

## **ISCCW BOARD MEETING**

Approved – November 8, 2011

USFS Conference Room, Watersmeet Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Joe LoMastro, Jim Floriano, Army Domanus, Fred Duerkop, Bob Zelinski, Bob Turnquist, Jeff Pytlarz, Will Buergey, Renee Shurr, and Bill Rehling.

Visitors: Greg Wenzel, Tom Church, Cheryl and John Neumann, Kathy Peterson, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Sandra Butelewski, Diana Mehlhop, Alan Ehlers, Ian Shackelford.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Vice-President Ken Wendt

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce, no report as Pierce was out of town.
2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt
  - All comments would be discussed in agenda items.
3. Finance Committee: Deferred until "Old Business, sub-B" discussion.
4. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkinson
  - Balance as of October 17<sup>th</sup> was \$61,657.52 with receipts of #308.46 and disbursements of \$911.04 for a closing balance of \$61,055.24 as of November 7, 2011.
  - Motion to accept the report and place it on file made by Will Buergey, seconded by Joe LoMastro, approved by voice vote without dissent.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop
  - Total Membership as of November 8<sup>th</sup> is 378.
  - Paid membership through 2011 is 287 with receipts of \$31,017.00.
  - Paid membership through 2012 is 114 with receipts to date of \$6,460.00.
  - Diana handed out renewal notices to members present and asked for volunteers to stay after the meeting to stuff envelopes for the 2012 member's renewal mailing.
6. Education/PR Committee Report- Bob Turnquist
  - Reaffirmation of proposed 2012 budget request.
    - \$40 for new "fish tape" donation boxes
    - \$60 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade candy
    - \$100 for Brochures change update
    - \$50 for insert for floating boat key rings (200 were key rings were donated)
    - \$150 for large format handouts
7. Biologists Report: Deferred until "Old Business, sub-A" discussion.
8. Educator / Coordinator Report: Deferred until "Old Business, sub-C" discussion.
9. Approval of October 18, 2011 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes made by Arny Domanus, second by Joe LoMastro. Four minor corrections were offered. Domanus and LoMastro agreed to an “approval as amended” modification to the motion. Minutes as amended approved by voice vote without dissent.

#### 10. Public Comments

- Arny Domanus asked that since we had considerable interaction with Vilas County in Wisconsin should we invite Ted Ritter (Vilas County AIS Coordinator) to one of our meetings. The general consensus of the Board was positive.

#### 11. Agenda Changes

- Since there were no changes and/or additions Steve Wilkinson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Will Buergey, approved by voice vote without dissent.

#### 12. Old Business

##### A. Bass Lake Update

##### a. DEQ Request for Telephone Conference

- Connection was made and Lisa Huberty (Aquatic Nuisance Control Program - Water Resources Division) identified herself to the meeting and asked for everyone present to identify themselves. Introductions complete, Lisa began by stating her public health and environmental impact concerns of the situation. Depending on the chemical(s) used there could be a threat to residents from well water and/or fish consumption.
- In the discussion that followed the subject of the WE Energies treatment along the power line route was primarily by their sub-contractor Asplundh. Not only was there a question of runoff and contaminated ground water seepage into the lake but also the protocol used when Asplundh’s employees flushed and filled the spray tankers at the Bass Lake landing. The question of water quality issues is a two edged sword; are we (DEQ) adequately protecting the public from a potential threat or are we raising unjustifiable concerns.
- After a discussion on how residents can go about testing their wells Lisa stated that she would research this and let us know what procedure to use. (*Info received next day from Lisa by email and forwarded to all Bass Lake email addresses in ISCCW’s files.*)
- DEQ is currently developing a game plan to further investigate this incident. DEQ asked for (1) a list of all Bass Lake Residents, (2) a copy of the Neumann/Pierce letter, (3) name of the Asplundh contact, and (4) a copy of the meeting attendees. Ken Wendt will supply this info to Lisa.

##### b. Deferred Biologist Report: Barb Gajewski

- Conducted a meandering milfoil survey on Bass Lake last Friday. Found a two (2) acre patch SW of the island plus a smaller patch near the EnviroScience buoy. The lake level is very low and Barb is concerned about oxygen levels. She suggests that it be monitored throughout the winter. Barb will prepare a budget to do this.

##### c. Lake Association Letter

- While waiting for the phone connection (see “a. DEQ Request for Telephone Conference” above) Ken Wendt read a letter from John Neumann and Dudley Pierce as sent to Bass Lake residents. The letter discussed the unknown chemical

treatment and the position of the MDEQ as it regarded what could or could not happen depending on whether or not someone came forward (this can be done anonymously) and identified the chemical used.

#### B. 2012 Budget

- Ken said that a draft budget would be prepared prior to next months meeting. Anyone who has budget items which have not been discussed should contact Ken with them. Diana asked that an additional \$80 be added to her request for a toner cartridge for the printer.

#### C. Cooperative Classes w/Watersmeet Biology Class

- This program included doing Secchi Disc readings on Duck Lake, examination of milfoil on Bass Lake, and the examination of a boat for various types of AIS. Kathy, Barb, Dudley, and Ken were all on hand for the boat examination which was video filmed by Channel 6 out of Marquette. Kathy Peterson went on to say that the Ironwood Globe would print an article on the program. An article was also submitted to ML&SA for their newsletter and to the "Border Bulletin".

#### D. Forest Service Report

- Ian Shackleford reported that WEPIC has money available for eradication control and some administration cost for 2012. Ian mentioned that it might be a good idea for the new Bass Lake Association to join WEPIC. Concerning the Crooked Lake Landing situation they are looking at a carry-in only landing. Another option would be to install a mandatory-permanent boat/trailer wash at the entrance to Sylvania and leave the landing as is. Ian finished by stating that public comment is welcome and should be submitted to Norm Nass at the Forest Service Headquarters.

#### E. CCROA Contact

- Ken stated that he and Dudley had met with Bob McGuffin and Greg Wenzel and the outcome was very positive. Both organizations have agreed to work together in the sharing of information and to better coordinate future activities.

13. New Business – None presented

14. Next Meeting Date – set for December 13, 2011 at the USFS Conference Room, 9:00 AM.

15. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Will Buergey with second by Steve Wilkinson. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Will Buergey/Ken Wendt  
Acting Secretary