

ISCCW 2014 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Watersmeet Township Pavilion

Opening

The regular meeting of the ISCCW Annual Membership Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm on August 2, 2014 in Watersmeet, Michigan by Vice-President Will Buergey.

Introduction

Vice-President Will Buergey introduced all Officers, Director, and Committee persons.

Declaration of Attendance for Quorum

Diana Mehlhop, Membership Chair person, verified voting eligibility of all in attendance and all proxies received. There were 23 members and directors present eligible to vote plus 61 eligible voting proxies received for a total of 84 possible votes, verified and announced by Ms. Mehlhop, thus satisfying quorum requirements.

President's Report

Mr. Buergey outlined the three main objectives of the ISCCW as being geared toward public education regarding invasive species, survey of lakes to help determine the extent of certain invasive species, and the mitigation of certain aquatic invasive species within the purvey of ISCCW's charter.

Mr. Buergey introduced Ms. Barb Gajewski, our contract biologist from Many Waters, Inc., who spoke on efforts regarding survey work and mitigation work, highlighting the successful efforts to treat Langford and Bass Lakes which continue to be EWM free.

Mr. Buergey next introduced Christine Scott, ISCCW's PR/Education person who summarized some of the efforts focused on public education; including boat washing (over 1300 boats washed and more than 7000 people contacted so far this season) and community based efforts with informational programs at resorts, libraries, USFS Visitor Center, Lake Association gatherings, etc..

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Steve Wilkinson reported on the current financial health of the ISCCW which, considering the recent expenditures on the treatments for Langford and Bass Lakes, is quite good.

Membership Committee

Ms. Diana Mehlhop reported that we have 394 Class A members and 27 Class B members for a total of 421 members for 2014. Revenues from 2014 memberships are currently at \$40,060. We also have a 32 members paid through 2015 with additional revenues of \$2,285.

Ms. Mehlhop also thanked certain individuals for their in kind donations over the year including USDA Forestry Service, Ken Wendt, Joe LoMastro, Watersmeet Township, the Land O' Lakes BP Station, Dan Straszewski., SCA, all the boat washers, and Christine Scott.

Finance Committee

ISCCW did not receive \$35,000 in grants that were asked for however, the MDNR will have a major grant program this fall and we will present a proposal to them. The GLRI Grant Program still has funds available and, if released by Congress, we should be able to apply for some of that money in 2015. Members are requested to contact their respective governmental representatives about the importance of controlling aquatic invasive species (AIS) and solicit their support in getting Michigan to allocate some funding..

Nomination and Election of Directors, 2 Year Term

The slate of nominees for Director was read by Mr. Buergey. Candidates are Eugene Clark, Arny Domanus, Al Kanipes, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Renee Shurr, Ken Wendt, and Bob Zelinski. The call for additional nominees was given three times, hearing none nominations were closed. A motion to elect the slate as presented was made by Diana Mehlhop, with support given by Greg Wenzel. A total of 82 votes were cast in the affirmative, 0 nays were cast, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Presentation of 2014 Operating Plan and Budget

Mr. Buergey and Mr. Wilkinson explained the Operating Plan and Budget for 2014. A short question and answer period followed. Hearing no more discussion, Mr. Buergey called for motions for ratification as presented.

Mr. Jim Marrs moved that the 2014 Operating Plan be ratified as presented, with support given by Mr. Sherrill. A total of 81 votes were cast in the affirmative, 1 nay vote was cast, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Mr. LoMastro moved that the 2014 Budget be ratified as presented for all expense line items including: Education (Promotional Materials, In-house Educator/Coordinator, In-house Boat Wash Operation); Contract "Many Waters" Services; Office Equipment & Supplies; PR(newsprint) & Fund Raising; Professional Services; Travel, Lodging, Meals, B of D; Member Subscriptions; and Eradication; plus Estimated Income; with support given by Mr. Sherrill. A total of 81 votes were cast in the affirmative, 1 nay vote was cast, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Board Recommended Dues Levels

Mr. Buergey put forth the Board of Directors recommendation that the dues level in each category remain the same as last year. Following a short discussion a motion was called for.

Motion to ratify the ISCCW membership dues at its current level was made by Ms. Ruth Bozdech with support from Mr. Todd Buck. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote with no abstentions. A total of 82 votes were cast in the affirmative, 0 nays were cast, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Mr. Jim Marrs commented that he felt that ISCCW was doing a good job, stressing several areas of successes he had heard about. Mr. Buergey reinforced that comment by saying that he felt in

certain areas, especially full lake treatments, we were gaining ground against the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

Mr. Greg Wenzel reported that the Lake Hoppers Program instituted by the CCROA, with the help of ISCCW, has been well received. It focuses on distributing information house by house to places where invasive species are thought to vector into waterways.

Membership Concerns

None presented.

Other Matter

None presented.

Adjournment

There being no other business to be brought forward, ISCCW Vice-President Will Buergey adjourned the 8th Annual Membership Meeting at 3:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary