

ISCCW BOARD MEETING  
September 21, 2011 – Approved Minutes  
USFS CONFERENCE ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dudley Pierce, Ken Wendt, Ruth Bozdech, Joe LoMastro, Fred Duerkop, Arny Domanus, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Jim Floriano, Renee Shurr, and Bill Rehling and Margie Marrs..

VISITORS: Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Kathy Peterson, Cheryl Neumann, Frank Kuchevar, Pat Oltz, Sandra Butelewski, Dave Lamoreaux, Jeff Cherney and Ian Shackelford.

President Dudley Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dudley Pierce

- i. Dudley commented on how worthwhile the Regional Michigan Lakes & Streams meeting was which was held Sept. 17.
- ii. Dudley gave a brief report on the trip to Lansing to meet with Sen. Casperson and the committee hearing on Senate bills 508, 509, and 510. The committee was mainly interested in preventing Asian carp in the Great Lakes. Dudley informed the committee of the many invasive species threatening the in-land lakes. Most of the committee members were not aware of how huge the problem is in Michigan's in-land lakes.

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Wendt

Ken reported the heads of DEQ and DNR were attending the committee meeting also. Ken felt they were quite surprised to hear of the lack of help from either organization regarding invasive species.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Wendt gave the report in Steve's absence.

The bank balance as of August 16, 2011 was \$76,909.52. Disbursements were \$6,915.30, receipts were \$654.00 leaving a balance as of Sept. 17, 2011 of \$70,648.22.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Ken Wendt – no report at this time.

5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Ken gave the report in Diana Melhop's absence.

The total memberships are 359. Ken reminded the board and visitors that paying for their memberships now would save printing and postage costs when the renewal letters are sent out in November.

6. EDUCATION/PR COMMITTEE REPORT – Bob Turnquist

- i. Bob reported Steve Kickert plans to visit all the area schools environmental classes and Jeff Pytlarz will be producing an educational video or DVR about invasive species. Next year's projects are being discussed.
- ii. Bill Rehling – reported monies collected for the fish tapes from mid July to mid Sept. totaled \$366.40. He would also like to have more distribution locations.
- iii. Barb Wilkinson will be editing material for the web site.

## 7. BIOLOGIST'S REPORTS.

- i. Bill Artwich reported finding no invasive species in Marian Lake, Long Lake, Beatons Lake, Crooked Lake (1<sup>st</sup> bay), Big and Little Africa and Palmers Bay. EWM was found in 28 locations on the north side. Jim Floriano and Greg Wenzel hand pulled the EWM. It was very difficult as EWM was mixed in with Northern Milfoil. Bill also found EWM in Rice Bay on Lake View Desert. A discussion followed concerning private boat launches which do require a permit.
- ii. Barb Gajewski reported she had contacted Ted Ritter about the EWM in Rice Bay and Ted said it would be hand pulled.

## 8. EDUCATOR/COORDINATOR REPORT –Kathy Peterson

- i. The boat/trailer washers were very busy at the 2 musky tournaments held last month. The boat/trailer washers will be at the tournament being held Sept. 30 thru Oct. 2 on Lake View Desert. Duck Season opens Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> so the boat/trailer washers will continue to be in operation.
- ii. Kathy mentioned there are more fishermen out this fall than there were this summer.
- iii. Kathy suggested thank you notes be sent to Rob Anderson, Hillside Resort and the BP station in Land O'Lakes for their wonderful cooperation with the boat/trailer washer personnel.
- iv. Ian Shackleford, USFS reported Curly Leaf Pondweed had been found in Cook's Run and also EWM in Smokey Lake in Iron County.
- v. Ian also reminded everyone of the upcoming WIPIC fall meeting.

## 9. Approval of August 17, 2011 minutes.

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Joe LoMastro, supported by Fred Duerkop and approved.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Jim Floriano brought a jar containing fresh water jelly fish. They are common in many lakes but are especially hard to see in darker waters.

## 11. AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Under old business, add "C" Duck Lake proposal and "D" Draft to Dan Wyatt.
- ii. Under new business, add "A" Update on CCROA

A motion to close the agenda with changes was made by Arny Domanus, supported by Joe LoMastro and approved.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Bass Lake update – Barb Gajewski  
Barb completed the surveys and tests on Bass Lake. She used a rake in 275 sites plus visual surveying.
- B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ken Wendt and Dudley Pierson attended a committee hearing for Senate Bills 508, 509 and 510 in Lansing. Ken and Dudley were allowed 10 minutes to present the ISSCW position. Questions from the senators and committee men were answered and the 10 minutes were expanded to almost 30 minutes.

Ken Wendt reported that committee head, Senator Hanson, was very concerned about the steps required by DEQ and the lack of interest by the DNR. The committee was very agreeable to making it easier to handle/treat invasive species. Ken noted that the DNR and DEQ had high level personnel present but did not make any comments.

Dudley Pierce said he and Ken met with Senator Casperson for an hour before the meeting. Senator Casperson commented to Dudley and Ken that the DNR Trust Fund could be put to better use. Dudley also reported Senator Walker felt nothing could be done about existing AIS but steps should be taken to prevent the spread of more AIS.

Joe LoMastro thanked Dudley and Ken for making the long trip to Lansing and made the motion to pay Ken and Dudley's expenses, supported by Arny Domanus and approved.

### C. DUCK LAKE PROPOSAL.

Jim Floriano submitted a report requesting support for spot treatment on Duck Lake by the riparian owners. A discussion followed involving the largest issue which is insurance. Jim asked if the ISCCW could help. Further investigation is needed.

### D. Draft to Dan Wyatt, Director of DEQ.

Jeff Pytlarz asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none. Ken Wendt will send the letter on behalf of ISCCW.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Update on the Cisco Chain of Lakes Riparian Owners Association

Ken Wendt led the meeting held Sept. 14 of the joint boards of ISCCW and CCROA. Ken gave a short history of the problems involved and, after a short discussion, it was agreed to investigate the creation of a joint committee of 6 members, 3 from each organization to discuss problems and formulate possible solutions.

The following board members have indicated a willingness to serve on such a committee.

From the CCROA: Helen Hayhurst, Don Hall and Greg Wenzel.

From the ISCCW: Will Buergey, Fred Duerkop and Bill Rehling.

The CCROA members will discuss this with their Board at their Sept. 26 Board meeting and solicit approval. Greg Wenzel will get back to Ken on this.

Bill Artwich provided the maps of EWM he found in Thousand Island Lake that were discussed at the joint meeting. On a recommendation of the members attending the joint meeting Ken Wendt made a motion for Bill to do an additional 8 hours of surveying in mid-October of the channel between Thousand Island Lake and Cisco Lake, supported by Joe LoMastro and approved.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Arny Domanus, supported by Joe LoMastro and approved.

The next ISCCW meeting will be Tues. Oct. 18 at 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ruth Bozdech