

Invasive Species Committee
 Crooked Lake Township, Cass County, MN
 Meeting Minutes April 19, 2012

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Dennis Case	guest		

Editorial in the Northland press written by David Schaumberg was applauded.
Dennis brought concerns regarding retention of water remaining in IO boats. He suggests putting 4-5% bleach solution in live well.
Dennis suggested going to the schools and educating the kids. Discussion on teaching kids about AIS. Does the DNR have an educational program for kids?
Jan was asked to e-mail the DNR pamphlet order form to group.
Ed brought a volunteer sign sheet he wants to distribute around town. Discussion followed that most volunteers are called to help with a task. It was thought that few people would want to hand out literature at boat landings. Item not moved on.
Ed motion: The committee is all trained by the DNR to be able to hand out literature and inspect boats at landings. Motion not moved or voted on.
Ed will work on a zebra mussel poster.
Ken suggested sending letters to our legislators asking for funding for research to solve AIS problems.-send off one letter to senator and representative per week to support research in eliminating AIS. -realize there are consequences for non-action. -suggestion to organize an “occupy Roosevelt.” A one or two day event. RALALA and Denny Neill will be approached regarding spearheading this event. Contact the seasonal property association as well. Would other communities consider doing the same thing during the summer?
Dennis concerned over canoes and trappers and ricers.
Ken needs names of local legislators (Jan will send)
Ken will write a short letter to use for our legislatures.
A concern was noted regarding 3 bass fishing tournaments this summer. Perhaps ask the DNR can have a decontamination unit available. Dennis has offered to contact bass fishing clubs. John will find the contacts.
Adjourned at 3:45

Focus points of the AIS Committee as understood to date:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use brochures from the DNR and other sources for distribution at boat landings and residences. Distribute on windshields during fishing opener.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Use the RALALA video and put it on the CLT website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send off weekly letters to our senators and representatives. Letter will be a voice asking for action.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organize an "Occupy Roosevelt" event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact bass fishing clubs to discuss and act on bringing clean boats into the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Skjolsvik