

ISCCW BOARD MEETING  
Approved – July 17, 2012  
Ottawa Visitors Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Visitors: Diana Mehlhop, Bob McGuffin, Greg Wenzel, Nina Fiorucci, Cheryl Neumann, Pate Philips, Carl Knoll, Bill Artwich, Christine Murphy, Jim Reiels, Ian Shackelford, and Barb Gajewski.

President Dudley Pierce opened the meeting at 9:06.

1. President's Report: Dudley reported he had been contacted by Senator Casperson and Dan Wayans of the DEQ to plan a meeting with ISCCW July 31. Also in the planning is a possible meeting with the DNR director Keith Creagh. Dudley will let the board know the exact date and time of the meeting if setup. Dudley read an email he had received from the Bass Lake Association thanking ISCCW for their support with costs incurred from the treatments in Bass Lake.
2. Vice-President's Report: Ken Wendt reported he had contacted EnviroScience and they had written off the remaining funds for the post Bass Lake weevil treatment survey over a year ago. Ken said he would notify Shirley Hibbeln that she is no longer liable for payment. Ken further reported that he had received several emails and phone calls from Thousand Island Lake residents regarding EWM in the lake and the eventual threat to the entire Cisco Chain. Seeing as how the Cisco Chain is by far the largest body of waters in Watersmeet Township, and that the cost of detection and treatment of invasives within its' boundaries could become overwhelming even with the CCROA and ISCCW working together, he and Dudley thought it prudent to make a modification to the membership form which would allow Cisco Chain residents to designate funds, over and above the their annual dues, specifically for Cisco Chain actions. However, since ISCCW can not predict the future needs of funds, the language reserves the right of the ISCCW Board, by majority vote, to determine where the monies are ultimately used.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkinson reported a Bank balance on June 18, 2012 of \$96,295.90, with receipts of \$2,925.50 and disbursements of \$12,287.17, leaving a bank balance on July 17, 2012 of \$86,940.23.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt. No report.
5. Education/PR Committee Report: Bob Turnquist reported LVD on-water training held on July 9<sup>th</sup> had 11 people in attendance, 9 from LVD and 2 from Marion Lake. Next training will be on the Cisco Chain, scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob said Minnesota has produced several 30 second video clips, concerning invasive species, which have been posted on our web site. Bill Rehling reported another \$177.67 collected from the fish tape boxes.
6. Membership Committee Report: Diana reported there are now 418 ISCCW paid members. Diana read a letter from a Lac Vieux Desert donor thanking the ISCCW for their efforts to control invasive species in Lac Vieux Desert. Members are encouraged to send in their 2013 renewal since early responses will save contact expenses later.

## 7. Biologist Reports:

- Barb Gajewski said EWM samples had been sent in from Langford Lake for research to determine how much chemical will be necessary to treat the EWM plants in the lake. The LVD lake plan is in draft form and will be presented to representatives for review. LVD has a draft "lake plan" which they will be reviewing in a meeting next week. In August Barb will do a follow-up on the effect of our EWM treatment of Bass Lake.
- Bill Artwich reported on his monitoring and survey work to date which included Big and Little Africa Lakes, Dinner Lake, Moon Lake, Duck Lake (requested permission to do a follow-up on Duck Lake), Marion Lake, Allen Lake, and Long Lake. Bill's prior year's reports on lakes surveyed are available on the web site. This year's reports will be posted at year end. Bill requested more survey time for work on Duck Lake. A question was asked concerning the growth rate of Curly Leaf Pondweed if left untreated. Bill responded CLP is not as aggressive as EWM and is unpredictable in its growth pattern. It is a complex plant and treatment at this time is not advised. Bill asked for a report on the recent treatment of Clearwater Lake, Greg Wenzel said he would provide same.

