

AUGUST 18, 2009 ISCCW BOARD MEETING

Officers present: Will Buergey, president, Ruth Bozdech, secretary.

Directors present: Jim Okraszewski, Bill Rehling, Dean Challed, Fred Duerkop, Joe LoMastro, Dudley Pierce, Bob Turnquist, Ken Wendt

Guests: Membership chairman, Diana Mehlop, Jim Reiels, Terri Watson, Rob Strittmatter, DNR, and Sudi Wattson.

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:10.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Will Buergey

1. Chinese mystery snails were discovered in Moon Lake. Will asked Bob Evans to comment on the snails. Bob reported the snails were discovered in Runkle Lake 4 years ago and in Lac View Desert 2 years ago. He said there is an infestation in Moon Lake. No one knows what effect the snails will have on the lakes. They are much larger than the native snail, are vegetative feeders, and prefer mucky areas in shallow water. However, they do NOT feed on Eurasian Water Milfoil. They were used in aquariums and have most likely spread from aquarium water being dumped in lakes or streams. Chinese Mystery Snails are edible. Will said Tom Wheeler will inform the Moon Lake riparians and Tom will walk the shore line with a rake and remove the snails he finds.
2. Will said 3 more signs have been ordered as approved by the board to be put on the Cisco Chain boat landings. They will contain the BOAT US logo to save costs in changing the artwork for the signs.
3. Will reported 1 contract worker's contract has been terminated due to scheduling conflicts. Marv Schwinn will work more hours to pick up the slack.
4. Will announced 2 seminars taking place Sept. 12.
 - a. The Sierra Club is sponsoring an informational meeting concerning the opening of old mines. The meeting will be held in Iron River. Bill Rehling has a map showing the locations of future mines including one in the Allen Lake area.
 - b. Michigan Lakes and Streams will be holding a regional meeting in Iron River. Everyone is invited to attend. Ruth Bozdech encouraged the members to attend. Ken Wendt mentioned the excellent programs they have. He suggested members talk to neighbors and friends about the meeting. Deloris Sewell will have a display at the meeting and Marv Schwinn will demonstrate the power boat/trailer washer at the meeting.
5. Due to a family health issue, Dave Gunderson has resigned as a director.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Steve Wilkinson, Will presented the report. The July balance was \$21,575. August Receipts - \$2584. Disbursements - \$4,866 leaving a balance of \$19,293. The township grant of \$5,000 has not been received, but will talked to Frank Kuchevar and we will work out another contract for services agreement with the Township and then receive the payment. Will is also completing the

paper work for the \$500 from the DNR. The ISCCW must register as a vendor in the state of Michigan to receive funds from DNR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Ken Wendt moved to approve the July minutes, second by Joe LoMastro, approved
2. Diana Mehlhop presented a change to the wording of section 2 under the Membership Committee report to read as follows: "Because of the change, for new members who have joined in the middle of 2009, the board has made an "exception" and their memberships will be valid until December 30, 2010".
3. Section 3 should read 309 members.
4. Section 5 was added to reflect the total cash received from membership dues and donations for 2009 as \$25,975.
5. Ken Wendt reported the annual minutes from Aug 1, 2009 should be approved at the next annual meeting.
6. Fred Duerkop moved to approve the minutes and changes, second by Jim Okraszewski, approved.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Dean Challed.

1. Dean said Delores Sewell is holding an ISCCW coloring contest for youngsters. Problems have developed in obtaining permission to erect road signs. The committee will do further investigating. New items being looked at for 2010 are T-shirts, caps, coasters and temporary "tattoos" for children. A free full page ad will be in the Land O Lakes information guide in 2010. Diana Mehlhop has designed a new card to be given to fishermen with fish species identified on one side and the reverse side will show invasive species.
2. More license plates have been ordered.
3. A new chairman for the Education Committee is needed. Dudley Pierce nominated Bill Rehling to serve pro temp. Ken Wendt second, approved.
4. Jim Okraszewski volunteered to serve on the committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ken Wendt

1. Ken announced the members on the finance committee. They are Fred Duerkop, Steve Wilkinson, Dudley Pierce and Ken Wendt.
2. The committee is busy filing for the remaining funds from the Fish and Wildlife grant.
3. Three letters have been sent to several company foundations asking for grant information. There has been no response at this time.
4. A point of interest regarding grant requests is that Watersmeet is not the junction of several rivers or streams, but IS a watershed for the Mississippi River, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior.
5. Jim Okraszewski will contact a group that may have grants.
6. Dudley Pierce suggested the paper mills in Wisconsin be contacted concerning grants as they are dependent on a water supply.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Diana Mehlhop

1. We have a total of 314 members. There were 278 members as of 12-31-09 and so far 36 members new members have joined for the 2010 membership year.
2. Ken Wendt commented the renewal income has been higher each year. A good sign of progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rob Strittmatter, DNR reported on the County Line dredging. It was last dredged in 1992 and will be done to the historical width and depth. It will not remove existing lawns etc.
2. Dean Challed requested more reports from Barb Gajewski. Will stated she does a very thorough year end report and notifies Will of any invasive species found in a lake immediately. Will then contacts the lake association.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of officers. Will opened the floor for nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary.

1. Will nominated Ruth Bozdech for Secretary, second by Bill, approved with one abstention.
2. Fred nominated Dudley Pierce for Vice President, second by Joe, approved with one abstention.
3. Dudley nominated Steve Wilkinson for Treasurer, second by Ken, approved.
4. Ken nominated Will Buergey for President, second by Dudley, approved with one abstention.

LAKE VOLUNTEER REPORTS:

1. Will reported Tom Wheeler completed a survey of Moon Lake and no EWM was found.
2. Will has started surveying Dinner Lake.
3. Joe reported EWM has doubled in Duck Lake. Joe also said Duck Lake is in the process of forming a lake association.
4. Ken asked if there was a better way to mark EWM infestations as PWC riders use the markers as a slalom course. No one had any suggestions.
5. Dudley said Marian Lake has hours for water skiers and PWC use. The DNR is not receptive to the limits.
6. Diana suggested updates of the surveys by Barb G. be posted on the website.
7. Will said zebra mussels have been found in Hagerman Lake. Arny asked if the chemical, Virkon, could be used in the boat/trailer washer. Rob Strittmatter will investigate the chemical and contact Will.

Due to a conflict with the board room, the next meeting will be Sept. 22. Motion made by Dudley, second by Ken, approved.

Ruth moved to adjourn, second by Ken, approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, secretary