

TOWN OF BARNES
A.I.S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY–AUG. 17, 2018
9:00 AM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

1. Roll call and verification of public notice: Call to order at 9:20am Gerald Gustafson, Ingemar Ekstrom, Sally Pease, Andy Teal, Chris Webb and Tami Hoff present. Jim Krook was absent. Deputy Clerk Hoff verified public posting.

2. Approve the Agenda: *A Motion was made (Gus/Ingemar) to approve the agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

3. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting on June 11, 2018: *A motion was made (Sally/Gus) to approve the minutes. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

4. AIS Budget/ Grant Balances/ Sinking Fund –Tami reported on the status of grants, expenses and balances were discussed. Apply for Sandbar/Tomahawk extension. Chris to contact DNR. Discuss sinking fund at next meeting.

5. Clean Boats Clean Waters: Sally reported she got six new volunteers for CBCW. Discussion of advertising for another paid position in spring. Discussed raising per hour pay scale, work expectations, FECL willing to put money towards paying wages of those positions. Discussed training alternatives fall, spring, hands on and starting day working with someone. Mention of self-serve at boat landings and how it works.

6. Updates and report-Andrew Teal: He has attended and instructed “Weed ‘Em Out” Workshops focusing on Japanese Knotweed. Visited some landings and talked with boaters as to what knowledge they had about AIS and prevention. He has done some sampling and looked for yellow iris. None on upper but present on Bony. They will keep an eye on it. Workshop in Spooner on research done of zebra mussels. Adult spread is more likely than juvenile. Boat lifts and docks should be watched. Upcoming event at Bayfield Visitors Center; “Invasive Species I.D. Also, discussed “beefing up” A.I.S. No Transport Ordinance to make the counties as strong as the state’s NR40.

7. BAISS boat update: Discussion of new underwater camera to observe underwater patches and for before and after pictures. There is debris on bottom of Sandbar Lake resulting from treatment and still some patches that will be watched. End of August is last week for diving. Request for more divers for next year, Chris looking into advertising for opening in spring.

Discussion of study being done in Canada where they are putting burlap on the bottom of the lakes to control milfoil growth. Contact Matt Berg in spring for a Biologist plant study.

8. Shoreline monitoring letter needs to be worked on and mailed out by August 31st or earlier to shoreline monitors and property owners. Include return envelopes and return date of Sept. 30th. Tami will revise and work on this mailing.

9. Reorganization: Chris recommended leaving just four members on the committee until spring while trying to recruit new members. Chris will continue attending meetings and Tami will help until replacement found. Advertising for members will be discussed at spring meeting.

10. Next meeting date Sept. 10th at 9am at the Town Hall.

11. Adjourn: *A motion was made to adjourn (Ingemar/Gus). Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am. Minutes submitted by Tami Hoff, Deputy Clerk.