

Northwoods Cooperative Management Area

Meeting Minutes Aug 6 8:00-9:00 am

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Present: Carmen Chapin, Matt Bushman, Stefania Stralzkowska, Colleen Matula, Darienne McNamara, Jedd Ungrodt (BIA), Isaiah Messerly, Steve Spickerman, Miles Falck, Nan Olson.

Old business:

Farmers Market: Going well. Good contacts with people. Farmer's Market Staff are estimating that 900 people came through the market last weekend. Aug 30 is last booth day.

Invader Crusader Award: Congratulations again! T-shirts will given out to those who have contributed over and above in the last year. Miles has the award, but it can travel to anyone's office. Dara has a copy of the letter from the governor if anyone needs it for their annual performance review.

New Business:

AIS match: Stefania needs match effort to meet this years AIS grant. She will be contacting people individually.

Field Day Aug 22: People from surrounding CWMA's are invited. Announcement will go out this week. Folks will be reminded to bring their own lunches. Event is at the Visitor's Center form 9 am to 3pm with some out side activities.

Maple Hill Spurge Spray days: Steve Spickerman volunteered the use of his truck with sprayer, spray and 2 operators. Miles can offer the use of the tank pump but is unsure of the status of his crew. Carmen will have 2 people there and Matt Bushman also indicated he could assist. Others should **RSVP to Michele Wheeler and Wendy Stein**. The next meeting will be devoted to more logistical organization of this event.

On the Horizon:

Next meeting Sept 3 8am in the visitor's center. Short meeting to plan Maple Hill event.

Fall meetings beginning in October will resume with meeting/donut discussion schedule. Ideas to hold at other sites in Iron Co and Douglas Co to get other county participation.

October dinner to recognize volunteers and CWMA efforts. Money should be left in grant refreshment budget to pay for modest pasta type dinner.

Round Robin:

Stefania (Bayfield)- Gov Doyle is visiting the pike chain. Stefania promises to give him the full story on AIS on the pontoon tour. An issue that also needs to be raised is the contamination that could/does occur with local multi lake fishing tournaments. There is no opportunity to clean/dry/drain when lake hopping.

Jedd- (BIA) is planning a Natural Resources day with Bad River tribe this winter and may need some technical help. Jedd gave a good summary on how the BIA works with the tribes which in brief was described as complicated.

Steve (USFS)- Active in spraying for spotted knapweed and thistle. Currently at 259 acres. Report that Bayfield Co. released spotted knapweed beetles.

Isaiah (NPS)- Knotweed population on Raspberry Island is down to 4 small stems. 50% reductions in knapweed at Outer and zero knapweed on Stockton. Knapweed continues to be a problem at Meyers beach. Canada thistle is a new issue at Raspberry with addition of septic system and gravel fill brought in.

Miles (GLIFWC)- Steve Garske is working on terrestrial mapping in Douglas Co. dara and Sam are doing aquatics surveys. Received NRCS grant to to modeling of invasion points based on landcover/soils/and levels of current infestation. Should be able to get 300 plants in. The pilot area is CWMA.

Nan (Bayfield Co lakes Forum)- Retired from forum but agreed to stay on as a representative to the CWMA. We're still glad to have you Nan!