

## Minutes of the JULY 14, 2009 ISCCW BOARD MEETING

Directors present: President Will Buergey, Secretary Ruth Bozdech, Vice President Chuck Sethness, Directors Dean Challed, Jim Floriano, Fred Duerkop, Joe LoMastro, Ken Wendt, Bob Zelinski and Diana Mehlhop.

Guests: Bob Turnquist, Bill Rehling, Shirley Hibbeln and Bob Evans

Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Election of directors is an agenda item at the annual meeting. The terms of the following directors expire this year: Steve Wilkinson, Dean Challed, Jim Floriano, Ruth Bozdech, Diana Mehlhop, Chuck Sethness and Fred Duerkop. Steve, Dean, Ruth and Fred are willing to serve another term while Jim, Diana and Chuck would like to be replaced as directors. (Diana has agreed to stay on as the Membership Chair and will continue to serve on the Education/PR Committee). The following candidates have expressed an interest in serving as an ISCCW director: Jonathan Swindle (Duck Lake), Bill Rehling (Allen Lake), Bob Turnquist (Moon Lake) and Jim Okraszewski (East Bay Lake on Cisco Chain). Once the directors are voted in at the Annual Meeting, we will have to decide who will be President and Vice President. If there is a director who lives here full time and would want to be Secretary, Ruth Bozdech said she would relinquish her role as Secretary, otherwise she will retain the position.
2. There was some question about what could be used as matching funds for the NFWF grant so a detailed letter was sent asking for clarification. NFWF said ISCCW could take credit for any money received from individual or private company as long as the organization receiving the money is a member of ISCCW. We could also take credit for expenditures. Will provided some examples:
  - a. If Duck Lake received \$1500 from ISCCW and also paid \$4500 out of their invasive species fund, since Duck Lake is a member of the ISCCW, both amounts could be applied towards matching funds.
  - b. Cisco Chain received \$11,000 from UPPCO. Since the Cisco Chain is a member of the ISCCW, the full amount can be applied towards matching funds.
  - c. The ISCCW gave Bass Lake some money for weevils and the residents paid the balance. Since Bass Lake does not have an organized lake association and is not a member of the ISCCW, only the amount donated by the ISCCW can be applied toward matching funds. The amount paid by the residents can not be applied toward matching funds. (In the future

we could obtain credit if the group treating Bass Lake joins as a member association of the ISCCW.)

3. Will received an e-mail from Delores Sewell who would like to see a second boat washer purchased. She feels people are tiring of hearing the spiel from the educators but LOVE the boat washer. Discussion followed with many in agreement. The idea and feasibility will be discussed at a later date.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the June 16, 2009 board meeting:

- Under President's Report, item 6, change "Ken Buergey" to "Will Buergey".
- Under New Business, remove Tamarack Lake from the list of lakes.
- Under New Business, add "on Lindsley Lake" to this sentence and correct the spelling of Bob Langjahr's name: "Dean Challed reported 20 acres of curly leaf pondweed on Lindsley Lake had been treated the past week by Bob Langjahr."

Joe moved to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Fred, approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Steve's absence, Ken Wendt gave the report. The balance for July is \$21,575. Some anticipated income includes \$5000 from the Township and \$500 from the DNR. Jim moved to accept the report, second by Chuck, approved.

#### EDUCATION/PR COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Jim passed out an interesting sheet of statistics about the website usage. He also said a map was added to the website (provided by the WUPCWPMA) which allows anyone to look at both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species in a given area.
- Jim said Duck Lake agreed to the posting of a "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" sign.
- Jim talked about the Watercraft Checklist and said a variation of the form was created for Duck Lake.
- Jim expressed concern about the rumor that Bass Lake may be reopened. Many attended the meeting put on by the WUPCWPMA and learned that certain lakes were "Super Spreaders" and it's possible that Bass Lake could fit that category. All were encouraged to fight the reopening of Bass Lake.
- Jim expressed concern about dry hydrants. Water used to flush the hydrants comes from another lake and it would be an easy way to spread invasive species. Discussion ensued and Joe LoMastro said he would contact Dick Caudill (Watersmeet Fire Chief) to discuss their procedure for flushing hydrants.
- Jim said the Education/PR Committee would meet on July 27 to discuss new initiatives for next year.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ken Wendt said that most of his report had already been covered during the discussion about what monies could be applied towards matching grants.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Diana Mehlhop said we currently have 297 members. To date we've picked up 25 new members as a result of the township-wide mailing on June 11.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Will repeated that the payment the Cisco Chain received from UPPCO can be applied to the matching funds from NFWF grant. This frees up some money that was earmarked for the Chain's treatment expenses which can now be used for something else (like new signs for the Chain).

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Will suggested that we submit a slate of 8 candidates for the new board of directors to be voted on at the annual meeting. The slate is composed of Steve Wilkinson, Dean Challed, Ruth Bozdech, Fred Duerkop, Jonathan Swindle, Bill Rehling, Bob Turnquist and Jim Okraszewski. Ken made the motion, second by Fred, approved.
- Now that the slate has been approved, Will will send out the Annual Meeting notice to existing members via a combination of snail-mail and e-mail.
- Plans were discussed for the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held on August 1, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at the Watersmeet Pavilion. Light refreshments will be provided. Diana and Ruth will bake some cookies. Will will buy soda and water. Diana will print 10 copies of the membership list to speed up the check-in process.
- Will suggested that we apply the UPPCO payment towards matching funds so the ISCCW can pay for 3 more "Stop These Invaders" signs for the Cisco Chain (to be installed at Clearwater Lake, Big Lake and Helen Creek). The signs will cost about \$1500 total. Dean moved that three additional signs be bought and installed on the Cisco Chain, second by Bob, approved.
- Shirley Hibbeln gave an update on Bass Lake. 9000 weevils were stocked in 2008 but the results are disappointing. It was recommended that a study be done to identify the weeds and determine if a hybrid is present. The results of the study have not yet been released. It appears the growth has tripled or quadrupled in one year.

- Bob Evans said there was a lot of stimulus money earmarked for the Great Lakes Watershed. Ken volunteered to talk to the township to see if they might partner with ISCCW to go after some stimulus funds.
- Joe LoMastro voiced some concern that Barb Gajewski may not be available for survey work next year. He wondered if there was anyone who was ready to replace her. Bob Evans name was brought up but he was not ready to commit. He said he might be able to recommend some people. Dave Anderson's name was also suggested as a possible candidate.
- Ruth Bozdech gave an update on Langford Lake. This is the last year the Army Corp of Engineers will be assisting them in their battle with invasive species and Langford Lake will need some financial help once the Corp is finished. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 35 acres were treated with up to 200 pounds of Navigate per acre. They have a number of protected plants they want to keep alive and those look good. Water clarity, water oxygen and water sampling tests are ongoing. Unfortunately there are still new plants growing in areas that have been treated for 3+ years. The Army Corp will treat again this fall for the last time.
- Jim Floriano gave an update on Duck Lake. They have been hand-pulling EWM. They feel it is getting worse. Three to four pods are established. It's moving north.
- The next meeting date is August 18<sup>th</sup> at Forest Service Headquarters at 9:00 a.m.
- A motion to adjourn was made at 11:00 a.m. by Ken, second by Joe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diana Mehlhop  
Acting Secretary