

AIS Committee meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Office

Present: Lee Wiesner called the meeting to order. Members present: Lee Wiesner, Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Gerald Gustafson, Sally Pease, Andy Teal

Absent: Sue Jansen, Jim Krook, Zach Desrosiers

Agenda items:

1. Roll Call and verification of public notice

Members present listed above. Lee verified the public notification

2. Approval of agenda

Sally made a motion to approve the agenda, Ingemar second; motion carried

3. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Ingemar made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Sally second; motion carried

4. Communication

Lee listed several potential new shoreline monitors recommended by Jeri McGinley

The hiring committee has selected Doug Stearly to fill the position of a boat landing monitor for 2018.

5. AIS Budget/Grant Balances/Sinking Fund – Barb

Barb reported on the status of the grant submissions:

2017 CBCW grant

- Town expense \$20,096.46
- Grant paid \$19,833.39 (\$263.07 short of total town expenses.) Grant will not cover volunteer luncheon food, or conference fees for Sally and Chris
- Barb made the motion to transfer \$218.07 from the AIS sinking fund to TOB general fund, Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - \$263.07 - \$45 (Chris Webb's conference fee) = \$218.07
- Need contact info for all volunteers, phone number, email or signature
- Sally needs to submit mileage semi-monthly along with hours. Same as TOB employees.

George Lake Grant

- Town expenses -\$250 Grant reimbursement-\$250

Tomahawk & Sandbar Grant

- Town expenses in 2017 were \$25,881.00. Grant reimbursement - \$25,697.12 (\$183.00 short.)
- Barb recommends we leave as is – Jane assures that on a 3 year grant it will be evened out.
- We had 7 parties from the two lakes participate in shoreline monitoring that had not been on any previous volunteer lists.
 - Edward and Susan Krenz
 - Tammy Kitchak
 - Gerard Lepage
 - Michael Bronson
 - Steve and Robin Kling
 - Erik and Roseann Ekstrom
 - Kerri M Reed and Bryan Green

Upper Eau Claire and Middle Eau Claire Grants have been submitted. No BAISS Boat **repair** will qualify and parade candy will not qualify. Expect the payments to be about \$200 less than TOB expenses. We'll review after the grant payments come in and reimburse the TOB for costs expenses over reimbursements.

Barb distributed a spreadsheet showing the status of the **AIS Sinking Fund**. The fund is currently \$11,473.48. We will keep track of donations and any specific elements of the AIS costs that donor's prefer the funds are used for.

6. Clean Boats Clean Waters Monitors for 2018 – Sally, Lee

Sally would like another alternate landing monitor. The group discussed the coverage of the lakes for 2018. Sally will have AIS information at the Potowatomi owners meeting.

7. Lake Surveys for 2018 – Lee, All

Lee has made arrangements with Matt Berg for post treatment surveys on Tomahawk and Sandbar lakes in July. Lee suggested that we make a special effort with our shoreline monitors on Upper Eau Claire to survey the lake for Curly Leaf Pondweed.

8. BAISS Boat Plans for Tomahawk, Sandbar and other lakes – Ingemar, Gus, Lee

Ingemar felt positive about getting some people from Sandbar Lake to man the BAISS Boat. Gus indicated that they needed to organize a meeting of potential volunteers. Lee will send an email out to the volunteers from last year and encourage them to help out again this year. Gus and Ingemar will take the lead in scheduling the BAISS boat scheduling on Tomahawk and Sandbar Lakes this summer.

9. Divers for BAISS Boat for 2018 – Lee

Fritz Huttner, who did the diving for us in 2017 wants to be a diver again in 2018 and said he'd be available May 20th. Sally indicated that Vern Wilcox is also interested in doing some diving.

10. Updates on Diver Safety Protocol – Andy

First news Andy announced was his ENGAGEMENT – yay! Then with less enthusiasm but great professionalism he discussed the protocol for diving in under 20 feet of water; a diver can stay under for up to 200 minutes. It is suggested that the diver not surface more than 3 times in 200 minutes. Gus questioned how we can get the interior of the BAISS Boat air tank cleaned. Andy suggested a dive shop near Wausau. Andy indicated that a certified diver will know the protocol for diving, if they haven't dived for more than a year they should consider taking a refresher course. Andy gave the group a *Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement of Understanding* that the group discussed having hired divers sign when employed by the town. The committee agreed to recommend to the town that they have hired divers review and sign the document.

11. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report – Andy

Some discussion took place regarding having bleach spray at the landings.

Andy discussed the spread of Zebra Mussels; local spread/short distance/short time frame is the biggest risk. The St. Croix River Association will be doing some Zebra Mussel sampling on Upper Eau Claire.

12. Volunteer Luncheon, Friday, May 4 – Barb

110 invitations were sent out for the luncheon. Lee and Sue will help with setting up. Others have volunteered to bring bars and beverages.

13. Next Meeting Date

Barb made a motion to have the AIS meetings be the second Monday of the month at 9:00 am (instead of 6:30 pm) Lee seconded; motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday May 14th at 9:00 am.

14. Adjourn

Lee made a motion to adjourn, Gus second; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

