

MINUTES
ISCCW ANNUAL BOARD MEETING August 3, 2019
OTTAWA VISITORS CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Greg Clark, Gene Clark, Jim Donlan, Ken Wendt, Charlie Schiltz, Yvonne Stone, Jim Marrs, Steve Wilkinson, David Sherrill and Stan Mlynarczyk. Eleven ISCCW Board members in attendance. In addition, a total of 13 members present for a total of 24 present.

Guests Present: David Cook.

Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Welcome & Opening Remarks: Jeff welcomed all members & visitors to the 12th 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. 31 proxies were sent in and 24 were in attendance; the quorum amount to hold the meeting (25) was met. Of the 31 proxies, 19 named the BOD their proxy holder; 7 voted yes on all issues; 3 named Jeff Pytlarz their proxy holder; 1 named Eugene Clark their proxy holder; and 1 abstained from voting.
4. President's Report – Jeff Pytlarz: We are half way through another successful year. Our membership is strong as you will hear. Our boat washers are doing a great job and raking in unprecedented donations. Our educator is doing a fantastic job reaching people at lake association meetings, forest service visitors' center functions, fishing tournaments and other events. Our contract biologists continue to monitor & survey, suction harvest and hand pull. And in May we hosted two biologists from MSU extension for a presentation on invasive species that are threatening our area but not yet here. It was very well attended. I want to thank our membership for their support along with the forest service and the township of Watersmeet. I also want to thank CCROA and ICLSP for their cooperative efforts. On another serious note: Today you will be electing board members whose terms have expired and are signing on for another 2-year term along with two prospective new board members. At our next board meeting we will be electing officers for the next two years. I have been president for 4 years now and have been looking forward to passing that office on to someone else. Unfortunately, as of now nobody has stepped forward. Steve Wilkinson has agreed to run for secretary and Gene Clark for treasurer as David Sherrill has expressed an interest to step down. Greg Clark said that he will remain vice president but doesn't want to go any further. So, as a result, I have agreed to stay as president for another two years but only two years. We badly need a vice president who will accept those duties in 2021 OR we need to hire and executive director. We are currently pursuing that as a possibility. I would encourage anyone interested in becoming active in our organization to contact me as soon as possible. Without volunteers this organization may cease to exist and that would be a terrible blow to the township and beyond as ISCCW has been the recognized leader in the field of invasive species control in the UP. 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Bank Balance as of July 1, 2018 was \$134,644. Receipts: Memberships and contributions of \$38,917; Watersmeet Tsp, \$15,000; Forest Service and other Grants, \$16,187; and interest, \$302. Total receipts: \$70,406. Disbursements were as follows: Program Expenses, \$51,100; Payroll & Employment Expenses, Boat Washers, \$35,564; Education materials, printing and postage, \$8,442; Insurance, Supplies and Depreciation, \$2,896. Total Disbursements were \$98,003. Bank Balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$164,411.
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, 2019. Membership activity for 2019: we have a total of 385 members compared to 426 last year. 368 were family memberships and 17 were organization memberships. Total proceeds for 2018 are \$31,208, compared to \$45,892 last year. Gene noted that membership levels remain healthy and that contributions last year were higher due a large one-time gift. Gene noted his numbers varied from the Treasurer's as the Treasurer is on a fiscal year basis while the membership figures cover all memberships for 2019.
7. Public Relations & Education Committee Report - Denise Fauntleroy:
 - a. Glad to be back with you for an overview of our last year. Your continued support of the work ISCCW does is what makes this protection possible.
 - b. Returning Boat Inspectors this year: Larry Grems (Thunder Bay-LVD), Mike Wienert (Thousand Island and Cisco). Larry Thomason (Duck Lake and Misery Bay-LVD)

