

ISCCW BOARD MEETING
Approved – APRIL 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, Ruth Bozdech, Jeff Pytlarz and Bob Zelinski.

Visitors: Diana Mehlhop, Frank Kuchevar, Ian Shackelford and Frank Puffer
Meeting was called to order at 9:03 by President Dudley Pierce.

1. President's report: Dudley Pierce - reported he had met with the LVD spearing and fishing warden. The warden would not enforce boat/trailer washing and he was not interested in knowing the infected sites. Dudley was disappointed in the warden's response as the warden responsible last year was very co-operative and encouraged the fishermen to have their boats cleaned. Frank Puffer said only 6 boats came in to be washed this year.
Dudley gave a report on the IRS ruling which prohibits charitable foundations from making donations to a 501(c) 3 on which a member of the giving foundation has an active role in the receiving group. Further investigation for clarification will be done.
2. Vice President's report: Ken Wendt - stated he would combine his report with the Finance Committee report. Ken is working on securing a Dun's number necessary to receive USFS funds. The ISCCW had a Dun's number previously but no record could be found and they (Dun's) would not give out the old number hence the necessity of securing a new number. Ken will next apply for CCR and ORCA numbers which are also part of the requirement to receive funds from the USFS. Ken reported he mailed the application for the Bass Lake permit March 27.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkinson reported a bank balance of \$102,103.63 March 20, with receipts since then of \$874 and disbursements of \$709.55, leaving a balance of \$102,268.08 on April 17, 2012.
4. Finance Report: See Vice-Presidents report above.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported paid memberships thru 2012 are 357 members. Diana noted a few past members have not renewed due to extenuating circumstances.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Bob Turnquist reported the committee will be meeting next week and he will have more information for the board at the May meeting. Bob said Jim Reiels has written an article for up-coming publication. Also. Jeff Pytlarz will be preparing a video soon. He will need 12-15 hours of filming so everyone needs to inform him of schedule events. Bill Rehling said he and Bob had built more boxes for fish tape donations and they will be distributed shortly. They have about 200 of the large waterproofed invasive species identification documents, 2/3 of which are for EWM and 1/3 for Curly Leaf Pond Weed. They will be selectively distributed.

7. Biologist Reports: Dudley Pierce read the report from Barb Gajewski. Barb has been working on the requirements for treatment of Langford Lake. Barb has sent the spring water samples to a water chemistry lab and will be collecting plants the first and second week of June. Jim Donlan/Ruth Bozdech will be doing weekly secchi readings starting in May. Treatment for the remaining EWM will start on Bass Lake as soon as we receive the approved MDEQ permit, hopefully during the one-half of May.
8. In lieu of Educator/Coordinator Report, Ian Shackelford, USFS reported the RAC and GLIFIC grants have been processed. Ian completed the draft for the contract on starting the Langford Lake project. He announced the WIPIC meeting will be held May 30 at 10AM at a location to be determined (*Location will be the USFS Watersmeet Visitors Center*). He is also working on a 3 year contract for surveying for AIS. Ken Wendt reported a Fluridone treatment is tentatively planned for Langford Lake in 2013. As the USFS cannot use Fluridone for treating, the permit will be applied for by the Langford Lake association. Ian also explained what the letters DUN, CCR and ORCA mean. Ian said Dickinson County is infested with hybrid EWM.
9. Approval of January 17, 2012 Minutes:
 - Under Membership Committee, Diana Mehlhop stated “a generous donation of \$5,600” should read “a generous donation of \$5,500” and the last sentence of her report the last sentence of her report should be eliminated. There being no further changes - Steve Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes as corrected, supported by Bob Turnquist and unanimously approved.Approval of the March 20, 2012 Minutes:
 - Under Board Members Present, Jim Reiels should be listed as a Guest. Under Vice President’s report, “Mr. Wendt also forwarded information from Arny Domanus regarding Michigan Tech’s Summer Your Program on Aquatic Ecology at Gratiot Lake Conservancy” not Gratiot Lake High School. There being no further changes - Steve Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes as corrected, supported by Jeff Pytlarz and unanimously approved.
10. Public Comments – Jim Floriano brought a very large rusty crayfish taken from Duck Lake and passed it around. He said that in large numbers they could pose a problem since this size is too big for fish food and thrives on eating weeds and is very hard on fish eggs. They will be testing in the lake to get an idea of how many there may be.
11. Agenda Changes/Approval of changes.
 - a. Old Business – eliminate 12 C, move Staffing to 12 B.
 - b. New Business – Add 13a Approval of funds
 - Arny Domanus moved to accept the changes to the agenda, supported by Steve Wilkinson and unanimously approved.
12. Old Business:
 - a. 12A – Bass Lake and Langford Lake updates were done earlier in the meeting.
 - b. 12B – 2012 Staffing:
 - Ken Wendt moved to approve Frank Puffer as a boat/trailer washer, supported by Steve Wilkinson and approved.

- Arny Domanus moved to approve Nina Fiorucci as Educator/Coordinator, supported by Bob Turnquist and unanimously approved.
- Andy Kopsi was nominated for one of the remaining boat /trailer washer positions, Steve Wilkinson moved to accept the nomination, Ken Wendt supported and the motion was unanimously passed.
- One more person is needed for the boat/trailer washer. Bob Zelinski asked for a job description for a boat washer position. Dudley furnished the information for Bob. Ken said he would be talking to Dennis Bolton who was a former washer for us.

13. New Business:

- a. 13A – Approval of Funds. Ken Wendt submitted bill for the Bass Lake postage, Dun & Bradstreet postage, and \$236.90 for D&B Annual Fee. Steve moved to accept the bill, supported by Arny and unanimously approved.

General Comments: Fred Duerkop announced he had received information from Senator Casperson concerning permit fees. The senator has proposed legislation that would keep the fee the same but the permit would be good for 3 years.

Joe LoMastro said he had received information about treating AIS. AIS would have to be analyzed and there are more conditions before you can get a permit. These regulations are due to be implemented by 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, secretary