

Invasive Species Committee
 Crooked Lake Township, Cass County, MN
 Meeting Minutes May 30, 2012

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Minutes approved.
George, Washburn and RALALA associations are presented today.
All Assoc. meeting will be set.
Committee is waiting for an e-mail version of letter to send to our representatives.
Bill passed to fund research at U of MN to work on AIS, including Asian carp and zebra mussels.
Resort owners don't need to be trained in AIS.
Concern regarding use of correct boat washing is not being taught. The Emily car wash is set at 120 degrees. The DNR recommended water temperature is 160 degrees. Entrepreneurial opportunity? Probably not if boat wash was not mandatory
Despite lack of media coverage, 2012 Legislature spent more time discussing AIS than was spent on any other issue including Vikings (John Carlson)
Associations need to keep AIS in front of lake home owners via each newsletter and then send the newsletters to all owners on the lake, not just association members.
Lobbying groups: Muskie Inc., MSRPO (Minnesota seasonal recreational property owners) are the most active/effective in the State for AIS .
Washburn AIS: a plan is in place for AIS Lake George AIS: members of Assoc. are aware of AIS laws. No AIS plan in place RALALA AIS: a plan may be in place, but not organized.
Discussion regarding boaters refusing to comply with laws. Stricter laws? Require sticker for lake AIS's.
ACCOL: coalition of Cass County. What is Cass Co doing to address AIS?
Lack of money in the township. Most funds are spent on roads.
Funding mechanism through COLA's to go to state. State should have some sort of block grant.
10% of legacy money goes to AIS. State funds have doubled amount of funding for AIS.
Block grant idea...township coal, county cola, can be written in any combination. John Carlson expressed willingness to work with any group to create the grant (if he wins re-election). The grant would be part of 2013 budget and probably not reach associations

until 2014.
Discussion about lack of strength in current laws.
John Carlson... why is a decontamination unit so expensive? If we can get the units' price low enough, get bait shops to have a unit. Each access has a gate that needs a card to open gate. John will contact DNR on Monday (June 4) to try to get a unit in Outing sometime this summer.
2014 will require trailer sticker and online test for AIS. Conservation officers \$\$\$ has been upped to
Adjourned. 4:05

Focus points of the AIS Committee as understood to date. (focus points are the areas this committee has identified as areas to address)

<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. Legislators always want to know what is going on but sending letters weekly is probably not effective.(John Carlson)
<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