- c. During the 2018 boating season we made contact with 7,031 boaters, inspected 3,554 boats and washed 1,394. We also participated in 30 educational events.
 - d. Our giveaways for this year are reusable Ice Packs to encourage draining live wells when boaters exit area lakes. This is now a MI law. Thank you to Jim & Jill Reitmeyer for transporting the order from CO. They saved us a huge shipping bill.
 - e. Our outreach and education continued again this last year in many areas: Lake Association Meetings, Thursday Night Programs at the Visitor Center, Parades, LOL 4th of July 5K-post race snack table, US Forest Service Programs, Land O Lakes Arts Center, MI Landing Blitz in early July, and Hosting Programs in conjunction with our counterpart in Iron County (Iron County Lakes and Streams).
 - f. Along with these programs, we hosted a Conference in conjunction with Iron County Lakes and Streams late last July. It was attended by approximately 80 part-time and full-time area residents. We covered a wide variety of topics including case studies of treatment plans for AIS within area lakes, we explored invasive plants in formal landscapes and how to replace them with natives and had discussions with the Michigan DEQ and a local attorney on regulations pertaining to lake frontage.
 - g. We had representation at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Rochester last fall and had an information table at the MI Lakes and Streams Conference this May near Traverse City.
 - h. Our relationship with the Michigan State University Extension continues to strengthen and the support they extend to ISSCW is proving valuable.
 - i. We partnered with Conserve School in the production of an informational short movie about the history of ISSCW. We're very happy with the outcome of this outstanding piece which you'll be seeing today. Please thank Rob & Kate Houle for the countless hours of production they volunteered in the making of this film.
 - j. Our partnerships and collaborations have created an awareness that permeates the entire community. It has been my pleasure to be part of the positive movement ISSCW is making in the UP and in the State. Thank you to the many board and community members that have supported the education and outreach of this organization.
8. Finance Committee Report – Ken Wendt:
- a. ISSCW has successfully collect funds from grants approved prior to 2019 with the exception of the GLRI Participation Agreement which has a balance of approximately \$4,600.00.
 - b. Our Agreement with the USFS; our service contract with Watersmeet Township; and, a gift from the LVD Tribal Council, provided additional income in 2019.
 - c. The grant we applied for in November of 2018, for the 2019 year, did not get approved. We will continue to research and new grant opportunities as we become aware of them. If anyone becomes aware of grant opportunities through the private sector please contact Ken.
9. Nomination & Election of Directors for a 2-year term – Jeff Pytlarz: Jeff noted that Yvonne Stone and Dan Straszewski are retiring from the Board, noting their service over the years. Al Anderson (Thousand Island Lake) and Jeff Manhardt (Birch Lake) were nominated to be new Directors. Directors whose terms are up for renewal are: Steve Wilkinson, Larry Grems, Jim Donlan, Jim Marrs, Stan Mlynarczyk, David Sherrill and Greg Clark. Jeff asked for any more nominations. None were received. Jeff Pytlarz moved that nominations be closed; Gene Clark seconded; motion carried. A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson to accept the slate of Directors; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried.
10. Presentation of Director approved Calendar Year 2019 Operating Budget and Operating Plan. Ken noted that all have received copies of the Operating Budget and Operating Plan. Membership Ratification of 2019 Operating Budget and Operating Plan: Ken Wendt motioned to accept the Operating Budget; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried. Ken Wendt motioned to accept the Operating Plan, Steve Wilkinson seconded; motion carried.
11. Discussion of Board recommended Dues Levels for 2019 Membership Year: Jeff mentioned that there are no plans to increase the dues from \$25 for families and \$125 for organizations. Please remain generous in your contributions. Many members contribute more than the base amount. David Sherrill motioned to accept the recommendation to keep the dues the same; Jim Marrs seconded; motion carried.
12. Discussion of Board Recommended By-Law Change and Member Vote for Ratification. Jeff Pytlarz read the proposed change in our By-Laws to give the ISSCW more flexibility in dates and times for the annual meeting. This was desired as many times our annual meeting conflicts with many other activities in the community and this effects attendance levels. Steve Wilkinson motioned to accept the language change, Jim Marrs seconded; the motion passed.
13. Public Comments.
- a. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski: Barb was unable to attend but she submitted the following comments on their activities this past year.
 - i. Marion Lake: purple bladderwort in greater quantities found compared to previous years; other plants about normal. No AIS observed

