

Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Friday, September 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 9:00 am.

1. Roll call: Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

Members Present: Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, Gerald Gustafson, Jim Krook, and Andy Teal. **Guests:** Pam Toshner, Regional DNR/Lakes/Rivers Coordinator and Claudia Duffy, DNR Employee.

Members Absent: None

Verification of Public Notice: Public notice of meeting was posted on September 11, 2019 at 11:47 am by Judy Bourassa.

2. Agenda approval: A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Gerald to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. Discussion with Regional DNR/Lakes/Rivers Coordinator, Pam Toshner

a) Established Population Control Projects

The Control grant is due on February 1, 2020.

Four ways can be used to establish population control: 1. Matt Berg's plant surveys. 2. GPS waypoint markings. 3. Camera photos-before and after. 4. Quantity of weeds collected for all the BAISS boat outings. (Approximately: 2 bags collected per 4 hour day=a cubic foot measure, times the number of days worked. Gus will calculate the exact total amount collected for curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian water-milfoil.)

Discussion: Need a \$16,000 CBCW grant, submitted by 12/10/2019 that is \$4,000 per landing (4 landings: Upper, Middle, Lower, and Tomahawk/Robinson). Need to update management plan by December 1, 2019. BAISS boat will be used to control weeds on all the mentioned lakes. We may look at combining all 4 lakes into one management plan. Andy will help us rewrite the plan using the 2017 version and rewording it. Possibly, the updated plan could be separated into a plan for curly-leaf pondweed and a plan for Eurasian water-milfoil. We need to know what are expenses will be overall and expenses using two drivers instead or one driver.

b) Maintenance and Containment Projects

BAISS boat is controlling the weed population at this time.

No chemical treatment is necessary at this time. (History of chemical treatment of Tomahawk/Sandbar for Eurasian water-milfoil: treated 4 times—it kills the weeds, but they come back, so it doesn't really work.)

(As the future meeting agenda for Monday, September 16th also included the status of existing DNR grants for Established Population Control under discussion, the subjects were discussed at this meeting and the Monday, September 16th meeting was cancelled.) Our guests, Pamela Toshner and Claudia Duffy left the meeting room. All regular committee members remained and were present for this portion of the meeting.

2. Agenda approval: A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Ingemar to approve the September 16, 2019 meeting agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. Approval of last month's minutes: A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Sally to approve the minutes of previous meeting, held August 19, 2019. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. Bayfield County A.I.S. coordinator report – Andy Teal

Andy will review our current Aquatic Plant Management Plan and will work with the AIS Committee to update new uses for the BAISS boat as discussed with DNR Regional Representatives earlier. The committee members will review the plan and send notes to Andy for inclusion.

Andy checked Island Lake for aquatic invasive weeds and found none.

Andy went to a waterfowl outreach event. Talk to Andy for more information.

Update on purple loosestrife: a drone mapped the location on Cranberry Lake. It was somewhat effective. Andy may try it again next year.

Update from Snapshot Day on August 15, 2019: 7 people attended.

Upcoming events: September 20, 2109: Invasive Species I.D. Day at NGLVC, 1:00 pm with potluck and meeting at 11:00 am. October 11, 2019: Student Science Symposium, 9:00 am. September 25, 2019: LEEP Program outdoor field trip at Carol Le Breck's property, Bony Lake.

The committee suggested that Andy creates a calendar of AIS events in the future.

5. Grant Balances/AIS budget:

As discussed earlier with DNR Representatives, CBCW for 2020 will cover 3 individual lakes and 1 set of combined lakes.

Sinking Fund Balance: \$11,255.41 (same)

Expenses: CBCW Program Grant (mailing to Shoreline Monitors on 8/30/2019) = \$127.98.

CBCW Programs: Boat Ramp Monitors Wages = \$19,809.00 (to date); Taxes = \$1,775.13; CBCW Program Grant: Other/Miscellaneous expenses = \$1,591.63; Total = \$23,175.76

Middle ECL Grant expenses = \$413.81

Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes Grant expenses = \$7,823.65

Total Lakes-Aquatic Invasive Species = \$31,413.22

Recap: Our 2019 Budget was for \$49,000. We have now spent \$31,413.22.

6. BAISS Boat – Gus Gustafson

Gerald (Gus) said the BAISS boat pump is fixed. Gus said the new regulator has a defect. It needs servicing. He will send both regulators out to a shop for servicing.

Gus is making a plan to take the pontoon out for the winter. He is going to put tarps over the motors and park the boat near the Town Hall/Shop Building. He needs to buy new tarps as last year's tarps are

worn out. The plan to check the river between Lower EC and Middle EC Lakes will be put off until the spring.

7. Clean Boats Clean Waters – Sally Pease

Number of volunteer hours: Sally will prepare a monthly statement of volunteer hours for each lake. Paid volunteers will need to reapply.

8. Tomahawk/Sandbar file grant extension

Final Aquatic Management Plan:

We will request an extension for one year for Tomahawk/Sandbar Lake (expires 12/31/2019).

We will update the BAISS boat plan (Population Control) grant for Upper EC and Middle EC Lakes using our 2017 grant and rewording as needed. Chris will send a copy of the 2017 grant for us to read and study. We will each send ideas for updates directly to Andy. He will reword the document by our next meeting for all of us to approve.

9. Next meeting Date: Next meeting for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Marcia to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard
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