8. Educator/Coordinator Report: Nina Fiorucci said contacts have doubled since last month, reporting 238 boats washed out of 489 boats and 872 people contacted. The majority saying they are aware of the invasive species problem. The most boats are washed at LVD, Thunder Bay and the Cisco Chain. There are 3 times more Wisconsin license plates than Michigan plates and 2 times more Illinois plates than Michigan. Nina will be at the Land O Lakes Library July 24 at 11:00 AM to do a children's presentation. She encouraged the board to tell people about it. Nina concluded by telling the P/R Committee that more "T" shirts are needed and that Andy and herself will be leaving for school on, or about, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

9. Approval of June 19, 2012 Minutes: Remove Renee Shurr from visitor's present and add her to board members present. Jim Reiels stated that the Education/ PR Committee Report - last sentence should be changed to read "Jim Reiels announced that there is an article ready for publishing". Motion to "accept minutes as amended" made by Will Buergey, support by Steve Wilkinson, approved unanimously.

## 10. Public Comments:

- Greg Wenzel and Bob McGuffin gave an update on CCROA activities and discussed the relationship between our two groups, stressing the positive values of cooperation and the need to share information to maximize our resources. He thanked ISCCW for our help in getting the modified treatment permit expedited. A general discussion followed that was both enlightening and informative and moved our two groups forward in a solid relationship as we continue our fight against invasives.
- Ian Shackelford, USFS reported on the recent EWM pulling at Desolation Point on LVD, removing 18 plants from Michigan waters. Ian foresees more EWM in LVD in 2013. Bill Artwich noted that a fairly large patch (approx 30' by 70") of EWM exists at Simpson's Point at the entrance to Thunder Bay. Ian continued with a report on the Langford Lake project saying everything seems to be going well and he hopes to have more of an update on the Lake Management plan available next month. He is waiting on a date from John Skogerboe concerning his survey. Ian further reported

they are working on a reprint of the USFS Clean Boats/Clean Waters brochure. The FS would be interested in contracting with scuba divers for 2013. Ian said the Hagerman Lake permanent boat/trailer washer will soon be under construction. Ian asked if the ISCCW could supply a boat washer to be at Sylvania as the regional director will be present. Ian will notify the association of the time – the date is July 27 2012 (*unfortunately this was later cancelled*).

- Renee Shurr announced the bill for water testing on Bass Lake has been paid by the Bass Lake Association.

Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Under Old Business, add “B” Approval of Bill Artwich’s request to return to Duck Lake. Under New Business, add “D” Invoice for treatment on Duck Lake. Motion to “approve agenda as modified” made by Joe LoMastro, support by Fred Duerkop, approved unanimously.

#### 11. Old Business:

- A. Annual Meeting Agenda: The annual meeting of ISCCW will be held Aug. 4, 2012 at 2 PM in the pavilion in Watersmeet. A census was taken of board members to determine if they wished to serve another term. All agreed to return. Ken Wendt has updated the form for proxy votes and meeting notices will be sent to all members either by email or postal service.
- B. Bill Artwich Request: Bill needs more time to work on Duck Lake. Board approval was necessary for Bill to be reimbursed. Motion to “authorize up to 6 hrs of additional time on Duck Lake” made by Steve Wilkinson, support by Ken Wendt, approved unanimously.

#### 12. New Business:

- A. Resolution regarding seeking advice from tax attorney: This is to settle a two year old IRS issue. Ken Wendt offered a resolution to “engage a CPA firm with tax reporting expertise”, support by Steve Wilkinson, approved unanimously.
- B. Schedule/placement of boat/trailer washers for the fall. After some discussion it was decided to have the boat/trailer washers at the BP station in Land O’Lakes on Fridays only. The boat/trailer washers will be scheduled for Thousand Island Lake and Cisco Lake unless another site is found to be more active.
- C. DEQ/Senator Casperson meeting. The meeting will be held July 31 at 8 AM. The site location will be sent to all board members as soon as it is determined.
- D. Invoice for treatment on Duck Lake. Joe LoMastro presented a \$5,636.00 bill for EWM treatments on Duck Lake asking ISCCW to pay one-half the amount. Motion to pay \$2818.00 made by Will Buergey, support by Margaret Marrs, approved unanimously.

13. Adjourn: Motion to “adjourn” made by Jim Floriano, support by Will Buergey, approved unanimously.

The next board meeting will be August 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, Secretary