

Board Meeting – ISCCW – USFS Office – November 16, 2010

Members present: Dudley Pierce, Admin., Will Buergey, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Bob Turnquist, Fred Duerkop, Arny Domanus, Jim Floriano, Bill Rehling, Joe LoMastro, and Bob Zelinski

Visitors: Jim Reiels, Diana Mehlhop, Nancy Cushing, Norman Nass, Ian Shackelford, Margaret Marrs, John Neumann, Cheryl Neumann, Renee Shurr, Jill James, Bill Artwich, Dan Straszewski, Ryeann Kargas, Giertle McGeshick, Kameron Caudill, Joseph Mustache, Frank Kuchevar

- 1) **President's Report:** Bill Artwich attended a meeting of MI DNR which focused mainly on terrestrial invasive species. A letter regarding northern milfoil, a non-invasive was cited by Dudley (I didn't get this citation, Dudley)
- 2) **Vice President's Report:** A request was made for budget requests from the education/public relations and membership committees.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** This month's financial report was distributed. As of November 15 the balance for ISCCW was \$48,900. There is still \$5000 expected from the LVD tribe and \$5000 from the Township. Also at the time of this meeting renewal membership letters were being opened which could amount to another \$10,000.
- 4) **Finance Committee:** No report was given
- 5) **Membership Committee:** 314 members were recorded as of this date. Renewals are currently being received. 325 letters seeking renewals were sent out including to those whose membership had not been renewed for 2010. K. Wendt moved report approval/Bob Zelinski seconded. Motion passed.
- 6) **Education Committee:** Planned for next year are two training sessions; purchase of fish rulers, three big signs for boat washer, ads in paper for \$200 for a total budgetary request of \$2,580. Also ideas were sought for advertising the educator post that Dolores Sewell had held in the past.
- 7) **Minutes of October, 2010** were amended to include reporting of volunteer hours of service and more data regarding boat wash. Steve Wilkinson moved approval/Joe LoMastro seconded; motion passed.
- 8) **Agenda** was approved to include payment to Langford Lake. Ken Wendt moved approval/Joe LoMastro seconded; passed.
- 9) **Old Business:**

- a) The township board is meeting November 16. Members were encouraged to attend to urge the board to issue payment of the \$5000 budgeted for ISCCW for 2010 and the \$5000 2% money from LVD tribe.
- b) A petition was circulated to obtain signatures of residents to urge the Town Board to approve funding for ISCCW for 2011. Motion to approve by Arny Domanus, Will Buergey seconded; passed
- c) Reimbursement of Duck Lake for \$3,650 and Langford \$750 for expenses incurred this past summer (Dollar amounts represent one half of the amount spend by each lake)
- d) RAC update included plan for treatment of Bass Lake which will be sent to RAC members in December and a hearing in January in Ironwood. In February the USFS will review all RAC petitions and select those projects to receive funding. Again grant petitions will be made to Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Township for funding next year.
- e) John Neumann, a resident of Bass Lake, reported lack of interest in forming a lake association. 33 households were contacted in a mail survey; only 7 responded. Nevertheless there was a general consensus that the Eurasian Milfoil problem needs to be addressed. Arny Domanus moved, Joe LoMastro seconded a motion to commend Ken Wendt for all his work in gathering data for possible treatment of Bass Lake. Motion passed.

10. New Business

- a) Jim Floriano presented a memo from Jeff Pitlars (????) urging ISCCW to consider attending monthly meetings of the Western UP Citizens Advisory Council. The meetings offer an opportunity to meet directly with the DNR/DEQ for information as well as input into the decisions. No action was taken.
- b) Nancy Cushing of EnviroScience Inc. gave a one-hour presentation about the services their company offers in the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil with the use of weevils. Her presentation included information of where milfoil is located; where weevils have been found, impact of milfoil on aquatic habitats and the life cycle of weevils and how they impact milfoil. She concluded her presentation an approximate cost of a five year treatment program for Bass Lake of about \$145,000.

11. ISCCW board meetings are scheduled for December 14 and January 18. Fred Duerkop moved adjournment, Arny Domanus seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Reiels

Recording Secretary, Pro Temp