



## MINUTES

May 24, 2017 (to be approved)

**Present:** Nan Olson, Jim Krueger, Jeremy Oswald, Mike Defoe, William Bussey, Sally Pease  
**Staff:** Andrew Teal, AIS Coordinator  
**Absent:** Sarah Boles; Adam Haecker, NCWMA Coordinator;  
**Attendance:** Arianna Austin, LWCD Clerk; Jim Giffin, Lake Minnesuing

1. **Call to Order:** Nan called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.
2. **Introductions:** Brief introductions conducted.
3. **Public Comment:** Jim Giffin discussed programs and invasive species within Lake Minnesuing.
4. **Motion:** Approve minutes from February 22, 2017 AIS Committee meeting. **Bussey / Krueger – carried.**
5. **Grant Updates:** Andy provided the current remaining balance of the active AIS grant. He plans to use funds to register interns for various upcoming workshops. CBCW Iron River monitors have been on, but has been limited due to weather. Interns are hired for this summer and will begin on June 1. Three interns are from Northland College, one is from Itasca Community College. NCWMA Boat Washer will be active this season. June will be primarily spent at Loon's Foot Landing, in Superior. The interns will likely visit Loon's Foot on June 2. Approval has been given for Second Landing, due to Ashland County not receiving grant funding. Andy has created an intern schedule for the boat washer throughout the summer, but is subject to change. The Boater Behavior Study will be conducted this summer at various landings, using the old form to see if boaters are still following the old steps. CBCW Lake Superior (DNR state grant) and NCWMA Boat Washer (federal grant) will provide match for each other. USFS Weed Co-op grant has also received a modification for nearly \$17,000.
6. **Discussion - Outreach to Realtors about invasive plants, in partnership with Northwoods CWMA-review PowerPoint presentation:** Andy shared a PowerPoint with the group. A suggestion was made to provide a stamp or seal to signify the completion of invasive inspection and/or removal. Jim Giffin noted a success of realtor interaction on Lake Minnesuing. Jeremy requested the PowerPoint be emailed to the group for review and offered to assist with potential presentations. Jeremy suggested targeting landscapers during the off-season regarding invasive species. He also suggested creating a brochure that could be distributed to realtors with invasive species specific to our region. Nan offered to have the presentation at the Lake Association meeting on the second Saturday in September.
7. **Discussion - Knotweed management for 2017:** AIS and NCWMA has previously obtained herbicide (Vanquish) through Colleen Matula, DNR. Due to changes in her position location, herbicide supplies are limited. Only a few sites will receive herbicide treatment this season. AIS funds cannot be used for the purchase of additional herbicides. NCWMA funds are limited.
8. **Discussion - Barnes Diver Assisted Suction Harvester and need for divers:** Divers are needed and can earn around \$25 per hour. Divers will receive training on practices and identification of invasive species. The Town of Barnes owns the boat and provides insurance for use. Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed are being targeted.
9. **Discussion - Boat wash unit and grant, interns, and distribution:** Jeremy Bates completed maintenance this season. He provided tips for maintaining water temperature and distance while spraying. Bill clarified that boats that are leaving a landing are the priority for the boat washer. Loon's Foot Landing will be the primary landing for June, with other landings rotated throughout the rest of the season. Storage locally will be at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Andy has inquired with the DNR for additional storage.
10. **AIS Coordinator Report:** Andy shared some of the recent activities and control work he has participated in— reviewed and on-file.

11. **Partner/Department Reports:**

Red Cliff: Project coordinator is finalizing the waste water treatment report of *Phragmites*. An intern has also been hired that will assist with invasive species removal. Boat repair has still not happened, and will likely not be completed during this summer.

Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area (FOECLA): Sandbar and Tomahawk Lakes have been treated. Hopefully maintenance can be sustained by hand pulling of Eurasian Watermilfoil. Warmer temperatures are needed before the DASH boat can be utilized. Water levels are high due to recent rains, which may lead to the connection of Sandbar and Tomahawk Lakes.

Namakagon Lake Association (NLA): Treated Lakewoods Resort harbor and marina in April. Treated early in the season due to the timing of leafing of Eurasian Watermilfoil and the limited use of the landing. A dye was used to monitor the movement of water during the treatment. Monitoring will continue but initial results are promising. NLA is sponsoring a Northland College student to monitor the lake and landings.

12. **Future AIS Activities:** Andy shared some of the upcoming activities—reviewed and on-file. Additionally, Drain Campaign targets fishermen June 9-11 with a giveaway of ice packs. Landing Blitz gives away towels during June 30 – July 4. Snapshot Day on August 5 will also include lakes and rivers in Wisconsin and Minnesota, which is a large expansion from only bridges. Project Red through the River Alliance of Wisconsin utilizes volunteers to adopt stretches of river to monitor and report. Jeremy requested the link for more information.

13. **Other business:** Nan requested information be sent early for volunteers at the Bayfield County Fair.

14. **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 8:00 AM

15. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM