

MINUTES OF ISCCW BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. USFS Conference Room

Persons Present: Will Buergey, Jim Reiels, Dean Challed, Bob Evans, Diana Mehlhop, Fred Duerkop, Chuck Sethness, Jim and Kathy Floriano, Arny Domanus, Dave Anderson, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Tony Zoars, Ian Shackelford, and Joe LoMastro

Will Buergey gave the **President's Report** which included:

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M in the old town hall
2. US Boat Foundation grant has been applied for, Notification by March 15
3. Will indicated an interest in attending the DEQ Aquatic Invasive Species Meeting in East Lansing on Wed. March 5
4. DEQ/ plan to redo the landing on Dinner Lake (increase the width of the pier by 50%; lengthen pier to 70 feet and dredge area around pier). Residents are communicating their objection to this project
5. Watersmeet Town Board is meeting Feb. 20 at 6:30. ISCCW members of board were urged to attend to advocate township's participation in funding of ISCCW projects.

Minutes of January 15 Board meeting was approved unanimously.

Steve Wilkinson gave the **Treasurer's Report**. He reported a balance of \$14,093 He moved/Ken Wendt seconded that the ISCCW would pay 50.5 cents per mile and cover reasonable housing and food expenses for persons attending approved meetings on behalf of the ISCCW. Passed.

Jim Floriano gave the **Education Committee report** as follows:

1. The ISCCW website includes current articles; members wishing to submit news stories or reports for inclusion on the site should send them to him.
2. Information regarding the various invasive species are now on the website.
3. Persons wishing to volunteer services at boat landings should contact Chuck Sethness
4. There have been 777 hits on the website to date.
5. Place mats have been ordered and will be distributed to local restaurants by the opening of the fishing season.
6. Bait bucket clean boat/ clean water labels will be distributed to bait shops
7. The education budget for this year is \$4050
8. More license plates (clean boat/clean water) will be ordered and distributed
9. A ledger has been set up to keep track of equipment owned by the ISCCW
10. Next meeting of the committee will be April 7 at 9 a.m. at Floridano's home.

The **Finance Committee** report was given by Ken Wendt. The budget report included allocation of funds in two contexts: 1) if ISCCW received the \$44000 in grants plus all funding requested from the LVD tribe and Watersmeet Township(\$20,000 from the town and LVD tribe, \$40000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$4000 from the Boat US Foundation) and 2) if the the LVD and Township are the only grants in the sum of \$15000 each.

Steve Wilkinson moved/Arny Domanus seconded the **approval of the proposed budget**. Passed unanimously.

Diana Mehlhop gave the **Membership Committee** report indicating that we now have 175 members (164 class A, 11 class B and no C or D members). Five resorts have made contributions. We have 101 charter members.

Arny Domanus reported that the **Michigan Lake and Stream Association** would be happy to include ads from the ISCCW in its quarterly magazine. Price of a full-page ad is \$455, ¼ page is \$170. If the ad appears in the annual four issues the cost would be \$227.50 and \$80 respectively. (Arny also stated that MLS will offer us the four issue price for a single ad due to our status as a non-profit agency.) He also reported permit fees for lake treatments are required in eastern and central states but no permits are required in many southern states. He indicated that the MLS&A annual meeting is scheduled for April 25-27 in Grayling, MI and that he will be attending. He indicated a willingness to carry exhibit posters and/or materials that the ISCCW may want to have displayed at the statewide meeting.

Dave Anderson from the **Gogebic County Forestry and Park Commission** was introduced. He explained that his function is to ascertain that permits are obtained for any type of ground excavation that occurs within 500 feet of any body of water that exceeds one acre. At this point the agency is focusing on teaching contractors about MI laws. He urged that people notify their office when construction barriers are not in place. The office is in Bessemer at 500 N. Moor Street (906.364.36620).

Ian Shackelford reported that **Langford Lake** applied 11 tons of chemicals last year and it appears that it had little impact so repeat applications will be necessary again this year. Cost of their permit last year was \$1500.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Reiels
Acting Secretary