- ii. Beatons Lake - Loon still on a nesting platform half way down the west shore. Plant activity appears to be about normal except for a possible abundance of Najas. Lots of recreational use but very quiet. All residents, no one else in the launch. No AIS observed.
 - iii. County Line Lake - Water levels appear to very high. About half the docks and piers are submerged or not put in this year. Channel connecting the two parts of the lake was 5-6ft deep this year where several years back a push pole had to be used to get through the channel. Target weed seemed down on the lake, a large expanse of target weed in the west corner was all but gone maybe due to the high water. No AIS observed.
 - iv. Long Lake – Fewer native plants observed than most years and plant growth seemed to stop at a shallower depth than usually in a lake that already had very few plants to begin with. Several people recreating but no one else in the launch. No AIS observed but one small barberry plant on the north side of the drive just downhill from the boat launch parking area.
 - v. Taylor Lake – Target weed and other native plants seem to be down, large area of target weed by launch was very thin. Bladderwort is usually quite dense in the slough but very little this year. Water levels may be up some. No AIS observed.
 - vi. Crooked Lake - Surveyed the first bay, EWM in the normal locations for the most part. 21 total locations of EWM ranging from single plants to scattered plants. Two days of diving pulled a total 523 plants. Most located between Killarny and the Resort.
 - vii. Dinner Lake - Very little vegetation this year, water appears to be high. Iris was nearing the end of the bloom but what I observed that still had flowers was purple iris, it seems to be expanding out there. No AIS observed.
 - viii. Tamarack Lake - Lots of boat traffic, one car and trailer parked right in the middle of the turnaround area made launching a boat near impossible. Had to back in the from the road. Vegetation is down this year it appears. No AIS observed.
 - ix. Allen Lake – Target weed and other native vegetation appears to be down. No AIS observed.
 - x. Moon Lake – Water levels appear to be up. Many shoreland trees inundated and dying. No AIS observed.
 - xi. Bass Lake – Scattered low density locations of EWM found in front of the park and mainly along the north and northwest shorelines.
 - xii. Langford Lake – Scattered locations of EWM found mainly along the northwest bay of the lake. Very little noticeable change in the three off shore areas on the lake. Plans to dive some locations. Not clear if the USFS would be able to assist.
 - xiii. LVD – Seasonal monitoring detecting plants in similar locations as in 2018. Native vegetation took a long time to get going this year. EWM plants early appeared to be delayed in growth. The established bed in Slaughter Bay appears to be down in abundance since 2108 and the bed along South Simpsons appears to have changed very little since 2018. The USFS will assist with one day of diving, focusing on the locations between the Thunder Bay launch and Thunder Bay resort. Season diving has pulled roughly 1,800 plants.
 - xiv. Cisco Chain: Cisco Lake - A new single location of EWM was detected near the boat launch. Plans to dive. Lindsley, Morely and Thousand Island - Will be treated next week with a chemical called ProcellaCOR, which is a new herbicide with a different active ingredient than the traditional herbicides used in the past. A total of 3 acres will be treated. Indian Lake – Three checks of the historical EWM location has not detected any EWM in 2019. No AIS detected, but one barberry plant along the south shore west of the channel was detected. Poor Lake – 2018 locations hand pulled earlier this year. No AIS detected. Mamie Lake – No AIS detected in the lake, but CLP detected in Spring Creek. CLP is previously known to occur on Mamie Lake. East Bay Lake – One location of a single plant detected along the north shore, near the boundary to West Bay Lake.
 - xv. Additional River Surveys – emphasis on access sites: Taylor/Tamarack Creek; Two-line Creek; Middle Branch Ontonagon; Duck Creek; Bonifas Creek; Lobisher Creek; Wisconsin River (from LVD).
- b. No other public comments were received.
14. Membership Concerns:
- a. Will Buergey supports the search for a Managing Director.
 - b. Ed Kennedy passed around a book he just read: The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, by Dan Egan. A very good read on invasive species in the Great Lakes.
 - c. Yvonne Stone talked about getting the message of shoreline management out to area landscaping companies. Denise Fauntleroy supported that comment saying that next June the ISCCW will be holding a shoreline

management seminar. Yvonne also mentioned that meeting here in the Ottawa Visitors center was very comfortable.

- d. Ken Wendt, on behalf of the Dinner Lake Association present a check to the ISCCW for \$1,000 in thanks for their great service and to be used in the continued control of AIS in Watersmeet Township waterways. He was thanked by the group.

15. Other Matters:

- a. The group viewed the Conserve School video on ISCCW. All agreed it is well done. Stan Mlynarczyk will get the video on our website.
- b. The drawing for a free full day snowmobile rental contributed by Headwaters Polaris was won by Todd Buck.
- c. Root beer floats and other beverages were appreciated after the meeting.

16. Adjourn: at 2:40pm. Jeff Pytlarz made a motion to adjourn; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Eugene Clark, Secretary.