Notes: 2-17-25
1st AIS BLCD meeting

6:00 pm -7:15 pm

Attendance: Andrea H, Tonni L, Gina K, Jim D, Carol A, Rob W, Jeff N, Mike C, Tracy W
Remember all AIS committee members keep track of your hours of service on the volunteer worksheet. Until that is posted, keep your own log starting with tonight's meeting.
List as AIS Committee Meeting = 75 minutes

Agenda
Introductions

1. Name
2. Lake location
3. Why you want to be on the committee

We have representation from all over the lake and even off the lake! Thank you for taking ownership in this process.

History
We reviewed the previous AIS committee history, listed tasks the BLCD will need to do and budget for. We reviewed the budget for the current grant. Underhill will most likely write this year's $5K check to the BLCD for start up. Oconto Co matching grant is not annual. It is a reimbursement process. We talked about the 5-yr and 10-yr planning process. According to Brenda N we can wait on the 10 year and write another 5 year when due. We hope to have WDNR funds we can reallocate to cover that process. Jennifer will check with John Holman about funding source for previous 10 yr plan. They cost around $35.

The Final 2024 Management and Monitoring Report was sent today from Onterra. We spent time discussing the difference between Onterra as our consultant and what a treatment partner is/does.

Financial Updates
Due to limited funds, the BLCD **and** Underhill will oversee the grant for 2025 and the BLCD will take it on in 2026. The name on the Grant Project Resolution is important. This is who can sign, submit and basically authorize for the grant. Who will communicate from the committee? In August a name change may need to be revised after the election.

Next Steps
Purchase materials and print spring herbicide signage and post signs on the beach before the application in spring - **Tonni and Rob** will take the lead

Communicate with APM about application day and let owners know date of herbicide application by APM - **Jennifer McD** will take the lead

After application monitor the water by a trained volunteer and send overnight shipping as directed - **Jennifer and Mike McDermot** take the lead and Tonni/Bob will learn

Communicate with Eddie (Onterra) and Andrew (APM), as needed and announce when Onterra will be on the lake doing studies during the summer and fall. **Jennifer and Tonni** will stay in contact.

Post volunteer worksheet **(Tracy W** is making one) on website for everyone to print off and use May, 25 2025 to Sept 1, 2025 as volunteer window and collect volunteer hours (Tracy W) and transfer to WDNR worksheet to be ready for reimbursement window. - Andre will post on BLCD and Jennifer will have Kay R post on BLPOA website. Kay can also send out via email.

How do we best get people signed up for the landing? 2 best weekends to hit lake owners at the landing are the 2 weekends prior to Memorial day. We will do a paper sign up at the BLPOA meeting on Memorial weekend. **Carol** will create a paper sign up for May. Then look maybe at an electronic option with **Andrea.**

We heard about the possibility of writing a grant for CBCW and paying summer Stevens Point Conservation students to monitor the landing.

Volunteerism Tasks

	Grant Support	Lake Education	Monitoring	EWM Round-ups	Boat Landing
Jennifer M	**X**		**X**		
James D					
Carol A				**X**	**X**
Gina K				**X**	
Mark D					
Andrea/Eric H					**X**
Rob W		**signage and posting**			
Jeff N					
Mike C					**X**
Tonni L		**X**	**X**		
Tracy W	**X**	**Making the new volunteer sheet**			

https://berrylakecommunitydistrict.org/ BLCD website
http://www.berrylakewi.com/ BLPOA website

The lake level monitor in the west lake basin will be removed at the end of June. It was decided by the BLPOA board that there wasn't enough money to keep it and determined it would be taken up by the BLCD.

$5500 annual cost

- Gauge has to be surveyed every spring and fall by certified surveyors.
- WDNR visits the site 6-8 times per year.

We can reduce the cost by finding a retired surveyor and reduce the 6-8 WDNR site visits by having someone trained to clear and inspect the area. The WDNR may still need to come at least once or twice and visit, plus running data on their end is still a cost we can't change.

Next meeting will be early June 2025