



MINUTES OF ISCCW – LAKEGUARDS

Jan. 20, 2009 at USFS District Office – 9:00 a.m.

PERSONS PRESENT: Will Buergey, Jim Floriano, Bob Zelinski, Diana Mehlhop, Steve Wilkinson, Tom Church, Joe LoMastro, Arny Domanus, Chuck Sethness, Jim Reiels

President's Report: Will Buergey reported that UPPCO had grants available to lakes within the Ontonagon watershed in amounts not to exceed \$10,000. He indicated that Bass Lake will petition for some funding for the purchase of weevils. Initially it was thought that the weevils were not effective in reducing the presence of milfoil, but later it was determined that a new hybrid plant was replacing the milfoil; the hybrid apparently was not be eaten by the weevils. A thorough study of the plants in Bass Lake will be made. Bass Lake may fund the purchase of weevils but may seek ISCCW funds for the plant study.

Within the 2009 budget, \$10,000 has been included as being sought from the UPPCO. The 2009 budget also includes \$20,000 from the Township and/or the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal 2% money. This past year no 2% dollars were received, but now that Lac Vieux Desert has milfoil it is hoped that the Tribe will decide to contribute to the ISCCW.

Joe LoMastro moved/Arny Domanus seconded approval of the December minutes. Passed

Steve Wilkinson reported receipts since his last report on December 12th of \$4600, one disbursement of \$870 for Lakeguard Brochures, leaving a balance as of January 20, 2009 of \$11,483. Pending is one half the payment for the six boat landing signs and the installation costs. Steve indicated that Roy Porterfield will do the 1099 for Barb Gajewski's wages; the other employees will receive theirs from the Township Office. To date ISCCW has not received any payment of the \$40,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Several requests have been made but Will has not received a response. He will follow up on this overdue grant money. Arny Domanus moved/Joe LoMastro seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Passed.

Jim Floriano, chair of the Education Committee, indicated that no meeting has been held during the past month. Book marks will be ordered along with license plates and road signs. However, orders will not be placed until the Fish and Wildlife dollars are received. Jim indicated that 10,000 brochures concerning ISCCW have been printed and distributed to multiple offices and places of business in the area.

Diana Mehlhop distributed an excellent membership report, covering both 2007-08 and 2008-09. The report included numbers, and classifications of members, membership by lakes, and total revenue received in each of the two years.

The Board discussed awarding Alan Piel a “donation in kind” for his excellent work in preparing and updating the ISCCW-Lakeguards website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Church reported that there are two dry hydrants located in Watersmeet Township. He has met with Dick Caudill, Fire Chief, regarding the procedures to be followed in cleaning these pumps so as not to further spread aquatic invasive species. He will pursue the matter further with the fire department. He also thought it would be good to have additional dry hydrants within the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Will indicated that Barb Gajewski will probably be able to continue in our employ this coming summer as her graduate study schedule appears to allow her to do so.

Will has had discussions with Bob Evans, who will be retiring from the Forest Service and might be able to work with us after his retirement.

Chuck Sethness moved/Jim Floriano seconded, to adjourn. Meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Reiels, Acting Secty.