

ISCCW Regular Meeting

October 20, 2009

Forest Service Conference Center

Board of Directors present: Army Domanus, Fred Duerkop, Joe LoMastro, Dudley Pierce, Bill Rehling, Bob Turnquist, Ken Wendt and Steve Wilkinson.

Guests present: Bob Evans (USFS), Justin Farley (DNR), Mike Golas (Sunset Lake in Iron County), Jerry Losey (Chicaugon Lake in Iron County), Diana Mehlhop, Jim Reiels, Joe Shubat (Chicaugon Lake in Iron County), Robert Strittmatter (DNR) and Tony Zoars.

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Vice President Dudley Pierce.

Presidents Report; Will Buergey was absent so there was no Presidents Report.

Rob Strittmatter (DNR) Report;

- At a previous meeting, someone asked about Virkon Aquatic (a disinfecting solution). Virkon is allowed on DNR administered sites. Information on Virkon can be found in a document called "Watercraft Disinfection Station Instructions" on the MLSA website at www.mlswa.org/DisinfectionStation/Disinfection_Station.htm
- At a previous meeting, someone asked if anything could be done to deter people from using buoys as a slalom course. The buoys are used to mark areas with invasives. Rob said one would have to start with the law division to see if an ordinance could be set up to restrict people from areas with buoys. He wasn't sure if this would be possible since ordinances are usually established to control safety issues. He also said you might be able to enlist the help of the MDNR Conservation Warden, Grant Emery.
- The Thousand Island Lake and Duck Lake Boat Landings are scheduled to be paved in 2010. Michigan Tech is working on "green" options to address invasive species, erosion, and runoff concerns.
- The DNR approved a \$500 donation to the ISCCW. It should have transferred to the ISCCW account this week.

Vice Presidents Report; Dudley thanked Bill Rehling and Bob Turnquist for agreeing to serve as chair and vice chair of the Education/PR Committee.

Treasurers Report; Steve Wilkinson reported a prior balance of \$14,181. Income for the month totaled \$559 and expenses totaled \$5405 leaving a bank balance of \$9335. In addition, income expected in the next month included a DNR grant for \$500 and monies from Watersmeet Township totaling \$5000.

Approval of September Minutes; A motion was made to approve minutes of September 22, 2009 regular meeting offered by Wilkinson, supported by LoMastro, carried by voice vote.

Finance Committee Report;

- Ken Wendt said the committee met to discuss the NFWF grant. They need to submit a report of how the last \$13,000 was used then submit a report on how the remaining \$27,000 will be used.
- Ken has been in touch with a representative of the Kohler Foundation and the results were promising. We need to send in the proper paperwork to start the process. The representative thought we may be able to get \$5000 to \$10,000.

Education/PR Committee Report;

- Bill Rehling said the committee met on Oct. 5. The next meeting will be on Nov. 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the old polling building in Watersmeet.
- Diana Mehlhop asked for permission to place an order for 10,000 ID cards which will be used as handouts by our educators next year. The cost is \$745 based on a quote by Dianne Parling of Grass Lake Images. A motion was made by Wilkinson to approve the purchase of the ID cards, supported by LoMastro, carried by voice vote.
- Jim Reiels reported that a free, full page add (with pictures) will be placed in the Land O' Lakes Chamber brochure to advertise the ISCCW.

Membership Report;

- Diana Mehlhop said we had 325 paid members as of October 20, 2009. Donations and dues from memberships paid thru 12/31/09 total \$24,420. Donations and dues from memberships paid thru 12/31/10 total \$5,020.
- Ken Wendt agreed to write the letter for the 2010 renewal mailing. The renewal request will be mailed to all current members. The mailing is scheduled to go out in early November.

Old Business

Discussion was held about the next township-wide mailing. A motion was made by Wendt to defer the discussion of the next township-wide mailing to January, supported by Wilkinson, carried by voice vote.

Joe LoMastro gave a report about the EWM eradication efforts on Duck Lake in 2009. They got a permit to treat 5 acres but found additional pods totaling 4 acres. Lacking permit and chemical, they performed 65 hours of diving to pull the additional EWM. They were disappointed with the professional applicators. They want to try a new scheme going forward. Next year they will have 2 residents certified as applicators; 8 residents will be certified for diving; each diver will be assigned a quadrant; divers will

go out after the chemicals have been applied; they've bought an old pontoon boat and will add a modified diving platform, t-ladder and mechanical applicator; they will up their permit from 5 to 10 acres. They are looking into liability insurance to support these efforts.

New Business

Jerry Losey from Chicaugon Lake Homeowners Association reported on a permanent boat wash station being built on Chicaugon Lake. It is still in engineering stage; it will be a mandatory boat wash; they will install a \$5 boat launch fee (\$20 seasonal fee); measures approximately 15' x 30'; not sure if the water is heated; County Park system will operate and maintain the boat washer; projected cost is \$6000 to \$7000. Rob Strittmatter questioned whether they had sought approval from the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

Arny Domanus reported on information presented at the WUPCWPMMA meeting in Iron River on October 15, 2009. Bob Evans gave a presentation on invasive snails and invasives in the Great Lakes; Ian Shackelford gave a presentation on invasives in the Ottawa; weevils are not working in Runkle Lake because of a hybrid EWM; money is available through the Great Lakes Restoration Fund; the Forest Service is getting funding for 4 – 5 boat washers; the Army Corp of Engineers is performing a weed survey on Long Lake; the Army Corp of Engineers will continue their work on Langford Lake and Long Lake indefinitely; check the EPA website for grant opportunities.

Diana asked for two volunteers to be added to the email contact list for the website. Dudley Pierce and Bob Turnquist agreed to replace Jim Floriano and Chuck Sethness.

Miscellaneous Questions and Comments

Bob Evans reported that the Army Corp of Engineers and the Forest Service would continue their work on Langford Lake indefinitely.

Tony Zoars asked if Barb Gajewski's survey results would be sent out. Since the reports were just received, it was thought Will would disseminate the info to key people when he had the chance.

Bob Turnquist reported on a conversation with Ted Ritter about Chinese Mystery Snails. Ted told him about a lake where the population exploded then died to nothing.

Dudley Pierce reported that the Planning Commission is working on a restriction for private boat landings and would require a special use permit. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the school library. A vote will go before the board at a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the school library.

Next regular meeting will be held November 17, 2009 in the Forest Service Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn offered by Steve, supported by Ken, meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. by consent.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Mehlhop (Secretary pro temp)