

## ISCCW ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 1, 2009

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1. He welcomed the members and introduced the Officers and Directors. Will also gave special recognition to Jack Erhart who was one of the founding members of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Coalition formed in cooperation with the Watersmeet Board of Supervisors. The current ISCCW is a follow-on 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization TRACING its origins to that initial group. Will then thanked Deloris Sewell, chief educator and coordinator for the boat wash and boat landing educators. Deloris has received honors for the best reported data from the Michigan Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. Deloris reported tremendous gains have been made in educating people about invasive species in the past two years with approximately 60% of the people at boat landing having heard about invasive species initially, and now almost 100 % have heard about invasive species.
2. Will explained there are currently 13 directors, while the ISCCW by-laws allow be up to 15 directors. Four of the present directors, whose terms are expiring, have agreed to continue to serve, and we also have four additional nominees for the trustee positions: Jim Okraszewski, Jonathon Swindle, Bob Turnquist and Bill Rehling.
3. As the result of the Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting Will attended in April, a number of people have contacted him about setting up a similar invasive species program in their areas. For example, he has been in contact with a group from Iron County and has given them information to aid them in forming an aquatic nuisance species group.

### MEMEBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Diana Mehlhop

1. Diana presented the Declaration of Members in Attendance/Proxies/Quorum requirements.
  - A. 44 proxies were returned. All count towards the quorum.
  - B. 2 of the 44 proxies abstained from voting.
  - C. 34 members were in attendance.
  - D. The required quorum of 25 members has been met.
2. Diana explained that the ISCCW membership year originally went from July 1 to June 30 but in May of 2008 the ISCCW voted to change the membership year to match the calendar year. Because of the change, and the fact that some new members have joined in the middle of 2009, the board has made an “exception” for those initial ISCCW members and their memberships will be valid until December 31, 2010.
3. The total membership is now 312.
4. Diana thanked the “in kind” donors.
  - A. Tate’s Mini-storage – summer storage for the boat/trailer washer.
  - B. Ken Wendt – winter storage for the boat/trailer washer.
  - C. Alan Piel – Webmaster services.
  - D. Forest Service – Meeting space at the Forest Service headquarters in Watersmeet.

E. Watersmeet Township – Office space.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Steve Wilkinson

The present balance is \$15,274. Will noted the ISCCW has not received the full grant from Fish and Wildlife/ The grant has been extended until June 1, 2010 so we can submit covered expenses up until that date. Also we were awarded an UPPCO grant for \$5000 this year and Watersmeet Township board awarded us \$5,000 in a fee for services arrangement this year.

EDUCATION REPORT - Jim Floriano

Jim said the goal of the Education Committee was to educate the public about invasive species. He mentioned he learned in talking to Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species director that a person has to see material 7 times before it makes an impression. The committee decided to get the information in front of the public in as many ways as possible. This has been accomplished thru pamphlets, bookmarks, place mats, labels on bait containers, signage at boat landings, and license plates. The committee has held several on-lake training sessions to enable volunteers to identify invasive species, and there are two additional training sessions to be held in August. Jim said there have also been over 15,000 hits on the ISCCW website.

FINANCE REPORT- Ken Wendt

Ken reported they will soon be working on grants for next year. He has found 2 new foundation grants and has started working on those. The Federal Govt. has announced a \$650 million grant for the Great Lakes. Ken is hoping to find a way to obtain some of those funds for lakes in the township, because we are in the Great Lakes watershed area. Volunteers were reminded to keep track of the hours, travel time, and type of boat used for “in kind” credit.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Will Buergey

1. A member raised the question about milfoil in Bass Lake. Will responded Bass Lake has no lake assoc., little development and some owners are against any kind of chemical treatment. Weevils were planted last year, however, even more EWM has appeared. The weevils were eating the milfoil but more weevils are needed. At a cost of \$1.20 apiece, it is an expensive operation and raising funds from the riparian owners has been difficult as many of the lots on Bass Lake are vacant.
2. Rumors of the cost of the boat/trailer washer costing \$60,000 have been dispelled. The actual cost was less than \$7,000.
3. The rumor the township will be opening the boat landing on Bass Lake is false. There is talk of erecting more barricades as people are now launching their boats from the picnic/swimming area.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Ken Wendt nominated Dudley Pierce as a director. The following nominees were presented: Jim Okraszewski, Jonathon Swindle, Bob Turnquist, Bill Rehling, and Dudley Pierce. Ken moved the nominations be closed , second by Steve . The vote was taken, passed unanimously with the exception of 2 abstentions.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR APPROVED CALENDAR YEAR 2009 BUDGET  
AND OPERATING PLAN: Will Buergey

1. Budget: Will explained the line items. Ken Wendt made the motion to amend the budget by moving the funds allocated to Bass Lake to aid in paying for other lake's treatment, second by Steve Wilkinson. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.
  - A. The Budget was approved unanimously with 2 abstentions.
2. Operating Plan: In accordance with our bylaws and articles of incorporation the ISCCW will continue to fight the spread of invasive species through three programs: public education, lake monitoring and surveys, and treatment of infested areas.
  - A. The Operating Plan was approved unanimously with 2 abstentions
3. Dues – The board recommended retaining the same fee schedule as in the past two years. (\$25 for individuals and \$125 for lake associations, businesses and other organizations.) Jim Floriano so moved, second by Army Domanus
  - A. The Proposed Dues approved unanimously with 2 abstentions.

The complete ISCCW Budget and Operating Plan are available on the ISCCW website.

LAKE REPORTS:

Duck Lake – Jim Floriano. Jim said that in addition to chemical treatment they had been actively pulling milfoil the past two years, but it is increasing in area despite their control efforts. A lot of hard work was done to prevent the spread of EWM.

Crooked Lake – EWM was found in 2007 and treated. None was found in 2008 but in 2009 it reappeared. The FS has been hand pulling the EWM.

Jim Floriano lauded Will Buergey for the job he has done the past two years. The organization would not have been as effective without his outstanding leadership.

Will Buergey thanked the board members and committee members for the tremendous job they have done.

The next board meeting will be at 9:00am on August 18 at the Forest Service conference room in Watersmeet. The new officers will be elected at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm was made by Jim Okraszewski, second by Jim Floriano and passed unanimously with 2 abstentions.