

ISCCW BOARD MEETING
Approved - DECEMBER 13, 2011
USFS CONFERENCE ROOM, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Jim Floriano, Bill Rehling, Bob Zelinski, Fred Duerkop, Will Buergey, Margaret Marrs.

Visitors: Ian Shackelford, Greg Wenzel

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

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce - no report due to illness.
2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt - all comments will be made during appropriate Agenda item discussions.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkerson - Ken Wendt reported in Steve's absence. Since Nov 7th starting bank balance of \$61,055.24, disbursements were \$1,527.43 and receipts were \$11,230.05, leaving a balance of \$70, 757.86 as of December 12th, plus un-deposited funds of \$450.00 for an overall balance of \$71,207.86. Requests for reimbursement of \$1,113.01 under our WEPIC grant and \$3,500.00 (1/2 of the total) under our RAC grant. Thanks to Ian for his efforts in obtaining these grants and assisting in the reimbursement requests.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt will discuss "Proposed 2012 Budget" during Old Business of Agenda.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop - Ken Wendt reported for Diana. As of December 13, total number of members = 379, with donations paid through December 31, 2011 of \$31,017.00 and donations paid through December 31, 2012 of \$16,460.00. Ken stated memberships and donations continue to flow in.
6. Education/PR Committee: Bob Turnquist / Bill Rehling - Bob stated there was no activity since last meeting adding the committee would be meeting in January.
7. Biologist's Reports:
 - i. Bill Artwich - not present
 - ii. Barb Gajewski forwarded comments which Ken Wendt reported;
 - a. RAC project final report should be completed before E-O-Y.
 - b. A further review will be done but at this time it appears that 2,4-D "spot" treatment of Bass Lake milfoil in 2012 will be more than 5 acres and less than 20 acres.
 - c. Both Channel 6 (Marquette) and the Ironwood Daily Globe had very nice press coverage of our school involvement projects.
8. Educator/Coordinator Report: Kathy Peterson - not present. Ken Wendt reported that Kathy Peterson's continued participation for 2012 was unclear at this date.

9. Approval of November 8, 2011 Minutes and Reports. A motion to accept the minutes as written and reports as presented made by Will Buergey, supported by Fred Duerkop, and approved unanimous

10. Public Comments:

Ian Shackelford of Forest Service reported USFS 2011 expenses for boat washing will be forthcoming. Ian stated that, through the federal program Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) report, monies will become available for treatments in 2012. They are waiting on Bass Lake outcomes to be determined and then some of this money could go to the Bass Lake Association to cover some treatment costs. Ian stated a contract has been let to build a boat wash station on Hagerman Lake through the GLRI. FS is not sure there are zebra mussels in Hagerman Lake anymore. The construction will be simple as there is electric and water available. Ian also reported that FS is proposing installation of a gate at the Crooked Lake boat launch. Fred Duerkop asked how will the gate prevent weeds from coming out since it is already affected. Fred Duerkop asked; since Duck Lake is already infected why not also prevent boats from going in and out there? Ian Shackelford responded that FS generally does not like to prevent ingress and egress on lakes. Jim Floriano stated the gate at Crooked Lake will create a portaging problem / weight for elderly who like to drop a canoe in Crooked Lake to fish. Ken Wendt stated seniors like to fish Crooked because it is quiet and asked Ian if Kathy Thrall had spoken to FS regarding a boat washer at the Sylvania Wilderness entrance. Ian replied FS has not considered a boat washer there. Ken commented that fishing is an economic boost to the area and restricting access to lakes is counterproductive. Jim Floriano reminded the group that spiny water fleas and zebra mussels continue to be a concern. Bilge pumps can push out these organisms; also boat trailer beds trap organisms that then get in the lakes. Ken commented bleach is a very effective remedy. Ian solicited ideas for monies available from FS.

Greg Wenzel reported that CCROA is applying for permits for treatment on Thousand Island Lake. They are developing their plan. They understand with five acres of infestation they are allowed to treat. Boat landing is the specific area on Thousand Island Lake. Ken suggested, perhaps, they should get a larger permit because of possible spring growth. He asked Mr. Wenzel if money amounts would be needed for treatment.

Jim Floriano asked if Duck Lake would qualify for the FS monies and what is the process for application. Ian replied Duck Lake would be eligible to apply and that FS is creating a simpler application form for monies. Jim Floriano asked if money had to be spent in 2012, Ian said yes. Ken Wendt asked if ISCCW requesting an amount would be helpful, and Ian replied that there is approximately \$19,000 in GLRI monies to be divided equally.

Ken suggested Bass Lake Association should join WEPIC (Western Peninsula Invasives Coalition).

Greg Wenzel reported that CISCO Chain had treated curly leaf pond weed in the past, but had no plans for the future for treatment. CISCO plan is to treat Eurasian milfoil on

Thousand Island. Northland College is hired to continue to do the surveying. Those monitoring will be giving specific attention to ISCCW Biologist, Bill Artwich's, coordinates. Ken Wendt stated ISCCW's plan for the Cisco Chain of Lakes will be deferred to the January meeting. Greg added that Lindsey Lake is also monitored by Northland College students. He stated plans for management of invasives is moving in a positive direction. He added it is unknown if a permit is being applied for Clearwater Lake.

11. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: A motion to close the agenda with no changes made was moved by Fred Duerkop, supported by Bill Rehling and approved.

12. Old Business

- A. Bass Lake Update- Ken Wendt Ken read synthesis of sent emails to Lisa Huberty (Aquatic Nuisance Control Program-Water Resources Division) regarding power line land deforestation spraying in Bass Lake area. Actual spraying of power line land would not have affected the lake due to distance, but the state mandatory flushing of tanker and lines could have contaminated the lake. Aspludh uses two chemicals in this type of spraying which would have killed all vegetation in the lake with a 250+ day lifespan, Dow AgroSciences' Garlon™ 3A (triclopyr based) and DuPont Escort XP (metsulfurion methyl based). The DEQ is investigating the incident. DEQ will have to prove any negligence; if proven, financial responsibility will lie with Aspludh. Ken stated it is most unlikely ISCCW will apply for a full 2012 fluoridone treatment of Bass Lake, but monitoring and spot treatment with 2,4-D will be done. Ken again urged Bass Lake residents (none present) to join WPIC.
- B. Operating Plan for 2012 – Due to President Pierce's absence Ken asked for agreement to postpone until the January meeting. A Motion to delay presentation of the Operating Plan for 2012 was made by Bob Turnquist, supported by Jeff Pytlarz and approved.
- C. Proposed Budget for 2012- Ken Wendt Ken explained proposal amounts for each line item. Asked if there were any changes or additions. There were none. A Motion to accept the Proposed Budget was made by Jeff Pytlarz, supported by Jim Floriano and approved.

13. New Business – none

14. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Zelinski, supported by Fred Duerkop and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next meeting of ISCCW will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 9 AM in the Forest Service Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marrs
Acting Secretary