

ISCCW Regular Meeting

December 15, 2009

Forest Service Conference Center

Board of Directors present: Will Buergey, Fred Duerkop, Joe LoMastro, Bill Rehling, Bob Turnquist, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson and Bob Zelinski

Guests present: Tom Church, Bob Evans (USFS), Randall Wollenhaup (USFS), Diana Mehlhop and Ian Shackelford (USFS)

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Will Buergey.

Presidents Report;

- Will Buergey explained that our bylaws say that a 3/4 vote of all board members is needed to pass the budget and operating plan. Since only 8 board members were in attendance today, Will would send an e-mail to absent board members to solicit the necessary votes.
- The prepared budget is an aggressive budget and is based on anticipated funds (which we may not get).
- Will Buergey completed a post-summer report for the UPPCO grant. In response, UPPCO sent \$1375 to ISCCW last week. Will is not sure if this grant will be available next year.

Treasurers Report; Steve Wilkinson reported a prior balance of \$19,881. Income for the month totaled \$3,425 and expenses totaled \$12 leaving a bank balance of \$23,294. Deposits in transit total \$2,075. Total cash on hand and in bank totals \$25,369.

Will Buergey thought it might be time to reimburse Duck Lake and Langford for their 2008 and 2009 expenses. Duck Lake treatment expenses were approximately \$3800 in 2008 and \$4240.21 in 2009. Langford Lake permit expenses were approximately \$1500 in 2008 and \$1500 in 2009. The ISCCW agreed to reimburse them for 50% of their expenses.

A motion was made by Wendt to reimburse Duck Lake for \$4020 and Langford Lake for \$1500 to finalize payment of the 2008 and 2009 ISCCW commitment. Turnquist seconded; there were 2 abstentions; all approved.

Approval of November Minutes; A couple corrections were made to the November minutes. "Members present" was expanded to include the names of Fred Duerkop, Jim Okraszewski and Jim Reiels. A sentence in the membership report was revised from "This puts a total of 85 members paid thru 2010." to "This puts a total of 85 members who have renewed thru 2010. Total membership for 2010 is currently 136." A motion

was made to approve the amended minutes of November 17, 2009 regular meeting offered by Duerkop, supported by Wilkinson, carried by voice vote.

Finance Committee Report;

- Ken Wendt reported all paperwork has been assembled to get payment for phases two and three from our Fish and Wildlife grant, Ken and Will need to get together to complete the required NFWF forms.
- Ken reported the request for funding from the Windway Foundation (environmental foundation chaired by Kohler's) has been completed.

Membership Report;

- Diana Mehlhop reported we had 325 paid members as of December 15, 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 \$14,895.

Old Business

Bob Evans is still looking for someone to do lake surveys for us next year. Dave Anderson's name was suggested. (Dave has performed contract AIS work on Duck Lake.)

New Business

1. Ian Shackleford (USFS and WUPCWPMA) was introduced and gave us a presentation about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).
 - Ian started by presenting the ISCCW with an Honor Award from the US Forest Service, Eastern Region. It was a beautiful engraved silver plate that said "Protect Ecosystems Across Boundaries". He complimented the ISCCW on its efforts and said we were instrumental in helping the WUPCWPMA win an Honor Award.
 - Ian gave us a set of artificial invasive terrestrial plants that include purple loosestrife, garlic mustard, spotted knapweed and leafy spurge which can be used for demo purposes by our educators.
 - Ian explained that the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was signed on Nov. 6. \$475 million dollars were made available for Great Lakes restoration projects including over \$250 million in grants. The money is available to anyone in the Great Lakes Basin.
 - The Ottawa will get \$350,000 for this fiscal year, targeted at aquatic invasive species prevention and education. The money can only be used for education and outreach. They will use some for CBCW in Gogebic and Iron Counties. Their goal is to educate 37,000 people. Most of the money will go towards boat

washing. They plan to buy 4 portable boat washers. One for the Forest Service and will primarily work in Gogebic County outside Watersmeet Township, one for the Iron County Conservation District, one for Lake Gogebic Improvement Association (if they accept it) and one for ISCCW, if we would like it.

