

ISCCW 2013 MEMBERSHIP MEEETING
Draft - AUGUST 3, 2013 - 2:00 P.M.
WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN PICNIC PAVILION

Meeting was called to Order at 2:07 P.M. by Vice President Ken Wendt.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Vice President Ken Wendt welcomed all those present at the Seventh Annual Meeting of ISCCW. He gave brief remarks regarding the history of ISCCW and its mission, as well as, describing the organization's growth since its inception. He thanked Renee' Shurr, Cheryl Neumann, and Diana Mehlhop for providing the refreshments.

2. Introduction of Officers and Directors:

Mr. Wendt introduced all 2012-2013 Officers and Board of Directors members, asking those present to stand as their name was called.

3. Secretary and Membership Committee Declaration of Members in Attendance and by Proxies for Meeting Quorum Requirements:

Diana Mehlhop, Membership Committee Chair, presented the following:

DECLARATION OF ATTENDANCE & PROXY RATIFICATION REPORT

- A. 58 proxies have been returned. All count towards the quorum.
- B. 19 memberships have at least one person in attendance.
- C. The quorum of 25 members required to hold this meeting has been met.
- D. Of the proxies returned they breakdown as follow:
 1. 2 proxies have abstained from voting.
 2. 24 proxies named the BOD their proxy holder and their votes will be added to the majority vote (either aye or nay) of all Directors present.
 3. 12 proxies named individuals as their proxy holder; therefore, the following members will have votes, in additional to their own vote, as shown:
 - 3 votes Domanus, Arny
 - 1 vote Mehlhop, Diana
 - 1 vote Pytlarz, Jeff
 - 1 vote Neumann, John
 - 1 vote Rehling, Bill
 - 5 votes Wendt, Ken
 4. 20 proxies voted on the issues and they will be recorded at the time of each vote as follows:
 - 20 yes votes for all nominees for director
 - 20 yes votes for ratification of operating/plan and budget
 - 20 yes votes for ratification of annual dues
 - 20 yes votes for all other discretionary matters

5. If we have more nominees for Director than available positions all will receive a minimum of 20 yes proxy votes. Who so ever gets elected will be determined by the additional vote of:
 - the membership present, and
 - 12 yes or no votes of the named proxy holders, and
 - 24 yes or no votes mirroring the vote of the majority of the directors present.
6. Finally, all persons in attendance should be reminded that one membership is entitled to one vote no matter how many are in the household.

4. President's Report:

Mr. Wendt gave the following report in lieu of the absence of Mr. Dudley Pierce. The ISCCW is involved in several monitoring and management activities. The list of lakes that ISCCW has or will monitor this year for AIS includes: Allen, Beaton, County Line, Crooked, Dinner, Duck, Long, Marion, Moon, Tamarack, and Taylor. Also, included in this work are several lakes from the Cisco Chain. They are: Cisco, Big Africa, Little Africa, Record, Thousand Island, and the Thousand Island-Cisco-Lindsley Connecting Channel Waters. In addition, we are working with partners on three other lakes. They are:

- Lac Vieux Desert, where ISCCW is participating in a stakeholder group to address aquatic invasive species on Lac Vieux Desert. This stakeholder group includes: Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association, Ottawa National Forest, GLIFWC, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians and Wisconsin DNR. As some of you may recall, the monitoring work completed by ISCCW in 2008 was responsible for the initial discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil in LVD and, in 2012, the initial discovery of Curly Leaf Pondweed. This year, together with GLIFWC, an early survey targeting Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil was completed. In addition, two river sections, one flowing into and one flowing out of LVD are being monitored. These two river sections are Loboshier Creek entering LVD through Thunder Bay and the Wisconsin River exiting LVD in the southwest corner. We are doing some hand pulling on Lac Vieux Desert but no chemical treatment until we are sure what impact it might have on the Tribal rice beds.
- Langford Lake, where ISCCW worked with the Ottawa National Forest and the Langford Lake Association, assisting last year in the development of a lake management plan for Langford Lake. This plan was required by the MDEQ to allow us to apply for a permit to do a whole lake chemical treatment. This spring, the entirety of Langford Lake was treated with the chemical fluridone in a concentration of 6 parts per billion. Two weeks later a follow up treatment to maintain the concentration of fluridone at 6 ppb was completed. While all signs indicate that the EWM is responding to the treatment, we are only approximately 7 weeks into post treatment and the final effects of the treatment are yet to be determined. The Ottawa National Forest has contracted out the annual aquatic plant survey per MDEQ requirements for the next three years. The first year of this survey will be completed later this summer. The results of this survey will provide ISCCW information on the effectiveness of the treatment.

