

JUNE 17, 2008 ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 9am USFS Conference Room

Officers present: President Will Buergey, Treasurer Steve Wilkinson, Secretary Ruth Bozdech.

Directors present: Arny Domanus, Jim Floriano, Ken Wendt, Fred Duerkop, Dave Gunderson, Jim Floriano

Guests present: Kathy Floriano, Tony Zorich, Barb Gajewski, Jack Erhart, Bob Turnquist.

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

The minutes from the May meeting were read and corrected as follows: Education Report, sec. 2, should read "Three aqua scopes have been purchased. One 6" for \$120.00 and two 4" scopes for \$63.00 each for a total of \$246.00. Under the heading, Meeting Announcements: The ISCCW would be able to use the front room in the old "voting building located next to the fire station" to store supplies and the new laser printer. The corrected minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

All the information has been sent to the state of Michigan and the IRS to complete the modified filing for our 501 (c) 3 status. July 7 is the deadline for our insurance company to receive documents verifying our tax status or else our board of directors' liability policy will be cancelled.

A problem came up with funding for the Bass Lake weevil implantation. Will was asked if the ISCCW could immediately contribute to the funding as the property owners on Bass Lake could not fund the entire project this spring. Shirley Hibbelin had contacted the property owners on Bass Lake and received pledges of \$500 per year for 3 years from 16 owners. They needed \$12,000 to pay EnviroSciences for the weevils and planting by June 19, 2008. Will contacted nine of the directors and received positive replies so he assured Bass Lake the ISCCW would help fund the project. As the township of Watersmeet owns the boat landing, they also contributed \$500 specifically to this project. A motion to approve the advancement of monies was made by Ken Wendt, seconded by Steve Wilkinson. The motion passed unanimously.

Will announced the WUPCWPMA did not receive any of their requested grants from NFWF so the ISCCW was very fortunate to receive \$40,000.

Three new employees have been hired for the summer. Dennis Bolton, Marvin Schwinn and Fred Reimer. Ken Wendt is investigating liability insurance for the employees and boat/trailer washer. Also if the employees earn over \$1000, Workmen's Comp. must be paid.

Ken reported the state requires liability insurance for the boat/trailer washer if it is to be used on DNR boat landings. The cost is \$1053 which includes liability insurance for the employees.

Will has contacted Bob Sprague, Acting head of the DNR in the western U.P. regarding using the boat/trailer washer at DNR landings. There is a \$50.00 permit fee and liability insurance is required. Bob Evans is working with the Forest Service to help us obtain permission to use the washer at the Forest Service boat landings.

Will is investigating the possibility of a testing program for the boat/trailer washer that would help defray the cost. Gene Fragetto has information on the program. It was suggested the minutes from the ANNUAL MEETING be posted on the website for membership revue. The motion was made by Arny Domanus, seconded by Steve Wilkinson and passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Diana Mehlhop

As Diana was absent, the report was presented by Arny Domanus.

Diana suggested the directors pay their 2009 membership fees early to keep finances in good order.

Membership totals are in the attached report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Steve Wilkinson

The balance is \$24,600.00 plus \$455.00 received today. See the attached statement for further information.

Ken Wendt discussed the liability insurance for ISCCW and the Workman's Compensation costs for a total of \$1053.00

2. A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson, seconded by Arny Domanus to approve the insurance package. The motion was approved unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Jim Floriano

The distribution of the place mats is going very well. Of the first printing of 21,000 place mats, only 3000 are left. They will be ordering more place mats.

Jim has license plates for members to display on their cars, trucks, boat trailers or docks.

Ted Ritter will present a lake monitoring program at the Land Of Lakes Public Library Saturday, July 12 at 10am.

Barb Gajewski will be training interested members on how to monitor a lake Aug. 8, 8am on Duck Lake. Training will also be held on Clearwater Lake, Aug 15 at 8am.

Reservations are required and the training will take place the following day if it should rain on the assigned day.

The lakes being monitored and/or surveyed are posted on the ISCCW web site.

The committee has been very busy planning new projects for next year. Some of the ideas presented are: fishing rulers (the kind with adhesive to attach to a boat, a new pamphlet, laminated cards with pictures of fish and legal sizes, book marks and floating key chain.

Ken Wendt suggested a letter be sent to Lake Associations concerning the purchase by the association of an Aqua Scope to be used on their lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

The boat/trailer washer was discussed. The washer will cost \$6299.00 plus the additional equipment suggested by Joe LoMastro for a total of \$6724.00. A motion was made by Fred Duerkop to purchase the washer with the cost not to exceed \$7000. The motion was seconded by Steve Wilkinson. The vote was taken – 7 ayes and 2 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arny Domanus reported on the ISCCW display at the Michigan Lakes and Streams annual meeting and they were very impressed with the accomplishments of the ISCCW.

Arny also read a letter from the Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) requesting the ISCCW join their association. Discussion followed with the question of “can the ISCCW participate in a lobbying organization if we have 501 (c) 3 status”. Fred Duerkop suggested we contact our attorney to see if the board could join MWA. It was also suggested that individual lake associations who are not 501 (c) 3s should be encouraged to join the MWA.

Barb Gajewski reported the survey on Duck Lake was completed and the EWM is within the 5 acre treatment permit allowance.

Fred Duerkop inquired about contracting with one applicator and possibly negotiating a better price, rather than each lake hiring their own contractor. Fred will investigate further.

Ken Wendt made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Wilkinson and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Ruth Bozdech
Secretary