

2012 ANNUAL ISCCW MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2012 –WATERSMEET PAVILION

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by President Dudley Pierce

President Pierce called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM and welcomed all members and guests to this 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting,

2. Introduction of Officers and Directors.

President Pierce introduced all officers and board members in attendance and thanked everyone for their services during the past year.

3. Secretary & Membership Committee Declaration of Members in Attendance and By Proxy for Quorum Requirements.

Membership chairman Diana Mehlhop announced that 28 members are present and 73 proxies had been returned and quorum requirements have been met. See attached Proxy Report.

4. Presidents Report - Dudley Pierce

Dudley said it is a spectacular year for ISCCW. Memberships have increased and, although actual boat washing are slightly down, contacts made by the boat/trailer washer teams are up. He then stated that the ISCCW is perceived to be the predominate group in the state of Michigan fighting invasive species and, because of our work, he and Vice-President Ken Wendt were invited, by Senator Casperson, to testify on the subject of in-land lake invasives at a Outdoor Recreation and Tourism committee hearing in Lansing last fall, chaired by Senator Geoff Hansen. Another meeting with Senator Casperson, Representative Matt Huuki, and DEQ Director Dan Wayans has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Dudley reported these meetings will make a huge impact on how future permits will be handled however, as of now there has been no financial help treating invasives from the State of Michigan DNR or DEQ.

5. Treasurers Report - Steve Wilkinson

Steve reported the fund balance as of June 30, 2012 is \$98,200.

6. Membership Committee Report - Diana Mehlhop

Diana reported 425 memberships have been paid. She also reminded members to renew before November to help defray mailing costs. Ken Wendt thanked Diana for the outstanding job she has done. Ken also said that CCROA is becoming more active with invasive species problems on the chain as is evident by the increase in our communication with them and the number of their residents who have joined with ISCCW.

7. Education/PR Committee Report - Bob Turnquist

The year the committee has placed 10 collection boxes in area businesses for fish tape donations. New signs have been made for the boat washers. Distribution of book marks, place mats, and key chains; informational spots on radio and articles in newspapers; an active web site; participation in parades; and educational opportunities including training sessions are among the activities of the committee. Bob reminded members that since the Michigan Legislature enacted a new law last year it is illegal to transport weeds on boats and trailers and fines can be assessed. It is also illegal to put a boat /trailer in a lake with weeds on it.

## 8. Finance Committee Report - Ken Wendt

Ken thanked all members and organizations for their continuing support, with a special thank you to those who added an extra contribution to their membership fee. Ken reported the ISCCW received two grants during this year, one for \$12,829.10 which required matching funds of 21% and a grant of \$19,570 which required matching funds of 30%. Ken encouraged members to thank USFS member Ian Shackelford for all the work he has done for ISCCW. Ken stated Bass Lake would not require as much financial help for treatment in 2012 as anticipated but will require funds in 2013. Langford Lake is infested with EWM and will also require financial help in 2013. Ken said ISCCW is still eligible to apply for a fifth year grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The decision has been made to apply for these grant funds at a later date since this requires a one for one match.

## 9. Election of Directors (2 year term)

Having all agreed to serve another term as Directors the following were nominated: Army Domanus, Jim Floriano, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pylarz, Renee Shurr, Bob Zelinski and Ken Wendt. After three additional calls with no additional nominees Steve Wilkinson moved to "Close Nominations", supported by Bob Turnquist and approved. Being as how the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, President Pierce asked for election of the nominees by unanimous acclamation. The nominated directors were so elected.

## 10. Presentation of Director Approved Calendar Year 2012 Budget and Operating Plans

Copies of the plans were made available to all attendees with a short review and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

## 11. Membership Ratification of 2012 Operating and 2012 Budget Plans

A motion was made by Jim Floriano to "ratify the 2012 Operating Plan as submitted", supported by Dan Straszewski and approved.

A motion was made by Ken Wendt to "ratify the 2012 Budget as submitted", supported by Fred Duerkop and approved.

## 12. Discussion of Board Recommended Dues Levels for 2013 Membership Year

With out objection from the floor, and at the recommendation of the board, annual dues will remain the same for 2013 as they have been for 2012.

## 13. Additional Reports & Public Comments

### Biologist Reports - Barb Gajewski

Barb and Bill Artwich continue to survey and monitor lakes. So far this year there has been no new invasive species outbreaks in lakes that have previously not any. EWM continues to grow in Bass Lake which has been given a spot treatment and will be monitored through the fall. Langford Lake will receive a full lake treatment in 2013 and the pre treatment tests are just about completed. Duck Lake treated about 5 acres this year and Thousand Island treated 20 acres. At this time there is no information available on the Clearwater Lake treatment. There is a lot of activity between several groups, including the WDNR, on the emerging EWM problem on Lac Vieux Desert. Barb finished by reporting on the work she has done Mr. Kangas, a science teacher in Watersmeet, to set up an outreach program for students concerning the area lakes.

## Educator/Coordinator Report - Nina Fiorucci

Nina started off by reporting that she would be returning to college and would not be available in after the beginning of September. She said that the boat washing program was in full swing, staffed by three persons with almost daily visibility, although one washer will also be leaving for college at the end of August. Nina continued by reporting that she has been active in her education duties as well, visiting many resorts, attending many lake association meetings, and doing programs at the USFS visitor center. After a discussion it was decided to concentrate the boat/trailer washers at the fall fishing tournament sites throughout September and into the first week of October.

## Public Comments -

Ken Wendt said that MDEQ has again been split out of MDNR and now operates as a separate unit. Ken also thanked the Education committee for the great job they have done informing the public of invasive species and conducting the on lake training programs showing volunteers how to locate and identify invasive species. Ken said we will continue the on lake training programs as they have been very informative and beneficial.

MDNR continues to ignore the invasive species issue while MDEQ is now listening and appears to be ready to take an active part in helping. Dan Straszewski said he appreciated all the Forest Service has done especially since the State of Michigan DNR has done nothing. Dan also offered to help with one of the boat washers, on a volunteer basis during September and October, if he could be shown how to operate it.

Todd Buck thanked the ISCCW for their help treating EWM in Bass Lake.

Frank Kuchevar, Watersmeet Township Supervisor, on behalf of the Township thanked the ISCCW board and its' members for all the work they have done in the township to control invasive species.

Linda Doscotch thanked ISCCW for finding the EWM in Thousand Island Lake and aiding in the treatment of EWM.

## 14. Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Fred Duerkop to "approve the minutes as written", supported by Steve Wilkinson and approved.

## 15. Election of 2013 Officers (1year term)

Steve Wilkinson nominated Dudley Pierce as president, supported by Ken Wendt and approved.

Dudley Pierce nominated Ken Wendt as Vice President, supported by Steve Wilkinson and approved.

Arny Domanus nominated Ruth Bozdech as secretary, supported by Bob Turnquist and approved.

Arny Domanus nominated Steve Wilkinson as treasurer, supported by Bob Turnquist and approved.

Since there were no other nominations President Pierce asked the Board members present for a unanimous vote on the nominees. Receiving same all nominees were elected.

## 16. Adjourn

A motion "to adjourn" was made by Arny Domanus at 3:23, supported by Fred Duerkop and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ruth Bozdech, Secretary