

ISCCW BOARD MEETING

Approved - JANUARY 17, 2012

USFS CONFERENCE ROOM, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

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

Guests Present: Ian Shackleford, Barb Gajewski, Greg Wenzel, Jim and Judy Donlan, Tom Church, Jim Novitski, Larry Grems, Jim Reiels, Dave Lamoreaux, Diana Mehlhop.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Dudley Pierce.

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce reported that Lisa Huberty referenced a PowerPoint presentation available on an AIS, Starry Stonewort, newly found in Northern bodies of water. The specie can be treated with an application of a copper solution, but the treatment can wipe out a lake. The presentation can be made available upon arrangement. Additionally, Dudley reported that grants for two boat washers, to be used on Lac Vieux Desert, were received by the Tribe. The DEQ is deciding on the locations for the boat washers. Two full time positions will be funded to man those washers, as reported by Alan Shively to Dudley.
2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt had no report and any comments he has will be made during appropriate Agenda items.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkinson reported that as of this date there is a Bank Balance of \$85,742.08. Since The December 12, 2011 Bank Balance of \$70,757.86, there have been receipts of \$18,678.01; these receipts reflect Memberships of \$8,065.00; WePic grant reimbursement of \$1,113.01; RAC grant reimbursement of \$7,000.00; and the Watersmeet Township LVD 2% monies of \$2,500.00. Disbursements since December 12, 2011 have been the following: Ms. Gajewski contract services (RAC) of \$3,500.00; Ms. Gajewski contract services re: Bass Lake of \$120.00 and Diana Mehlhop re: ISCCW printer ink cartridge of \$73.79. Total Disbursements during the month of December, 2011 were \$3,693.79. Steve pointed out that this time last year, 2011, our bank balance was \$87,000.00, and he stated that he thought we were within a similar range this year. Steve thanked Ian Shackleford for his assistance in getting the grants, also Gail Dopra for her assistance in processing reimbursement requests, and Barb Gajewski for her RAC report. He stated that Roy Porterfield, ISCCW's tax preparer completed and mailed the 1099 to all contractors as well as the IRS and the State.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt thanked Diana Mehlhop for her dedication to the Membership position and Ian Shackleford for assisting with reimbursements due ISCCW. He complimented Barb Gajewski on her comprehensive RAC report online.
5. Membership Committee: Diana Mehlhop reported receipts of \$31,017.00 during the 2011 membership drive, reflecting dues and donations from the following categories: 287 total members; 266 Class A (individual/Family) members; 21 Class B (Business/Org) members; and 4 Non-Member Donors. This year, 2012, to date receipts of donations and dues total \$23, 875.00, plus twelve more which were received at the meeting today. She has sent an email reminder to non-renewing former members and will send out a USPS reminder in February. She stated that a generous donation of \$5,500 was made by the JUDAY Foundation. Will Buergey noted that the number of memberships was up, but donations were down. Diana stated that she sees a trend of donations per member going down. Her report has further breakdowns of dues and donations.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Bob Turnquist and Bill Rehling both rendered the committees report from their January 13, 2012 meeting and stated it can be found on the website for interested parties. They stated that the next meeting is set for April 24, to be ready for the Board Meeting in May. By that time, programs will be ready to put in place. Ken asked if the committee budget was sufficient and Bill reported it was sufficient.
7. Biologist's Report: Barb Gajewski presented her RAC report on Duck Lake and Crooked Lake and a discussion ensued. Tom Church addressed the presence of phragmites on Duck Lake and the reed canary grass on Crooked Lake. He said that Friends of Sylvania will be looking into treating. Ian offered that there are two different geotypes of phragmites, one native and one non-native invasive that are found growing also on the Great Lakes shoreline, and suggested a look at how they were being treated. Jim Floriano suggested mapping those two species on Duck to see if they are spreading. Tom Church stated these AIS grow in an environment where wild rice grows and said it will replace rice and cattails. Fred Duerkop stated that on Lake Michigan shore, the DNR treated the AIS immediately and aggressively. Tom asked what the appropriate measures to control reed canary grass are. Ian asked if it was also in the wilderness. Barb Gajewski stated she hoped to know what the LVD plans were before the summer. Ken stated that Alan Shively of the LVD is very interested in ISCCW efforts and that he, Ken, would be getting back to him. Tom Church mentioned they created a link on the Friends of Sylvania website to the RAC Report. Ken stated that the information is also available on our website, along with all other reports, saying that everything ISCCW does is and should be public knowledge. Diana asked if there were new RAC funds, Ian replied there were not, but that some funds were remaining from last year. Arny Domanus reported that no funds were appropriated by Congress, and that payments for 2011 will be forwarded and implemented in 2012.
8. Educator/Coordinator Report: No report available.
9. Approval December, 2011 Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Will Buergey and seconded by Bob Turnquist. Ian requested a change in the wording under public comments from "*Ian Shackleford of Forest Service reported USFS 2011 expenses for boat washing will be forth coming. Ian stated that, through the federal program Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) report, monies will become available for treatments; he also stated annual maintenance monies will be available.*" to "*Ian Shackleford of Forest Service reported USFS 2011 expenses for boat washing will be forth coming. Ian stated that, through the federal program Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) report, monies will become available for treatments in 2012.*" A Motion to approve the Minutes as amended was made by Will Buergey and seconded by Bob Turnquist and passed unanimously.
10. Public Comments:
 - Will Buergey stated that Kathy Peterson resigned, turning in her materials and the key to the ISCCW offices. Ken Wendt thanked Kathy Peterson for service and wished her well.
 - Ian Shackleford stated that there is some \$17,000 in monies to share with Forest Service lake partners. Lakes need to be in the Ottawa Watershed, i.e., Iron County and Gogebic County. All that is needed is an agreement with the Forest Service to secure the monies. Ian also stated that the \$10,000 RAC grant needs to be obligated this year. It can then be strung out to 2014. He mentioned there is an additional \$4,737.00 available for boat washing. Ian further stated that WePIC needs to prepare a referendum of agreement for members to sign, stating that at present there are 13 organizations signed up.
 - Ian stated that John Skogerboe reported that in 2011, \$10,000 was used to treat Langford Lake with very little long term effect, but recommended treating again. Ian continued that John Skogerboe felt that whatever is used on Langford Lake should be whatever costs out the least since he felt that granular or liquid would work equally well and that spot treatment does not work. Langford Lake is approximately 470 acres and is a shallow lake with a 20 ft. depth at its deepest. Ken Wendt stated that Langford was treated by