- Bass Lake, where ISCCW is looking at assisting Bass Lake Riparian's in pursuing a permit to use fluridone in a whole lake application for 2014. Again, a lake management plan will be required on which we are taking the lead. This plan will be a 4 year plan, including the preparation year prior to treatment, with specific goals and objectives set for each year.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Steve Wilkinson, Treasurer, read the Income Statement for the Year ending June 30, 2013.

Revenue for the year increased 3% to \$70,875 compared to the previous year. Primary sources of revenue were memberships and member contributions (58%); Langford Lake Association – remediation (21%); grants through the Forest Service (15%); Watersmeet Township (4%); and Lac Vieux Desert Association (2%). Total expenses for the year ending June 30, 2013 increased 61% to \$93,553 compared to the previous year. The increase in expenses was primarily due to \$38,660 for the Langford Lake treatment application. Other expenses for the year included: boat wash and educator personnel (\$30,504); certified biologists (\$9,668); legal and accounting (\$2,314); grants for AIS remediation (\$2,818); educational materials, printing and postage (\$2,932); insurance, supplies and depreciation (\$6,305); and other (\$352). As of June 30, 2013 ISCCW's net assets were \$74,352, a 23% decrease from June 30, 2012. The primary reason for the decrease was due to the increase in accounts payable from \$5,774 as of June 30, 2012 to \$43,558 as of June 30, 2013. Cash as of June 30, 2013 was \$94,144 compared to \$90,559 as of June 30, 2012.

Ken Wendt asked for a "Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given". Motion was made by Mr. William Charaf, with second by Mr. Joe LoMastro. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Membership Committee Report:

Mrs. Diana Mehlhop reported that, as of August 3, 2013, there are 385 members paid through 2013 with an additional 94 paid through 2014. Class A members for 2013, who consist of individuals or family units, total 362. Class B members for 2013, who consist of organizations or businesses, total 23. New members joining ISCCW in 2013 total 81. Total receipts from 2013 memberships are \$32,865, with an additional \$8,430 from 2014 early receipts. ISCCW wishes to acknowledge in-kind donations from the following: Ken Wendt for winter storage of two boat washers; Alan Piel for Webmaster services; Forest Service for meeting space at Ranger District Headquarters in Watersmeet; Watersmeet Township for office storage space; Joe LoMastro for mechanic services on the power washers; and the BP Station in LOL for use of their premises to operate our boat washer. Steve Wilkinson clarified that membership numbers and monies collect from same represent a calendar year while his financial report represents a fiscal year. Mr. Wendt thanked Diana for all she has done with membership and thanked members for financial support giving in addition to membership dues.

Ken Wendt asked for a "Motion to accept the Membership Committee Report as given". Motion was made by Mr. Will Buergey, with second by Bob Zagotta. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Education/Public Relations Committee:

Mr. Bill Rehling, Chairman, stated that the principal job of this committee is the education of the public on AIS prevention. He introduced Christine Scott, ISCCW's Educator/Coordinator whose function is to direct and monitor all aspects of our public awareness programs, and Jessica Samuelson, ISCCW's educator at Thunder Bay, on Lac Vieux Desert.

- Christine Scott reported that to date our educators and boat washers have washed 725 boats and contacted 5,200 people. Besides the boat washer activities, we have active programs with the USFS Visitor Center, Land O'Lakes Library, and multiple resorts within the township. She also commented on the continuing education in the schools and at the Land O'Lakes Library and noted the upcoming diving demonstrations to be held on Duck Lake.
- Jessica Samuelson reported that, while working with the boat washer at Thunder Bay four days a week, she is collecting and entering data into the ISCCW data bank for feed back to the Vilas County AIS efforts. *Note: Ms. Samuelson is paid for through a contract with the LVDLA.*
- Greg Wenzel, a committee member, introduced the "Lake Hoppers", a township-wide pilot outreach program being developed for 2014.
- Jeff Pytlarz, committee member, stated the Forest Service has giving ISCCW the use of a third boat washer which will be in service soon.
- Will Buergey, a committee member, remarked that they have developed a lot of educational materials for distribution, which is part of Christine Scott's duties.
- Margaret Marrs, a committee member, described the AIS education process at the Ottawa National Forest campground sites on Marion Lake.
- Bill Rehling, a committee member, stated the "fish measuring tapes" are very popular and provide added education and enough revenue to cover their costs.
- Mr. William Charaf asked "what happens when boat owners are approached?" Christine Scott answered that 83% of the boat owners, who have been in AIS infected waters, allow their boat to be washed. Jessica Samuelson added that at Thunder Bay (LVD) several boaters stated that they preferred to wash their own boats, possibly being afraid of potential damage. Will Buergey commented that our boat wash employees are trained on washing techniques, including the proper use of high pressure washing, adding that ISCCW carries liability insurance which would cover any accidental problems.
- Christine Scott stated that this 2013 fishing season is proving to be a "record year" for boat washing.
- Ken Wendt stated that the Forest Service washers have been loaned on a "long-term basis" due that ISCCW has shown a significantly higher success rate with reaching boaters.
- Jim Marrs, Marion Lake, asked the committee to comment on the spread of AIS by ducks and other birds. Greg Wenzel responded that, at several conferences he has attended, there has been no credible science presented that water fowl spread EWM, adding that maps creating vectors showing the movement of boats seems to verify that a major causation of the spread of EWM is by boats. Surveys of remote lakes, those that most people can't get to, have no EWM and yet water fowl are present.

8. Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Wendt stated that the USFS is ISCCW's biggest partner on AIS projects and thanked Forest Service Officer Ian Shackelford for his professionalism as both an advocate for ISCCW and as a leader in his field of Invasive Species Control in the Great Lakes Watershed area. He acknowledged Lac Vieux Desert for their underwriting of the monies for Jessica Samuelson's education services at Thunder Bay (LVD), as well as the \$15,000 the Langford Lake Association committed to partnering with ISCCW to remediate EWM on their lake, and, the \$2,500 given by the Township of Watersmeet.

9. Election of Directors to Two Year Terms:

Mr. Wendt stated that Fred Duerkop and Bill Rehling, after giving years of service to ISCCW, will not be standing for reelection as ISCCW Board Members. Mr. Wendt said he spoke to Jim Williams, Chairman of the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Band of Chippewa Indians, asking him to designate a nominee from the LVD Tribe to be on the ISCCW Board of Directors, adding that Roger LaBine and Gewii Martin have also petitioned the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Council for an nominee to be named, however, ISCCW has not received a name at this time. Therefore, Mr. Wendt read the prepared slate of seven nominees for election to two year terms. The slate included five current directors who have agreed to serve another two year term (Ruth Bozdech, Will Buergey, Margaret Marrs, Bob Turnquist, and Steve Wilkinson) and included two new nominees (Greg Wenzel and Daniel Straszewski). A "Motion to accept the slate of seven directors as presented" was made by Tony Zoars, with second by Jim Marrs. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wendt called three times for any other nominees, none were given. A "Motion to close the nominations" was made by Joe LoMastro, with second by Bob Zagotta. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Presentation of Director Approved Calendar Year 2013 Budget and Operating Plan:

Mr. Wendt stated that the Complete Operating Plan for 2013, as tentatively approved by the Board of Directors on December 18, 2012, can be viewed on the ISCCW website. Mr. Wendt briefly reviewed the budget and plan noting the one budget modification. Due to the federal government sequestration of funds, the RAC grant of \$10,000 will not be available in 2013, but should be available for 2014. The monies will be carried forward into next year's budget. Jim Marrs asked about the line item for Bass Lake. Ken stated that this year ISCCW will be doing all the surveys, permitting, long range (four year) planning, etc. to present to MDEQ to get the permits for the proposed full lake treatment operation in 2014.

11. Membership Ratification of Budget/Operating Plan:

Mr. Wendt stated the although the Operating Plan had been approved during the December 18, 2012 monthly meeting, the State of Michigan and our By-Laws also requires members approval at the Annual Meeting. A "Motion to approve the 2013 Operating Plan and Budget" was made by Sherry Zoars, with second by Arny Domanus. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion of Board Recommended Dues Levels for 2013 Membership Year:
There was general comment and agreement that the dues as currently in force have worked well and there was no need to change them at this time.
13. Membership Vote on Dues Levels for 2013 Membership Year:
"Motion to maintain the current dues levels as is for the 2014 year" was made by Mr. William Charaf, with second by Bob Zagotta. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Discussion to Add to Agenda the Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes:
Mr. Wendt stated that although 2012 Annual Minutes had been published online they still required membership approval. Mr. Wendt asked for and received unanimous consent to add an item of "Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes" next on the agenda.
15. Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes:
A "Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting as published" was made by Steve Wilkinson, with second by Will Buergey. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Public Comments:
 - Mr. Wendt thanked the Watersmeet Township Board for their help on approving the treatment of Langford Lake. Ken stated that the MIDNR's local requirement for approval to treat EWM on lakes has two forms; (1) approval from every Riparian on the lake (problematic since addresses are not always accurate or up to date); or (2) the Township Board can vote approval to treat a Township area lake.
 - Arny Domanus suggested ISCCW send a letter of appreciation to Ian Shackleford, copy to his USFS superior, expressing the value Mr. Shackleford has added with his expertise and dedication. Mr. Domanus asked for an update on President Dudley Pierce. Mr. Wendt told the group of Mr. Pierce's injury, rehab and other family misfortunes Mr. Pierce has been dealing with over the last many months.
17. Adjournment:
A "Motion to adjourn" was made by Joe LoMastro, with second by Jeff Pytlarz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marrs, Acting Secretary