

St MINUTES OF May 17, 2011 - BOARD OF ISCCW (LAKEGUARDS)
9:00 A.M. USFS VISITORS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dudley Pierce, Pres., Ken Wendt, VP; Steve Wilkinson, Treas.; Jim Floriano, Bill Rehling, Arny Domanus, Bob Turnquist, Will Buergey, Dean Challed

VISITORS PRESENT: Jim Reiels, Kathy Peterson, George Beck, Marv Schwinn, Bill Artwisch, Renee Shurr, Jeff Cherney, Cheryl Neumann, Sandra Butelewski, Jack Zekelheim, Diana Mehlhop, Barb Gajewski, Frank Puffer, Daniel Straszewski, Margret Marrs

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 by Dudley Pierce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dudley reported on four activities since the April meeting, they are:

1. The recent Native American walleye fishing was recapped. Fishermen were cooperative with inspection of boats and trailers for invasive.
2. Request received from Watersmeet biology teacher who would like to involve students with ISCCW projects for a period of ten days to give the students the experience of field work and to assist ISCCW in whatever way possible. Barb Gajewski suggested that one of the projects they do is to survey density of rusty crayfish on river bottom.
3. Offer received from USFS to negotiate partial funding of boat washer activities.
4. Question, should we publish a brochure listing infected lakes in Gogebic and Vilas Counties and the schedule of locations for boat washing. This brochure could be given to fishermen at boat landings, bait shops and high frequency use landings.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken reported on three activities since the April meeting, they are:

1. Work is completed on compilation of addresses for pending mailing. Initial list had 3400 plus names which has been reduced to approximately 1450 for mailing.
2. Michigan Waterfront Alliance met April 15-16. Courts have ruled that roads dead-ending at lake shores may not be used as landings; thus preserving riparian rights.
3. A communiqué receive from MWA states that \$100,000 in ANS funding for the Permit Review Program was removed from the budget. They would like people to call their legislators and ask for it to be reinstated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve gave the treasurer's report: receipts of \$325; expenditures of \$36.93, resulting in an ending balance of \$88,663.19 – plus - \$2,066 & \$125 un-deposited = \$90,754.19

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Notification received that our re-submittal of the RAC grant for Bass Lake, put together with the help of Ian Shackelford and Norm Nass was denied by the USFS area Director and will not be on the May 19th RAC review agenda.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1. Currently there are 278 members.
2. Renewals are slow in coming in (43 members have not renewed).
3. With the new prospect list of 1450+/- names plus the 300+/- we have from border lakes, the total proposed mass mailing will be about 1,800 names. We are currently soliciting quotes for printing; budgeted at \$1,200 which maybe low based on the number to be mailed.

EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

1. Radio spots have been recorded and will be played from now thru September.
2. Barb Wilkinson has written an article about ICSSW weed surveys.
3. Diana developed a schedule for the educator which included local events, presentations, etc.
4. July and August training sessions are planned for Duck and Clearwater Lakes to be conducted by our biologist.
5. Boat washer will be in Fourth of July parades in Land O' Lakes and Watersmeet.
6. Four bigger signs are on order for boat washing.
7. Ian Shackelford will make presentation on Invasive Plants at OIA meeting at Visitor Center this summer.
8. A prototype box for displaying the fish measuring tapes and collecting donations was presented.
9. Boat washers are to give tapes to boaters who make a \$5.00 (or more) donation for having boat washed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Wilkinson moved, Ken Wendt seconded approval of minutes for April 19, 2011. Unanimous vote, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Old Business item C – add increase of membership committee budget for mass mailing from \$1,200 to \$1,500.
2. Old Business item D – Jeff Pylarz request for ISCCW to make short presentation at next DNR advisory meeting.

Agenda changes approved, unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW HIRES INTRODUCTION

Dudley introduced Kathy Peterson, Marv Schwinn, Frank Puffer

BASS LAKE WORK PLAN 2011

Ken reported that after discussion with Liza Huberty (Aquatic Nuisance Control Program, DEQ) it isn't possible to obtain a DEQ permit this year. While they could work around their regulations, unfortunately Michigan Statute (compiled law) says that a whole lake survey must be done the fall prior to issuance of a permit, the latest survey we have is from 2009 and not acceptable under the law. Barb Gajewski, working with Bob Langjahr (Aquatic Biologist, Inc.) and Jake Britton (SEPRO Corp producers of fluridone), will assist in gathering the data required for application. The actual treatment of the lake will be in 2012. Plan for treatment will use fluridone, which is a water treatment and not a lake bottom treatment. It has the advantages of being less expensive (approx. \$30,000 as opposed to \$150,000+ for 24D or weevils) and because treatment does not impact the lake bottom riparian approval to use it is not necessary.

Ken also reported that the reason the Bass Lake RAC proposal was denied was because the Forest Service Director does not believe that Bass Lake problems directly impact the Ottawa forest.

Bass Lake residents are moving forward with establishing a lake association and several have volunteered to assist with the water quality testing to be done this summer.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

After a brief discussion Will Buergey moved, Ken Wendt seconded, Membership Committee budget for mass mailings be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Unanimous vote, approved.

DNR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Jeff Pylarz will attend the next DNR meeting with one or more of our biologists and educator (Bill, Barb and Kathy). It is hoped that ISCCW will be allotted at least 15 minutes to present our story to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

FOREST SERVICE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Ian Shackelford has proposed that the ISCCW provide boat washing services on Lake Gogebic. He has proposed 32 hours, 51 cents per mile and partial payment of coordinators salary weekly, for 2011 and 2012, in exchange for our boat washing service of Lake Gogebic landings three days per month, preferably Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Lake Gogebic has a total of five landings, two DNR ramps, one state ramp, and two county park ramps. Ian would like each ramp visited at least once this year. A consensus was that a six hour day might be too little time to provide adequate service due to the expected two plus hours of travel time required. We may have to increase the hours per day when going to Lake Gogebic.

Steve Wilkinson moved, Arny Domanus seconded, for Dudley to continue negotiations with Ian to establish agreement on a contract for such service. Unanimous vote, approved.

FUNDING FOR A BROCHURE

Dudley would like to see funding for 1000 copies of a full color brochure listing infested lakes in Vilas, Iron and Gogebic counties. Content would emphasize: a) clean boats after leaving infested lake and washing before entering non-infested lake; b) ISCCW'S schedule of dates and times for boat washer locations; c) steps fishermen should take when boat washing has not occurred. (Use 20% bleach/water mix). The cost will be minimal since our new Education/Coordinator has the ability to design the brochure.

General conception was that this is a good idea. After a discussion of how many brochures would be used in 2011 Ken Wendt moved, Steve Wilkinson seconded, expenditure of \$300 for brochures printing (getting as many as possible). Unanimous vote, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (re-opened)

Margret Marrs gave a brief synopsis of events on Marion Lake and passed out copies of their semi-annual update to their lake association members on LAKEGUARDS ASSN./ISCCW activities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Reiels (not so temporary recording secretary)