

BOARD MEETING ISCCW JANUARY 18, 2011 - 9:07 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dudley Pierce, Chair, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Bob Turnquist, Fred Duerkop, Bill Rehling, Joe LoMastro, Jim Floriano, Bill Rehling

GUESTS: Jim Okraszewski, Bill Artwich, Jim Reiels, Diana Mehlhop, Barb Gajewski, Jeff Pylarz, Marvin Schwinn, Wes Kiley, Frank Peiffer

1. President's Report:

- Dudley thanked Ken Wendt for his dedicated extensive service in seeking grants, researching topics, the multiple committees and Will Buergey for the time he spent getting the ISCCW underway in its initial years.
- There is need to realize that if ISCCW takes on Bass Lake invasive species treatment it will be a long term commitment.
- Care must be taken to assure membership that the ISCCW is dedicated to addressing the needs of all lakes within the township and at the same time inform the membership that sizeable monetary grants that have been received to specifically to treat the invasive weeds in Bass Lake.
- When considering Bass Lake treatment a decision will have to be made as to use of weavels and/or chemicals.

2, Vice President's Report:

- Lisa Klaus informed ISCCW that \$50,000 has been approved for ISCCW projects. Thanks were given to Arny Domanus, Tom Church, Alan Piel and Will Buergey for their efforts in presenting the petition for funds. 19 petitions were submitted; 10 were approved. The grant is for one year.
- Michigan Waterfront Alliance is a lobbying group dedicated to obtaining change in Michigan riparian laws. The Alliance is the PAC group of Michigan Lake and Stream Association.
- ISCCW should increase its media coverage efforts; TV stations are looking for public service announcements.
- Nancy Cushing of Enviro-science gave Ken information concerning eleven lakes the Enviro-Science group. Ken offered to share this information.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Steve reported a December 14, 2010 balance of \$61,403.93. Receipts since that date were \$26,413.96. There were no disbursements this month; there is pending a payment to Roy Porterfield for preparing the 1099 report. The closing balance as of January 17, 2011 was \$87,817.89.

4. Finance Committee Report:

- \$220,000 are being sought this year from a variety of grants, including the \$50,000 already

approved. Much of these funds have been targeted for treating Bass Lake. Grants might potentially pay about 80% of Bass Lake treatment.

5. Membership Report:

- Diana Mehlhop submitted her monthly report on membership, indicating 205 family/individual, 17 business and four donors.
- A \$5,600.00 donation was received from the Jean and E.T. Juday gift fund. Special acknowledgement has been sent to them acknowledging their generosity.
- E-mail and postal mailings will be sent out as follow-ups to urge renewals.

6. Education/PR Committee Report:

- Sample fish rulers were distributed at the meeting that will be given out this summer at boat landings.
- There was no report as the committee will not meet until February.
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7. Approval of December 14, 2010:

- Ken Wendt moved/Joe LoMastro seconded approval of minutes. Passed.

8. Public Comments:

- Wes Kiley spoke on behalf of the Cisco Chain association. He urged that plans for surveying specific lakes in 2011 be shared so as to avoid duplication between their efforts, DNR and ISCCW.
- Dudley reported that the Watersmeet Planning Commission is considering adoption of a regulation to shut private boating landings where invasive species have been found.
- DNR, USFS and other agencies are required to hold public hearings. Notices are sent to the Township Clerk for each hearing. A request should be made that such notices must be given to the ISCCW so all lakes will be aware of pending hearings.

9. Agenda changes:

- Possible joining the MI Lakefront Alliance
- Status of the job description for ISCCW educator and/or biologist

10. Old Business:

a. Lakes resolution:

- The resolution was distributed for discussion
- Discussion included questioning the value and impact of the resolution. Concern was expressed that it no “teeth” and that potentially it could be used as a negative target against the ISCCW
- Ken Wendt moved/Steve Wilkinson seconded approval of the resolution. Passed

b. Bass Lake/Enviro-Science Discussion:

- Has a decision been made for ISCCW to treat Bass Lake?
- Will weevils and/or chemicals be used?
- Should more research be made to learn of experiences of lakes that have used Enviro-Science and other treatment groups before making a commitment.
- Urge residents of Bass Lake to attend ISCCW meetings to participate in the treatment and funding decisions that will soon be made. Dudley was urged to include them in future agenda mailings.

c. PR Plan for 2011:

- The finance committee will identify money available for treating lakes during 2011.
- The PR/Education committee will prepare a plan to communicate how ISCCW will address the needs of all lakes in the township, including information about grants received for treating Bass Lake.

d. Petitions to Watersmeet Town Board

- Ken Wendt reported that almost 100 signatures have been received.
- Joe LoMastro moved/Jim Floriano seconded approving submitting the petition to the town board
- Ken indicated that more signatures are welcome.

e. Grant Update

- Ian Shackelford has given Ken Wendt a lot of information about sources of financial grants .
- Grant writing is intensive and detailed work. It takes a lot of time.
- Should a grant writing committee be formed to accomplish writing grants?
- Is it time for ISCCW to hire a grant writer?
- Will Buergey was praised for all his work during his chairmanship in getting ISCCW organized and funded.
- Grant writing will be included in the February agenda

f. Michigan Waterfront Alliance:

- Ken Wendt moved/Jim Floriano seconded approval of a motion to join the Waterfront Alliance, pending Ken's checking to ascertain that such action would not jeopardize the 501(c)3 classification . The cost of participation in the Alliance is \$200.00 annually. The motion passed.
- Ken will welcome comments from the board members until Friday. If he receives no comments and if joining the Alliance is not in conflict with the not-for-profit classification he will send in the ISCCW membership registration.

11. New Business:

- Barbara Gajewski was welcomed and congratulated on her receipt of her Masters degree in December. She indicated her continuing interest in working with the ISCCW.

12. Adjournment:

- Ken Wendt moved/Joe LoMastro seconded adjournment. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m..

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Reiels
Acting Secretary