

MINUTES
ISCCW ANNUAL BOARD MEETING August 4, 2018
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Greg Clark, Gene Clark, Jim Donlan, , Ken Wendt, Larry Grems, Yvonne Stone, Jim Marrs, Steve Wilkinson, David Sherrill and Dan Straszewski. Twelve ISCCW members in attendance. A total of 23 members. Guests Present: Barb Gajewski & Bill Artwich (Many Waters LLC).

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Welcome & Opening Remarks: Jeff welcomed all members & visitors to the 11th Annual Meeting. He mentioned that paper copies of the Membership Report, Operating Budget and Operating Plan are here for the members.
2. President's Introduction of Officers and Directors: Jeff introduced the Director's present and also named the Directors who could not be in attendance.
3. Secretary and Declaration of Attendance & Proxy Ratification Report: Gene Clark took a count of members in attendance and read the report. 39 proxies were sent in and 23 were in attendance. Of the 39 proxies, 23 named the BOD their proxy holder; 13 voted yes on all issues; 3 abstained from voting.
4. President's Report – Jeff Pytlarz: Jeff noted that our organization remains vibrant and growing. We remain focused on our mission to control the spread of AIS in our township lakes and streams. Our financial condition remains healthy.
5. Treasurer's Report - David Sherrill: David reported on activity from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Bank Balance as of July 1, 2017 was \$149,427. Receipts: Memberships and contributions of \$50,491; grants, \$37,214; and interest, \$227. Total receipts: \$87,932. Disbursements were as follows: Program Expenses, \$56,035; Payroll & Employment Expenses, \$37,128; Educator expenses, \$2,428; Membership Mailings, \$2,062; Insurance, \$2,036; Boat Washer expenses, \$1,520; Office Accounting, Tax services and other expenses, \$1,507. Total Disbursements were \$102,716. Bank Balance as of June 30, 2018 was \$134,644.
6. Membership Committee Report - Gene Clark: Members in attendance had the annual membership report covering activity from the founding of ISCCW in 2008 through August, 2018. Membership activity for 2018: we have a total of 422 members compared to 409 last year. 404 were family memberships and 18 were organization memberships. Total proceeds for 2018 are \$45,792, compared to \$30,790 last year.
7. Public Relations & Education Committee Report - Denise Fauntleroy:
 - a. Glad to be back with you for an overview of our last year. As all of you know, this is a special place that deserves our protection for generations to come. Your continued support of the work ISCCW does is what makes this protection possible.
 - b. Mike Wienert, Larry Thomason and Larry Grems are our returning Boat Inspectors. Having them work with us again this year provides continuity for many of the returning lake users in our area. We started the boating year off with a 'meet and greet' with our WI and MI Game Wardens and then launched into a busy season.
 - c. I'd like to share last year's end of year report so you can get an overall sense of how far reaching our boat washing efforts are: During the 2017 Boating season 3,150 Boats were inspected and 1,444 of them were power washed. Our inspectors made contact with 6,663 people. In addition, there were 30 educational events that reached approximately 3,360 children and adults. Each year we try to improve on these numbers. Please share any thoughts you might have on how we might improve our outreach.
 - d. Much of our outreach continues to occur at Lake Annual Meetings, Thursday night programs at the Ottawa Visitors Center, parades and at events in Land O Lakes. Our Board is making an effort to get younger folks involved in outreach also. This year we're collaborating with Land O' Lakes Arts Center on an Arts & Science Program that encompasses the effects of an invasive on a native population as well as helping the kids hone in on their fish ID skills. Earlier this year we participated in the Science Fair at the Watersmeet School and we have an exciting film project in the works with the students at Conserve School. Watch for local movie stars in the spring! We also awarded 2 Scuba Diving scholarships with hopes that these recipients will help out in the DASH program on many of the lakes in the area.
 - e. We have applied for a large MISGP (Michigan Invasive Species Grant Proposal) Grant that has designated funds for Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership, CCROA and ISCCW. We should hear back on acceptance later this summer. Ken will cover the details of this grant proposal. (Also covered by Ken Wendt.)
 - f. Last summer's July program on Shoreline Health and Restoration was very well attended with over 60 participants from all over the UP. Many of you attended and hopefully have put those practices into use.

