

INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE
Minutes: Date: August 11th (Hawk's Bar)Time: 9:00 A.M.

Attending the meeting: Sandra Seilheimer, Sandy Johnson, Chuck Kristofferson, Carol Hakala, Tom Frank, Kent Gierhart

- I. Review of Minutes**
- II. Purple Loosestrife current status**

Discussion: Chain of Lakes has been surveyed for PL. Sandy and Tom surveyed from Sandy's house around to the channel. Found some PL which Sandy has removed. Tom had areas of concern by Dam at Hwy 40. Kirsten and Kent surveyed other half of lake and did not see any PL. Tom also has surveyed McCann and Clear. Areas of concern in Northeast corner of McCann. Property owner has also contacted Kent about removal. Carol and Dawn surveyed chain. Found some areas of PL; GPS coordinates given to Tom. Removed plant from Backwoods shore line. Tom noted that PL started to Bloom in the Middle of July around the 17th. Noted that there is some PL by the bible camp. On shoreline at each end of the beach. Sandra was able to cut flowering PL and bag some plants in McCann. Patch located on left hand side when going from Chain into Clear Lake. Area of concern by dam on Hwy 40.

ACTION: Update since meeting: Tom was able to verify that PL patch by Rustynail campground on southside of channel is about 500-700 feet east of Rustynail campground docks and is at least 100 plants. Discussed the use of chemicals on small plant areas if plants cannot be dug up. Discussed the use of beetles on large patches that have been found.

III. PL-note to property owners a. No update

IV. PL-GPS coordinates to AJ

Discussion: AJ has contacted Kent and if we provide GPS coordinates he will be able to produce a map showing locations on chain of lakes.

ACTION: Tom felt that his Fish Locator mapping capabilities should be able to provide map. Felt it would be just as easy as giving coordinates to AJ. Tom will work on producing the map for next spring.

V. PL-management Discussion: How to manage areas that are hard to access or large quantities of plants. Role of beetles? Discussed role of chemicals vs beetles. Tom had looked at active ingredients. Tom thought Round-up for Poison Ivy would work. Not sure if this is best option for group but might work for individuals.

ACTION:

1. Kent will check with AJ on how to use beetles.
2. Kent will check into what chemicals might be used by land owners.

VI. Weed mitigation on Amacoy a. No Update

VII. Invasive signage on Island Lake Boat Landing

Discussion: Kent has contacted AJ. It is his department's responsibility for signage. Action: AJ will put on new sign on Island Lake boat landing closest to Sheps.

VIII. New Business

Discussion: Sandra shared a visual guide that group felt would be useful to bring to Association meetings.

“Lake Plants You Should Know” a Visual Guide:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/resources/bookstore/laminates.aspx>

ACTION:

1. Kent will check into cost to purchase.
2. \$35 plus shipping and handling.

IX. Parking Lot

Discussion: Lake Management Plan for Invasives Citizens Lake Monitoring Network