

MINUTES OF THE ISCCW – LAKEGUARDS

November 13, 2007 at USFS Conference Room.

Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Persons present: Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Randall Wollenhaup (USFS), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Tom Church, Joe LoMastro, Jack Erhart, David Gunderson, Chuck Sethness, Jim Reiels, Barb Gajewski, Jim Floriano, Arny & Karen Domanus, Ken Wendt, and Diana Mehlhop

President Will Buergey reported that 1800 letters had been sent to property owners within Watersmeet Township and was pleased with the results thus far. He thanked all the persons who contributed their time and talents to drafting, printing, and sending out the mailing.

Treasurer Steve Wilkinson reported that the we have had a \$7445 deposit during the month and expenses of \$\$1891 including the \$750 filing fee for the 501(c)3 application, printing costs and postage for the recent township mailing. He indicated that the bank balance in checking is \$1058. Steve also reported that Roy Porterfield had been hired at \$20 per hour and secretarial service at \$8.50 per hour. Ken Wendt moved/Arny Domanus seconded approved. Motion passed.

Jim Floriano, Chair of the **Education Committee**, reported that the website has been set up and is now accessible on the internet. Pictures of invasive species. Township lake names and characteristics. Minutes of meetings of the ISCCW board and its committees, names of our politicians and e-mails, and a contact point are all included within the website. He also reported that place mats will be distributed next spring in local restaurants, alerting patrons of ISCCW and its works, as well as stickers for bait buckets and filler ads for newspapers. Jim praised Diana Mehlhop for the article that was included in the Ironwood Globe concerning our association, as well as coverage in the Cisco Chain Riparian newsletter. Barb Gajewski is planning educational training sessions next spring on Clearwater and Duck Lakes for Watersmeet residents who are willing to assist at boat landings and surveying lakes for weed infestation. Jim presented a proposed budget for his committee for 2008 in the amount of \$2065. Included therein are: \$100 website work, placemat printing \$800, 10 CBCK kits \$350, laser printer/ink \$500, cost of training sessions \$115 and three aqua scopes for \$200.

Ken Wendt, chair of the **Finance Committee**, reported that an application for a \$40,000 grant was submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. It is a matching grant. The bulk of the proposed budget would be used for the acquisition of a portable watercraft-cleaning trailer. It could be used at multiple sites to assure that boats are cleaned of all weed species so as not to transfer the invasive species into township lakes. This project will require quite a number of volunteers to operate the equipment. Ken also indicated the need for a tentative budget for the ISCCW for 2008. He also urged that we compile a list of state and federal representatives so that Watersmeet residents and committees may write to the politicians to urge their support for this initiative.

Diana Mehlhop, Chair of the **Membership Committee**, reported that 1800 letters with return envelopes had been sent out to all property tax payers in Watersmeet. All except 56 were delivered. Efforts will be made to locate those property owners. The Board was pleased with the high percentage of deliveries. She indicated that we now have 94 members, plus three private donors. Receipts from dues to date equal \$13,415.00

Jack Erhart, Project Coordinator, had no report at this time.

New Business

- The board expressed a consensus that **privately owned lakes** would not be treated by the ISCCW, since its focus is service to public lakes.

- The **next meeting** of the ISCCW board is set for January 15 at 9 a.m. at the USFS conference room.
- Ken Wendt moved/Arny Domanus seconded that **items identified within the approved budget** could be purchased without further board action. Steve Wilkinson also received authority to purchase a bank endorsement stamp and new check register for the ISCCW.
- Barbara Gajewski presented a **draft letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District**, requesting assistance in study and treatment of lakes within Watersmeet Township for Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pond weed and other invasive species. The discussion as centered on the need to seek support for this petition from our federal and state legislator. Both the Michigan Township Association (MTA) and the Michigan Lake and Streams Association (MLS&A) will be contacted to seek their assistance in obtaining persons to contact for support. Will Buergey indicated that the letter would be sent under his signature as president of ISCCW and he would seek Supervisor Frank Kuchevar's endorsement as well.
- Ian Shackelford gave a report on the meeting of the **WUPCWMA** meeting with other regional coalitions that are addressing invasive species in Upper Michigan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Reiels, Acting Secretary