- g. ISCCW and Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership co-sponsored an All Day Conference last month at Young's Recreation Center in Iron River. This event included a presentation from Erik Elgin from MI State University, round table discussions with area lakes that have had treatment successes, breakout sessions on terrestrial invasive species, a review of riparian water laws and a discussion with MDEQ representatives. We had 87 folks participate. (Also covered by Ken Wendt.)
 - h. Earlier this summer Langford Lake was treated for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Partial funding for this treatment was provided by ISCCW.
 - i. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Barb Gajewski, Yvonne Clark, Yvonne Stone and Jim and Kathy Floriano for their support throughout the year. They've provided those little extras that have made the education committee shine!
 - j. Thanks for attending today's meeting. We'll hold the raffle for the 1-day pontoon rental on the Chain after the business meeting. The raffle has been generously donated by McCormack's Cisco Chain Marina...please support the Marina...they support the community.
8. Finance Committee Report – Ken Wendt:
- a. We closed out our 2016-17 MISGP grant program that yielded just under \$60,000 in funding during the 2 years. This summer we submitted a pre-application for the 2019 MISGP grant program, along with CCROA and ICLSP. Unfortunately this was not accepted for a full application submittal, however, we will try again next year for the 2020 MISGP program.
 - b. Other: Our 2018 U.P. Invasive Species Conference, held at George Young's Recreational Center in Iron River, was a huge success. It was highly rated by participants who professed a strong interest for us to do a 2019 conference. The round table panel discussion of lake representatives describing their lake AIS problems and how they handled them was a highlight segment of the conference.
9. Nomination & Election of Directors for a 2-year term – Jeff Pytlarz: Jeff noted that Joe LoMastro and Bob Zelinski are retiring from the Board, noting their long service since the inception of ISCCW. Charlie Schiltz (Thousand Island Lake) and Andy Kosseff (Duck Lake) were nominated to be new Directors. Directors whose terms are up for renewal are: Jeff Pytlarz, Eugene Clark, Arny Domanus and Ken Wendt. Jeff asked for any more nominations. None were received. Dan Straszewski moved that nominations be closed; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried. A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson to accept the slate of Directors; Dan Straszewski seconded; motion carried.
10. Presentation of Director approved Calendar Year 2018 Operating Budget and Operating Plan. Ken noted that all have received copies of the Operating Budget and Operating Plan.
- a. Membership Ratification of 2018 Operating Budget and Operating Plan: Ken Wendt motioned to accept the Operating Budget; Dan Straszewski seconded; motion carried. David Sherrill motioned to accept the Operating Plan, Ruth Bozdech seconded; motion carried.
11. Discussion of Board recommended Dues Levels for 2018 Membership Year: Jeff mentioned that there are no plans to increase the dues from \$25 for families and \$125 for organizations. Ken Wendt commented that though our financial condition is strong, it is only a single big AIS problem in a year that could use our cushion. Please remain generous in your contributions. Many members contribute more than the base amount. We do have reserves for purchasing or refurbishing our boat washers. Ken Wendt motioned to accept the recommendation to keep the dues the same; Dan Straszewski seconded; motion carried.
12. Public Comments.
- a. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski: focus remains on plant AIS with early detection, monitor, DASH, dive. Bill Artwich explained the difference between DASH and Dive techniques. Crooked Lake now has 30 locations with AIS. They are performing hand pulling of EWM on Bass Lake. There is also activity on the Cisco Chain with 7 lakes now reporting EWM. Activity also remains on Lac Vieux Desert.
 - b. No other public comments were received.
13. Membership Concerns: Jim Marrs announced to the group to stay here and enjoy a root beer float and the raffle for a day's use of a pontoon on the Cisco Chain donated by McCormack's Marina on Big Lake. Will Buergey won the raffle. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Ken Wendt and seconded by David Sherrill; motion carried.
14. Other Matters: none.
15. Adjourn: at 2:33pm. Ken Wendt made a motion to adjourn; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Eugene Clark, Secretary.