

Notes on ISCCW “Un-Official” MEETING

March 20, 2012

USFS CONFERENCE ROOM, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Dudley Pierce, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson , Bob Turnquist, Jeff Pytlarz, Margaret Marrs.

Guests Presents: Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, John Neumann, Jim Reiels, Diana Mehlhop.

It was determined that there was an insufficient number of Board Members present for this meeting; thereby, the meeting lacked a quorum for voting or motions. Reports were read, but their approval is postponed until the next official meeting.

1. President's Reports: Dudley Pierce reported the following items. Frank Puffer will be returning as an employed boat washer working 32 hours per week at a contract rate of \$10.35/hr. Members of the LVD Tribe report they will begin spear fishing Monday night. GLIFWC also reported they may begin spearing earlier this year. Lisa Huberty is currently scheduled to attend ISCCW April meeting to discuss Langford Lake AIS issues.
2. Vice President's Reports: Ken Wendt reported the first part of the contract with the Forest Service is being worked on. Ken thanked Ian Shackelford of the Forest Service for his assistance and support with the process. Mr. Wendt stated monies are available for boat washer expenses and Bass Lake treatment; Bass Lake permitting from the DEQ is being applied for by Barb Gajewski, Biologist. A question was raised concerning the permit costs of \$200/5 acres vs. \$400/20 acres and wouldn't it be more prudent to apply for 20 acres at the onset? Mr. Wendt also forwarded information from Arny Domanus regarding Michigan Tech's Summer Youth Program on Aquatic Ecology at the Gratiot Conservancy. Events scheduled are: June 30-Shoreline Stewardship Workshop, July 14-15-Sketching the Landscape in Watercolor, July 15-20 Aquatic Ecology, July 21 –a retreat at Gratiot Lake, August 11- Dragonfly and Damselfly Workshop, and lastly, August 18-19- Wetland Plant Workshop.
3. Treasurer's Reports: Steve Wilkinson reported the Bank Balance as of January 17, 2012 was \$86,742.08; since then receipts have been \$17, 575.00 and disbursements have been \$1,213.45 for a total Bank Balance as of March 20, 2012 of \$102,103.63. He noted that approximated \$200 in membership checks were received today. Steve pointed out that the ISCCW bank balance one year ago (March 20, 2011) was \$88,653.37, and compared that to the current 2012 Bank Balance.
4. Membership Committee Reports: Diana Mehlhop reported the "Paid through 12/31/2012" membership totals donations of \$26,850.00 reflecting 340 members. She reported memberships are still slowing coming in.

5. Education/PR Committee Reports: Bob Turnquist reported that the committee will be meeting again in April. Assigned tasks are being worked on by members.
6. Biologists' Reports: Barb Gajewski reported she is currently condensing the RAC report into a magazine report. She informed the Board that NAVIGATE manufacturing is changing the rates of application. She also mentioned that the Government now is requesting secondary permits for applications. More to follow on those subjects.
Barb asked if there was any new CCROA information. Dudley Pierce responded that CCROA has a new open book policy; that they have a website to be released in June; that their Ashland College report will also be available on their website at that time.
Ken Wendt stated that the CCROA representative to ISCCW, Greg Wenzel, expressed an interest in taking a position on the ISCCW Board next August.
Barb Gajewski further commented on Bass Lake that the permits and maps are together and that she is looking at 5 acres and up to 20 acres. She stated she was hoping for an early spring survey because they need to amend the map to align with the surveys. There are more unknowns, she said, as to early Spring Bass Lake presence of AIS.
Bill Artwich, Biologist, asked when he should begin curly leaf pondweed mapping. The general consensus was to begin now, for it is long season because of the warm weather of this 2012 spring. Bill stated permits were received for Clearwater Lake, Thousand Island Lake, and a permit for Duck Lake has been pulled.
Ken Wendt commented that the Army Corps of Engineers has pulled out of Langford Lake. He questioned if they had been there to do research, rather than treat AIS. Ken added that ISCCW may want to look at Fluridone treatment in 2013 on Langford. There is approximately 75 to 80 dense acres of AIS. He asked if Langford Lake Riparian owners are monitoring for that would be a piece of the information for permitting. Ruth Bozdech or Jim Donnelly may have the answer.
7. Educator/Coordinator Reports: Nina Fiorucci has accepted this contract position for 2012.
8. Approval of January 17, 2012 Minutes was deferred until the next official meeting. However, correction was noted to change "Spiny Starwort" to "Starry Stonewort" in paragraph one of President's report.
9. Presentation: A PowerPoint presentation on "Starry Stonewort" which was to be provided by Lisa Huberty was unable to be viewed due to technical problems.

Since there were no further comments the meeting was ended with a reminder that the next official meeting would be on April 17th at the regular time and place.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marrs, Acting Secretary