sandbar and Tomahawk lakes for late summer/early fall 2012, and to develop an action plan for spring of 2013. Dave seconded the motion.

Tomahawk lake - Gus noted that a small amount of EWM can still be found in the lake. Last year wild celery was growing like crazy, however not much is seen this year.

5. **New grant needs for 2012-2013 Curly Leaf Pondweed)-Lee.**

Curly Leaf Pondweed is still present in the Middle Eau Claire lake. A rapid response grant will be submitted by Lee. Volunteers have been pulling, however it isn't under control.

Pamela reviewed the proposed estimate from Matt Berg of \$5,125 each for Middle and Upper Eau Claire Lakes which would include, Survey, point intercept in May 2013, July/August 2013, collection and preparation of 2 sets herbarium voucher specimens, Aquatic Plant Survey, Statistical Analysis of Data (including plant species maps generated in arc view). Final reports of all surveys.

Dave motioned to ask Matt Berg to do surveys/ analysis and reports as proposed. Seconded by Ingemar. Accepted by all members present.

Upper and Middle Eau Claire lakes grants being requested will be for \$20,000 each and spread over 5 years.

6. AIS activities - Jeremy .

Purple Loosestrife and Japanese Knot Weed have been found in Douglas County, south of Cable and at the Iron River Dump. The Japanese Knot Weed looks like bamboo with leaves 6-12" and a white flower. This plant is extremely invasive and should be reported immediately.

An early detection survey will be done on Pickeral Lake coming up in the next few weeks.

Jeremy needs volunteers for the Bayfield County Fair this coming weekend. Sally agreed to help on Friday.

7. Other business.

We are looking for a volunteer to be trained by Gus in the data entry that he has so diligently done for our committee over last several years. Gus will be stepping down from his commitment at the end of this year. It has been discussed that Steve Krivinchuk, Barb Romstad or Glenda Mattila may consider taking over this task. However, the ideal person would be someone with grant writing experience and computer knowledge of Excel. Glenda will contact Steve and Barb to set up a meeting with Gus.

Gus, thank you for your years of dedication to this community and project. You will be greatly missed!

Jim Bracken will be holding a "Shoreline Habitat Workshop" at the Northern Lakes Visitor Center on August 30th.

Landing monitors for the Labor Day weekend will be on duty as usual with their normal schedule. However, Monday they will be there from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

8. Next meeting date, Monday September 17, 2012

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m., motion made by Lee Wiesner and seconded by Mitch McGee