- Ian asked ISCCW if we would want a boat washer? The Forest Service is also willing to provide the money to staff it and provide the supplies (gas, oil, etc). The boat washer would remain Forest Service property but we would be responsible for the maintenance and storage and how it is used. The Forest Service boat washer may have a containment system to trap, filter and reuse the water. There was some discussion about whether anyone would have a vehicle large enough to transport a boat washer of this size. Some thought it might be best to request a boat washer just like the one we already have. Ian suggested that if we feel we can't pull the proposed boat washer, or would prefer a smaller one like we have now, we should note it in our response.
- Ian thinks the Ottawa GLRI funds could also pay for the boat wash operators and fuel and supplies for ISCCW's existing boat wash in 2010. He needs to confirm this with their Regional Office, however.
- The Forest Service would also like to upgrade signs at all boat landings (including non-forest boat landings). They will provide up to \$400 per sign for anyone in the CWMA who wants one (up to 25 signs in 2010). Board members from Dinner Lake said they might like one.
- The Forest Service has also included \$3000 in their budget to resurrect the idea of a free boat wash at Nordines. This was talked about in the past but there were MDEQ concerns about putting contaminants in the water system. They feel they could develop a solution to their concerns.
- The Forest Service plans to install a permanent boat washer at Black River Harbor and also at Hagerman Lake.
- The Forest Service added budget items for giveaways (\$1500), CBCW kits (\$500) and placemats and grocery bags (\$2000).
- Sometime between January and April of 2010, Ian will complete his proposal to the Forest Service. A committee made up of Ken Wendt, Bill Rehling and Bob Turnquist will draft a proposal to determine how the Forest Service can help us. In the event the Forest Service picks up our expense of our boat washer operation and also our education programs, ISCCW would then have more money to spend on lake surveys and control efforts.
- A motion was made by Ken Wendt to have a committee made up of Ken Wendt, Bill Rehling and Bob Turnquist to work with Ian to draft a proposal listing ways the Forest Service can help ISCCW. Joe seconded. All approved.
- Ian also discussed another opportunity for GLRI funds. The EPA is currently soliciting proposals for invasive species prevention and control. Up to \$8.8 million is available to fund 10 to 30 projects (up to \$1 million each) within the Great Lakes Basin. The request for proposals is available online at <http://epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2010rfp01/index.html>. Unlike the Ottawa's GLRI funds, these could be used for control projects. Applications are due January 29, 2010. He feels ISCCW may be too small to tap into this but thinks a group made up of Dickinson, Iron and Gogebic Counties could go after this money. The

Dickinson and Iron Conservation Districts are interested. Money may be available to hire an invasive species coordinator for each of these counties and help treat AIS infestations.

2. Ken Wendt said he will write an article for publication about the Honor Award presented to ISCCW by CWPMA.
3. Will Buergey presented the 2010 Operating Plan and Budget for discussion and approval:

Article 4.18 of the ISCCW bylaws direct us to prepare and approve a proposed budget and operating plan for the following year during the fourth quarter of each calendar year. In accordance with our bylaws, here is a proposed budget and operating plan for calendar year 2010.

Anticipated Income. We have \$27,000 remaining to be disbursed from our NFWF grant prior to June 2010. In addition to the NFWF money, Will suggested that we negotiate a \$10,000 AIS services contract with the township in addition to the \$43,000 we have requested from the tribe. He also anticipates we will have \$15,000 remaining at the end of this year from our memberships and donations after paying our share of the 2008 and 2009 treatment expenses—expenses that have not yet been reimbursed to the member lake associations. He anticipates receiving another \$10,000 in miscellaneous grants and donations before the end of 2010. These anticipated revenue sources would provide us with up to \$105,000 in funds for 2010. Will recommended we set aside \$20,000 for a contingency/reserve fund and budget the remaining \$85,000 for our planned programs in 2010.

Operating Plan. In accordance with our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, the ISCCW will continue to fight the spread of invasive species through three programs: public education, lake surveying and monitoring, and eradication--through either chemical or biological control methods.

Will recommended that we continue the use of our original power washer six days per week (Wednesday through Monday) at eight hours per day. He also recommended the purchase of a second portable washer that would be used three days per week at ten hours per day. In addition he recommended employing one educator/coordinator for 32 hours per week who will be responsible for scheduling the power washer and equipment operators in addition to serving as our primary educator. The educator/coordinator will place particular emphasis on attending lake association meetings and other public functions such as the ongoing educational programs at the Ottawa Visitor's Center.

Proposed 2010 ISCCW Budget

Educational Committee programs/supplies	\$2000
Membership Committee programs	1600
Membership Mailing/Meeting Expenses	500
Professional Fees (Legal/Accounting)	900
Lake Surveying/Monitoring	12000
Lake treatments/permits	34000
Director Travel and meetings	1000
D&O Liability Insurance	500
Workmen's accident insurance	700
AIS Coordinator (32 hrs/wk/16 wks/\$14/hr)	7200
Boat Wash operators (78hrs/wk/16wks/\$13/hr)	16500
Additional portable boat washer	7300
Fuel/supplies for boat washers	<u>800</u>
Total budgeted	\$85,000
Contingency/reserves	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$105,000

In view of the presentation from Ian Shackleford (USFS), it was decided the categories in the budget will remain the same for now. If money comes down for the boat washer from the Forest Service, then we will funnel more money towards surveying, monitoring and treatment from our available funds.

Ken Wendt made a motion to accept the 2010 budget as a tentative target budget to be reviewed and modified between now and the Annual Membership Meeting in August. Duerkop seconded. All 8 directors in attendance were in favor of the motion. Will Buergey sent an email to absent board members to solicit the necessary votes to get 3/4 vote of all board members. He received an affirmative vote from five of the six absent directors, but has not yet received a reply from Dudley Pierce. The 2010 Budget and Operating Plan passes with 13 votes in favor.

Miscellaneous Questions and Comments

Fred Duerkop suggested we make the Presidents position a paid position. Will Buergey pointed out that our bylaws state we can not accept payment as volunteers. The discussion was tabled for now.

Bob Zelinski wondered if ISCCW would consider buying a small pressure washer to be used at his place of business (Sylvania Outfitters) to be used to wash the boats and canoes that he rents. The item was deferred to the next meeting for discussion.

Next regular meeting will be held January 19, 2010 in the Forest Service Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn offered by Steve, supported by Ken, meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. by consent.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Mehlhop (Secretary pro temp)