

Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Meeting

Monday April 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Town Board member, Chris Webb at 9:00am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present: Sally Pease, Gus Gustafson, Ingemar Ekstrom, and Jim Krook. Public notice of meeting was posted on April 25, 2019 at 8:25 am. Marcia Wellnitz, committee applicant was present. Andy Teal, Bayfield County AIS coordinator was also present.

A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Ingemar to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Gus to approve the minutes of previous meeting, held October 8, 2018. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Communication in form of application to committee from Marcia Wellnitz was presented. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Ingemar, to recommend Marcia Wellnitz be appointed to the AIS Committee. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. The Town Board will consider recommendation at regular town board meeting.

Communication in form of email from Matt Berg, Endangered Resources Services, LLC to Chris Webb and Ingemar regarding plant surveys during 2019. Discussion ensued as to scope of survey needs. A motion was made by Gus, seconded by Jim, to recommend the Town Board authorize hiring of Matt Berg to complete plant surveys on Tomahawk Lake and Sandbar Lake in 2019. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. The Town Board will consider recommendation at regular town board meeting. Town Board member, Chris Webb will contact Matt and ask that he coordinates timing with Ingemar.

AIS Budget, Grant Balances and Sinking Fund Balance were not available for meeting. A check for \$4,062.30 was received in January as reimbursement of a portion of 2018 expenses for Tomahawk/Sandbar research project. A check for \$5,000 was received in April as advance payment for Clean Boats Clean Water 2019 project.

Sally presented an update on the Clean Boats Clean Water project with the boat monitoring start date of Friday, May 3, 2019. Sally and Jim held interviews with three people who applied for paid monitoring positions. Due to AIS meeting schedule, the Town Board was presented with the candidates' names at the April Town Board Meeting. The Town Board authorized the hiring of Jim (Rocky) Clements, Judith and Therene Gazdik. Sally has assigned the following positions: Rocky will monitor Upper Eau Claire Lake landing, Judith will monitor Lower Eau Claire Lake landing. John will continue to monitor Middle Eau Claire Lake landing. Therene as alternate will work with Sally on Robinson Lake landing and Tomahawk Lake landing.

Use of BAISS to control AIS in Upper Eau Claire Lake and Middle Eau Claire Lake will begin in May. Ingemar will check with diver to set up start date, and schedule for summer for 2019. Marcia will check with Tom Renz for names of area rescue divers to see if there would be interest in paid part-time

position. Following 4 to 6 weeks on Eau Claire chain, the BAISS will move to Tomahawk and Sandbar lakes to continue control efforts. Dock and parking will be needed on Upper Eau Claire Lake and Middle Eau Claire Lake and several names were given to Sally and Gus to contact.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was previously held the Friday prior to fishing open. This year the AIS Committee is recommending holding a Volunteer Appreciation continental breakfast on Saturday, June 8, 2019. The event would start at 8:30 am with breakfast, displays, speaker, and door prizes. Committee members were assigned various tasks. Marcia will contact grocery stores and gas stations in Hayward for food donations, and contributions. Ingemar will contact local restaurants and food establishments for gift certificates. Chris will contact area utility companies for potential door prizes. Jim will contact Friends of Eau Claire Lakes. The event would be open to all current volunteers and to potential volunteers wanting to learn more. A form letter for requests will be created at the Town Office as well as the postcard mailed to individuals on the volunteer list.

Andy Teal, Bayfield County AIS Coordinator gave report of county involvement in AIS projects. Clean Boats Clean Water training will be held several times during May and June. Andy will provide dates and locations when scheduled. The AIS Coordinator position will be taking on an extension of surface water activities that are still be determined. Lake Owen Association has purchased their first decontamination unit that should be in service by May 23, 2019. The unit is portable and will be manned by volunteers. Invasive Species ID day is May 10, 2019 in Bayfield. Other Invasive Species events are scheduled at Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on the following dates: June 6-7, July 12, August 16, September 20 and October 11.

Next meeting for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, May 20, 2019 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Sally to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Webb