



## MINUTES OF ISCCW – LAKEGUARDS

November 18, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Will Buergey at 9:00 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Diana Mehlhop, Ken Wendt, Chuck Sethness, Fred Duerkop, Jim Floriano, Arny Domanus

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Evans, Jack Erhart, Kathy Floriano

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Will Buergey

- Will reported that we had received the contract from Fish and Wildlife. He has signed it and sent it back along with a letter stressing the importance of receiving the funds in a timely manner. After the director signs it we will receive an advance payment of \$13,000 for Phase 1.
- Will shared the final proof of 6 signs to be placed at the following boat landings: Bass Lake, Duck Lake, Lac Vieux Desert, 3 on the Cisco Chain. Nicolet Sign and Design will print the signs now and install them in the spring at the same price quoted last summer. These signs are paid for with funds from the Boat US grant.
- Will and Joe LoMastro did some modifications to the boat washer so the high capacity hose can now be used to make refilling the unit easier. A waterproof housing for the hourly timer was also installed. A collection box for donations will be installed later. The boat washer will be stored at Ken Wendt’s property for the winter.

### **OCTOBER MINUTES**

- After noting the misspelling of “compliments” on p. 1, Steve Wilkinson moved/Jim Floriano seconded motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Steve Wilkinson

- Treasurer’s Report indicated receipts of \$4,335 and disbursements of \$2,043, leaving a cash balance of \$5,192. Arny Domanus moved/Chuck Sethness seconded motion to approve the report. Motion passed.

### **EDUCATION REPORT** – Jim Floriano

- Website changes include updates to “About Us” and “History” sections done by Diana Mehlhop, addition of a volunteer page, and deletion of articles no longer pertinent.
- The ISCCW poster has been mounted and framed at a cost of \$50.
- Barb Wilkinson will be writing an article summarizing the accomplishments of the ISCCW during 2008.
- A brochure developed by Diana Mehlhop was presented. Diana asked for any further suggestions from Board members. Al Piel will put the brochure into PDF format and it can then be printed.
- Helen Hayhurst is getting pricing information for 3 “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” signs to be placed in prominent spots in Watersmeet Township.
- Will Buergey will have 6 CBCW signs printed for use by volunteers at boat landings as well as 2 FREE BOAT WASH signs to help draw the public’s attention to our boat wash service.
- The following Education/Public Relations Committee budget was proposed for 2009

- Bookmarks (1,000)	\$600
- ISCCW Brochures (10,000)	\$1,100

- CBCW License Plates (250)	\$300
- Printer Supplies	\$300
- On-water Training Sessions	\$200
- Signs for Roadways (3)	\$500
- CBCW Signs (6)	\$300
- FREE BOAT WASH Signs (2)	\$100
- Prize for Coloring Contest	<u>\$100</u>
	\$3,500

Steve Wilkinson moved/Fred Duerkop seconded approval of the proposed budget. Motion passed.

**FINANCE REPORT** - Steve Wilkinson

- Steve asked Board members for help in accumulating any volunteer hours that they have invested with the ISCCW in 2008 from Feb. through Nov. These hours can be used to help offset matching grant monies. Kathy Floriano will contact Joe LoMastro and members of the Education/Public Relations Committee to report any volunteer hours. This data should be sent to Will Buergey as soon as possible.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Diana Mehlhop

- The 2008 mailing has resulted in 78 new members to date and the total current membership is 279 (259 Class A, 20 Class B).
- 175 renewal letters went out on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Diana thanked Ken Wendt for writing the letter. Ken will now work on a letter to be sent to the area businesses.
- Arny Domanus commented on the importance of the thank you letters members are receiving.
- Diana raised the issue of how to approach property owners on border lakes and large corporations for donations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Fred Duerkop expressed concern about purchasing a second boat washer. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this issue would be decided at a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jack Erhart inquired whether the lakes involved in Barb Gajewski's surveys had received her final reports as they make plans for next year's permits. Will Buergey will make sure the reports are sent to the appropriate people.
- Arny Domanus stressed the importance of communicating with Eric Bacon of the DEQ and others at the state level. This helps them justify visiting the U.P. more often. Eric Bacon's mailing address is:

Eric Bacon

MDEQ

116 West Allegan St.

PO Box 30458

Lansing, MI 48909-7958.

- Ken Wendt suggested putting together a slide show and doing a presentation at the MI Lake & Stream Assoc. annual conference next April in Lower Michigan. The discussion was very positive.
- Diana Mehlhop brought up the idea of using email to communicate with ISCCW members regarding the importance of contacting political leaders. No decision was made.
- After discussion about a DNR donation to Duck Lake, Fred Duerkop agreed to compose a letter that might be used for other lakes where the DNR owns property
- Will Buergey will contact Frank Kuchevar to learn the date of the LVD Tribe 2% budget meeting so the ISCCW can present their needs.
- There was discussion about sending a generic letter as bulk mail to the Land O' Lakes post office. No decision was made.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, Dec.16, at 9 a.m. in the USFS conference room.

Steve Wilkinson moved/Ken Wendt seconded motion to adjourn at 10:20. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Floriano

Acting Secretary