



ISCCW Minutes June 16, 2009

Directors present: President Will Buergey, Secretary Ruth Bozdech, Vice president Chuck Sethness, Directors: Arny Domanus, Dean Challed, Jim Floriano, Jim Reiels, Diana Mehlhop.

Guests: Bob Turnquist, Pat Oltz, Jo Pepin and Rob Strittmatter, DNR unit supervisor, Bewabic State Park, Crystal Falls, Mi.

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:06.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1: The paperwork for the Boat US grant wrap-up report is finished. The signs were put up May 29 to fulfill the grant's May 31 deadline. Will also ordered 4 extra portable signs for the CBCW educators and 2 signs for the boat washer under the Boat US grant.

2. Will worked with Bob Sprague, Baraga DNR, and the ISCCW was given approval to use the boat washer at DNR boat landings. Rob Strittmatter reported that following our request for funding, the DNR will donate \$500.00 to ISCCW.

3. The liability insurance has been renewed for the boat washer. The part time employees have agreed to be self contractors and will be paid each month directly by the ISCCW. There are currently 4 employees.

4. The budget has allocated \$23,000 for invasive species treatment. UPPCO reimbursed the Cisco Chain \$11,000. Will is investigating the possibility the monies can be used as "in kind" funds to fulfill part of the 50% needed for the National Fish/Wildlife grant.

5. The date of the next board meeting was discussed and will be changed to July 28 instead of July 21 because Will will be out of town on the 21st. Final decisions regarding election of new board members will be made at that time.

6. Will Buergey will write the letter for the Aug. 1, 2009 general meeting. Jim Reiels suggested the by-laws be changed from a membership corporation to a director corporation to facilitate the annual meeting notification.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The following correction was made to the minutes. Under the list of directors whose terms expire this year, Fred Duerkop's name should be added.

Arny moved to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Chuck, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Steve Wilkinson, Jim Reiels gave the report. The balance for June is \$25,229. Arny moved to accept the report, second by Dean, approved.

EDUCATION REPORT: Jim Floriano gave a report on the Invasive Plants Program given by Ian Shackelford, USF to approximately 80 people held June 11. Jim felt it was a very worthwhile experience. Jim has asked Delores Sewell to set up a display at the ATV Rally in Watersmeet. Delores will also have a display on the 4th of July in Watersmeet.

Jim reported there are 7 new articles on the web site including detailed minutes from the Education Committee meeting. Jim presented a new flyer to be put on car windows listing the key points for checking boats and trailers for invasive species. An ISCCW ad will be put in the Land O Lakes Chamber of Commerce publication this winter for distribution next summer. There is no cost to the ISCCW for this ad. The committee has had difficulty in getting the 2 x 4 signs in place due to county, township and USF restrictions. They will continue to investigate sites.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Diana Mehlhop thanked the members and guests for their help with the June 11 township wide mailing. There are now 271 members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Will plans to send emails to the present directors whose terms expire in 2009 to see if they wish to continue serving. The boat trailer/boat washer will be in the 4th of July parade in Watersmeet and possibly the parade in Land O lakes. Will asked for volunteers to distribute candy at the parade. Diana will purchase the candy. Barb Gajewski's contract is still being worked on and the following lakes will be removed from her survey list as volunteers or other entities will be surveying these lakes this year.

- County Line Lake – Pat Oltz
- Dinner Lake - Will Buergey
- Moon Lake – Tom Wheeler
- Lac View Desert – Wisconsin DNR
- Long Lake – Arny Domanus
- Little Duck Lake – USF

Barb will be asked to design a check list for the volunteers to follow when doing the surveys.

The following lakes will be added to Barb's survey list, Big Africa, Little Africa and Record Lakes.

Pat Oltz presented a problem on County Line Lake. 3 owners have requested and received a permit from DEQ to widen and dredge the channel between Little County Line Lake and County Line Lake to an excessive width and depth. Rob Strittmatter will

investigate and contact Pat. The ISCCW will not get involved as the purpose of the organization is prevention and treatment of invasive species.

Dean Challed reported 20 acres of curly leaf pondweed had been treated on Lindsley Lake the past week by Bob Langjahr. Clearwater Lake has approximately 20 acres of EWM and will be done by the end of the month.

Arny Domanus asked the directors to support House Bill 4189 by writing to our representatives asking them to vote for the bill creating a state civil infraction and potential fine for launching a watercraft on Michigan waters with aquatic plants attached.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean, second by Arny at 10:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, Secretary