

ISCCW BOARD MEETING

Approved - October 18, 2011

USFS Conference Room, Watersmeet Michigan

Board Members Present: Dudley Pierce, Ken Wendt, Joe LoMastro, Jim Floriano, Arny Domanus, Fred Duerkop, Margaret Marrs, Bob Turnquist, Jeff Pytlarz, Will Buergey, Renee Shurr, Bill Rehling.

Visitors: Frank Puffer, Jeff Cherney, Cheryl Neumann, Kathy Peterson, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Sandra Butelewski, Diana Mehlhop, Paul Lamoreaux, Todd Buck, Daniel Straszewski

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Dudley Pierce

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce

- a. Mr. Pierce commented on Ian Shackelford's inability to attend citing conflicts in Mr. Shackelford's schedule.
- b. Mr. Pierce received a call from Michigan Senator Casperson regarding a letter sent to the Senator concerning a bill to expedite the permit process for the treatment of lakes. The conversation covered various improvements to the current process.
- c. Mr. Shackelford e-mailed a report to Mr. Pierce on 09-26-2011 regarding findings on Lac View Desert (LVD). Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was verified in LVD as originally found and identified by Bill Artwich.
- d. E-mail also referred to an upcoming meeting for WIPIC which will happen sometime this coming winter. ISCCW will be informed of the date when set.
- e. Ian has three boat washers winterized and ready for storage. He asked if anyone knows of available inside storage please contact him.
- f. Cooks Run (Iron County) - Curly Leaf Pond Weed found by Bill Artwich while trout fishing. Ian will investigate more in 2012.

2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt

Mr. Wendt reported on the letter sent to Lisa Huberty of the Michigan DEQ as a result of the findings of the summer monitoring efforts for Bass Lake. This letter was read aloud at the meeting and is hereby incorporated by reference.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. A written report was distributed and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- b. Mr. Pierce added that certain monies anticipated from governmental sources may not come in as high as expected. E.g. an overview of expected contributions from Watersmeet Township and 2% money may fluctuate from \$14,000-\$20,000.

4. Membership Committee Report – Diana Mehlhop

- a. Time to get those annual memberships renewed. Remember that every membership renewed without a mailed reminder saves the cost of a first class stamp.
- b. Current total membership is 375. Summary handout is incorporated by reference.

5. Education/PR Committee Report- Bob Turnquist et al.

- a. Collected the remaining fish tapes. Collected over \$400 dollars for the season.
- b. Budget considerations for next year.

- \$40 for a new collection box
- \$600 for training
- \$60 for 4th of July candy
- The “Bring in your weeds” effort. No costs cited. Still trying to determine this programs effectiveness.
- Special Event – No costs identified as probable.
- Coloring contest – Withdrawn
- News articles – No costs
- Hand outs for the boat washing effort – No costs
- Brochures - \$100 identified as a cost for updating the current brochure with an insert.
- Floating key rings – first 200 were supplied for free. A sample was circulated amongst the group. An Insert for the floating key ring was cited as costing about \$50 for next year.
- \$150 for large format handouts
- “Clean Boats Clean Waters” campaign requires no additional money now.
- Flip cards for bulletin boards currently requires no money.
- License plate identifiers – No money required
- Fish ID cards budgeted at \$1000 but actual costs will probably be about \$500.

6. Biologists Report

- a. Bill – Would have the lakes finished but the inclement weather, particularly the wind, has impeded his efforts
- b. Barb reported on her efforts regarding Bass Lake.

7. Educator / Coordinator report- Kathy Peterson

- a. Some lake traffic figures were shared for September and October
 - In September the ISCCW washed 69% of the boats it encountered with 80% of them coming from lakes infested with EWM.
 - In October ISCCW washed 49% of the boats it encountered with 84% of them coming from lakes infested with EWM.
- b. Overall people seem to be aware of the vegetation on their boats and generally remove the visible traces.
- c. Frank Puffer stated that he had what he would consider an exceptionally good year.
- d. Ms. Peterson reported on the coverage by the boat washer at 4 fishing tournaments recently. She raised some questions about the most effective placement of their equipment and personnel (launch sites or registration area). When it was stated that we had much more success then the USFS washers Mr. Pierce raised some relevant points concerning the fishermen’s perception when they encounter the use of uniformed officers by the USFS boat washers.
- e. Ms. Peterson raised some issues regarding the Excel program and it statistics. She specifically cited some differences in the numbers referring to Wisconsin boat vs. Michigan boats.
- f. A question posed by Jeff Cherney concerned whether the ISCW should more actively encourage Wisconsin groups to help control invasive species. He was told that there are active groups in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Deficiencies do exist in getting local groups involved as cited by Barb Gajewski in the Land-o-Lakes area.

no plausible or natural explanation for the situation in Bass Lake. Mr. Pierce said that ISCCW at this time, pending upon any new information, is planning for a full fluoridone treatment in 2012. The Bass Lake project shall remain budgeted until further notice.

b. Thousand Island Lake Update

- This lake was marked with buoys by ISCCW biologist, Bill Artwich.
- Jim Floriano stated that he and Greg Wenzel of CCROA spent a day pulling EWM as marked by the buoys. More than 80% of the plants were identified and removed by hand, many of them of significant size. He stated that the prevalence of naturally occurring plants made the EWM difficult to distinguish underwater in order to remove them. A large population of Northern Milfoil was observed.
- Mr. Pierce stated that since this will be an on-going effort Thousand Island Lake will be on our list for next year and a budgetary amount will be provided. He went on to say that since the Cisco Chain is such a vast area of water efforts must be coordinated between all groups that are interested in treating this problem.
- Ms. Mehlhop expressed gratitude to all involved in this effort to remove EWM.

c. 2012 Budget

- Mr. Wendt charged all committees with providing the officers with their requirements for 2012. ISCCW is only about 2 months away from needing to provide a budget for 2012.
- Additional pressure is placed upon the ISCCW since USFS funds are “drying up”.

e. LVD Milfoil Update

- EWM could potentially exist anywhere on the lake since, except for five or six holes, it's average depth is from 12 to 15 feet. Due to the rice beds and the abundance of natural weeds Bill Artwich found the lake hard to sample which corresponds to Ian Shackleford's experience. When Ian went out to pull previously identified EWM plants he found them difficult to locate.
- Next years budget items to include more survey work on LVD. Interest in LVD should be bolstered by the strong support from the LVD Lake Association.

g. Langford Lake

- Ruth Bozdech reported (in absentia) that a permit to treat 39 acres was written. The cost for the permit is \$800.
- Mr. Wendt placed a motion before the Board to provide \$800 for this effort. Mr. Domanus gave support. The motion carried without dissent.

12. New business

- a. Biologist Barb Gajewski and Education/Coordinator Kathy Peterson reported on the cooperative efforts with the Watersmeet High School biology class and ISCCW.
- b. Barb provided a plan for a hands on approach to and use of an informative video.
- c. Some concerns exist regarding having children out on a field trip and out on a boat. These concerns could be mitigated by following protocols required by the school (IE signed parental permission slips) and a letter sanctioning the effort signed by a school official (George Peterson).
- d. Some concerns regarding access were cited since one of the children uses a wheel chair. This concern, while always important, was dismissed since the child in question has been on boats before.

- e. A motion to carry on with the plan was place before the Board by Mr. Domanus and supported by Margaret Marrs. The motion carried without dissent.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 AM

Next Meeting will be the 8th of November at 9:00 AM in the Ranger Station Conference Room

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Straszewski
Acting Secretary