the Army Corps with 11 tons of product over several years and we have been informed that the Corps will not do anymore as they have completed their research studies. He questioned if the applications they did were ever intended to solve the problem since the lake still has about 125 acres with spot batches of EWM. That is the reason for Langford Lake's inclusion in the 2012 Operating Plan. Tom Church commented he wondered if Army Corps had wanted to eradicate. Will Buergey stated we will have to do pre-studies and testing on Langford Lake with Fluridone and then apply for a license for 2013 for application dependent on the results. Dudley mentioned that the full cost of treating Langford Lake could cost as much as \$60,000 with the required DEQ studies, pre-testing, permits, etc. During the continuing discussion of available chemicals the question was asked why Michigan's DEQ didn't approve liquid 2-4-D. Ken stated that he thought the DEQ was not anxious to look at new chemicals, but relied on status quo. Ian said that they may have 2-4-D "on their plate". Barb Gajewski brought up the importance of studying the labels on the chemicals to get correct ratios of water volume to chemical amounts. Joe LoMastro stated that the label on NAVIGATE says 150 lbs per acre. Ian said he uses 200 lbs per acre on permit applications. Greg Wenzel, representing CCROA, asked if John Skogerboe's comment could be reiterated regarding spot treatment. The consensus was that spot treatment does work if treat not only the plant but also the area around the plant, at least 100' radius, take a "big area and hit it aggressively". Ken mentioned that Bass Lake is now slated for spot treatment in 2012. The question of a full Fluridone treatment does not look promising at this time, mainly because of the excessive kill last year and the uncertainty of what did it.

- Army Domanus read the Michigan Lakes and Streams current Newsletter, citing plans for addressing legislation for AIS. Ken Wendt said State Senator Walker's mission seems to be to get U.S. and Canadian legislation to work together to protect recreation, charter fishing, and industries on the Great Lakes. Inland Waterways need to be addressed, but Senator Walker is not pursuing this issue. Senator Casperson is interested in helping ISCCW. Army said it is a start. Tom Church reminded the group that this is the second time Michigan is proposing legislation with no action seen; he added that Minnesota has 70 boat washers on roads, and that Michigan's inaction is frustrating. Dudley commented that it sadly appears to be Michigan "lip service". Army stated Senate Bill #508 is requiring ship's ballast to be closed and treated.
- Mr. Jim Novitsky, of Perch Lake northeast of Iron River, came to observe and solicited ideas to set up something along the same lines as ISCCW's efforts. Perch Lake has a Forest Service boat landing and campsites with a seasonal riparian association of approximately 28 families. Will Buergey shared some ideas. Dudley Pierce asked Mr. Novitsky to stay after the meeting for further assistance.
- Army Domanus congratulated Land O'Lakes Fish and Game Club for their donation of \$901.65 that was forwarded to school projects involving AIS.

11. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: no changes were made and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Will Buergey.

12. Old Business:

- A. Bass Lake Update: Dudley stated that Lisa Huberty strongly indicated we should not get a Flouridone permit for Bass Lake, saying the \$1,500 permit fee would probably be wasted. Lisa further said that a spot treatment permit would be expedited, as well as any amended permits. Barb Gajewski suggested a less than 5 acre permit for 2-4-D to treat southeast end of Bass Lake, small areas on the north end and small areas along the east shore of the lake would be needed. Dudley wanted to get permit for spot treatment with Bass Lake Riparian owners contributing. Fred Duerkop asked if we should seek involvement from Feds. Dudley said evidence is there to spot treat for an area of up to 5 acres surrounding a plant area. DEQ offers an amendable permit with an additional minimal permit fee. Ken Wendt said the Lisa Huberty will work quickly with ISCCW and that any amended permits would be expedited. Barb asked how we were soliciting treatment on Bass. Dudley replied that a Flouridone for Bass Lake is "off" but may be "on" for Langford Lake. Steve Wilkinson, saying he had been out of town, asked why off Bass Lake. Dudley and Ken responded that it is becoming more and more clear that the chemicals which seeped into the lake may have caused the kill off on Bass. Lisa Huberty is not at liberty to share info at this time, but that she reaffirmed no Flouridone at this time. Steve Wilkinson asked why

ISCCW gets permits, instead of riparian owners, citing concerns about liability should a problem appear. Dudley replied riparian owners trust our ability to get those permits. Barb Gajewski furnished updates on Bass Lake and provided CD's of her findings. Dudley stated that Lisa Huberty will give rudimentary instructions to Bass Lake property owners, e.g., the wisdom of 5 yr. plan for well checks. She stated that the MDEQ is a permitting agency, not an enforcement agency.

- B. Operating Plan for 2012: Dudley stated the plan is an overview of activities for 2012. While the majority of the plan had been previously discussed Greg Wenzel reported that CCROA is moving forward in an aggressive manner with education and remediation investigation, where needed. Joe LoMastro asked if there is any treatment on the Cisco Chain will monies be needed? Ken responded that CCROA said they would cover monies that might be needed but, will come to ISCCW if help is needed. Greg Wenzel stated that CCROA is looking at Clearwater Lake. Dudley added that ISCCW is also looking at Clearwater. Ken said there is an agreement with the CCROA for a reciprocal exchange of information. Lakeland College findings have to date not been shared.
- C. Approval of Operating Plan for 2012: A motion to approve the 2012 Operating Plan was made by Ken Wendt and seconded by Steve Wilkinson. Margaret Marrs asked what the last sentence's phrase "perceived need" should be interpreted as. Dudley said the Board would decide as a group on "need". Bob Turnquist said the ED/PR committee will publish the Operating Plan in local newspapers. Ken suggested that the plan be forwarded to Michigan Lake and Stream Assn. along with Barb Gajewski's findings. Dudley asked for a vote to approve the Operating Plan for 2012. Plan was unanimously approved.

13. New Business:

- A. Dudley Pierce stated that 2012 staffing at this date included Frank Puffer and the possibility of two college students, who have expressed interest, to fill the boat washer positions. It is hoped that the open positions will be staffed by March to be ready for May. He further stated that the Board has received an application for Education Coordinator from Nina Fiorucci. Will Buergey expressed a concern of liability with young people operating the boat washer. Dudley said that was not a concern.
- B. Ken Wendt asked if we should renew our membership in Michigan Waterfront Alliance with a \$200 membership fee. Ken added that since ISCCW is barred from lobbying he believed our membership is vital. There was a motion to approve renewing membership made by Will Buergey and seconded by Steve Wilkinson. Membership was approved by the Board.

The next meeting of the ISCCW was proposed for Tuesday - March 20, 2012, and a motion to approve the date was made by Fred Duerkop, and seconded by Bob Turnquist.

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Bob Turnquist and seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Marrs