

MINUTES OF ISCCW-LAKEGUARDS - January 19, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. at the Toumey Nursery Office

Persons present: Will Buergey, President, Bill Rehling, Bob Turnquist, Fred Duerkop, Steve Wilkinson, Bob Zelinski, Bill Artwich, Diana Mehlhop, Jim Reiels, Tony Zoars, Ellen Compere, Pat Oltz, Randall Wollenhaup (USFS), Robert Strittmatter (DNR) and Ian Shackelford (WUPCWPMA).

The meeting was called to order by Will Buergey. He introduced Bill Artwich, a biologist from Iron River, who may be employed by the ISCCW this coming summer as a replacement for Barb Gajewski. Will briefed Mr. Artwich on what had been happening on various Watersmeet lakes regarding treatment of invasive species. He also discussed compensation and flexible hours.

Ian Shackelford indicated that there was funding for a second boat washer based on receipt of a grant for that purpose. The money could also be used for staffing, purchasing supplies and education for both Gogebic and Iron Counties. Ian indicated that the Great Lakes Restoration initiatives would provide \$1,000,000 for the entire state of Michigan for similar purposes, and that the Ottawa Forest was receiving \$350,000 for education this year. Ian also said the MDQ is seeking permission to use liquid 24D on Michigan lakes. He indicated that next month he will have more specific information on the boat washer.

Robert Strittmatter primarily addressed plans for revamping the Dinner Lake public boat landing which would include adding a new pier and re-grading and paving the surfaces for the ramp and re-grading the parking area. The new ramp would be 70' long with approximately 40' out of the water. The site work will begin after the loon nesting. He offered to meet with Dinner Lake residents to enhance understanding and communications about the project. He requests residents to send him their questions prior to that meeting.

Will Buergey passed out the treasurer's report for Steve Wilkinson who had to leave the meeting at 10:00. Presently the ISCCW has a fund balance of \$23,154. From 12.15.09 to 1.18.10, the organization received \$5380 in memberships, \$900 "in transit". There was a total of \$5520 in expenses. Will indicated that Windway Group may be giving ISCCW a grant of approximately \$5000. The Coors grant did not work out. The LVD Tribal 2% money will not be determined until February. Fred Duerkop moved/Bob Turnquist seconded approval. Passed.

December, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Bob Zelinski/second by Bill Rehling.

Diana Mehlhop gave the membership report which indicated a total of 222 members presently. In 2008 membership totaled 189, and in 2009, 274. Dues are continuing to come; if all renew the total would be 330 members. Presently there are 9 lake association memberships. Diana also reported receipt of a private grant of \$1700 and

that Lac Vieux Desert Riparians have joined. She reported that there have been new additions to the Lakeguards website and that the Land O' Lakes Chamber of Commerce bulletin includes a nice article with pictures about the ISCCW.

Fred Duerkop indicated that Duck Lake has attempted to obtain liability insurance for a resident certified applicator for treating milfoil, but without success. He will continue to explore other options and lakes that have been successful in obtaining the insurance. Ian Shackleford said Dickinson Lake has their own applicator and will get that data to Fred.

The USFS has obtained \$10,000 to spray Japanese barberry which will be done this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Bob Zelinski moved/Bob Turnquist seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jim Reiels, acting secretary