

ISCCW BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2012 - Approved
USFS Conference Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe LoMastro, Army Domanus, Bill Rehling, Fred Duerkop, Jim Floriano, Steve Wilkinson, Ken Wendt, Dudley Pierce, Will Buergey, Jeff Pytlarz and Ruth Bozdech.

VISITORS: Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Christine Murphy, Scott Newton, Daniel Straszewski, Frank Kuchevar, Dave Lamoreaux, Ian Shackleford USFS and Diana Mehlhop.

President Dudley Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:01.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dudley said he had received the RAC grant proposals and disbursement figures for 2013. Among them for plant study, mapping and control of invasive species are the ISCCW/Langford Lake project at \$10,000.00, the Cisco Chain project at \$8,000.00, and the Lake Gogebic project at \$8,000.00. Dudley gave a brief summary of the meeting held concerning the growing milfoil problem on Lac Vieux Desert. In addition to himself, those in attendance were Dave Lamoreaux - LVD Lake association member (who set up the meeting); Ted Ritter - coordinator for AIS in Vilas County; Barb Gajewski - ISCCW biologist; Ian Shackleford - USFS; Eddie J. Heath - Aquatic Ecologist consultant from Onterra, LLC (the company hired to do a lake plan for LVD); Kevin Gauthier - WDNR representative; Dara Olson - GLIFWC Representative; Jessica Chiochios, Jim Williams and Giiwe Martin - tribal representatives; and Ken Wendt. Dudley asked Dave Lamoreaux to comment on the meeting. Dave said politics played a big part in what has transpired to date and his intent was to get all players working together to avoid further duplication of effort. Dave had hoped the group could work together. Because LVD is a boundary water lake, with EWM in both states, we need to work with both the WDNR and the MDEQ to achieve success. He also mentioned the LVD Lake Assoc. annual meeting was scheduled for September 27th.

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Wendt said ISCCW's annual fee to the State of Michigan will be submitted in the next few days.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Wilkinson reported a bank balance as of Sept. 17, 2012 of \$75,962.48. The August 20, 2012 balance was \$79,560.16 with receipts of \$1,249.00 and disbursements of \$4,846.68 during the past month.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT; Ken reviewed the cost of the 2013 Langford Lake project stating that as of now we had \$10,000 from the new RAC Grant (which still requires final approval from the USFS), a total of \$27,500 from Langford Lake funds.

5. EDUCATION/PR COMMITTEE REPORT; Bill Rehling said the committee would be meeting in Oct. to set up the 2013 schedule and projects. For 2012 the fish tape boxes totaled \$605.68 to date as compared to \$369.06 in 2012.

6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT; Diana Mehlhop reported 72 new and 25 renewing members for 2013. She asked members to send in their dues soon as letters of request would be sent in early Nov. There are currently 429 members in ISCCW making it the largest invasive species control group in the state of Michigan.

7. BIOLOGIST REPORTS: Bill Artwich reported due to the windy conditions, surveying was limited. He found 18 EWM plants in Rice Bay and small plants were found by the people snorkeling in Slaughter Bay. Thunder Bay is showing more plants then previously found. No plants were found in Misery Bay. Barb Gajewski reported she had attended many meetings including Long Lake's annual meeting and Bass Lake's annual meeting which had 15 in attendance. They have a group of 6 ready to get involved in hand pulling. Barb found EWM plants around the island in Bass Lake where 500 lbs of 2-4D had been used

showing little overall effect. Barb feels the Bass Lake riparian owners have become more aware and supportive of controlling EWM and perhaps a new survey of Bass Lake residents should be done with an attempt to build a funding base. Dan Straszewski asked if there were other avenues for controlling EWM. Barb said she would collect information and send it to Dan. Barb will be meeting with Mr. Kangas today to finalize the educational program at the Watersmeet school. Barb said the Fish Biologist will also give a talk about the fisheries in the Ottawa National Forest.

8. EDUCATOR/COORDINATOR REPORT: Dudley Pierce gave the report since our educator has returned to college. The boat/trailer washer was at a musky tournament and will be present at a musky tournament Oct. 5, 6 and 7. The boat/trailer washers will be available for shutdown on Oct. 8. Joe LoMastro will winterize the machines and Ken Wendt will again store them for the winter.

9. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2012 MINUTES: The following corrections are to be made.

A. Under Public Comments, "Ian Shackelford reported they snorkeled Crooked Lake and pulled 2 plants". The correct number of plants pulled was 16.

B. Under Educator/coordinator Report, delete "Bill Rehling requested a boat/trailer washer be stationed on Duck Lake Sept. 22 for the opening of a fishing tournament." Add Bill Artwich commented duck season would be opening Sept. 22 and the ISCCW may want to consider having the boat/trailer washers available on LVD.

Steve Wilkinson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, supported by Arny Domanus and approved unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS;

Ian Shackelford, USFS stated that he had read and commented on the LVD Lake plan. Like the draft Langford Lake plan, a lot of the content is boiler plate. He reported John Skogerboe had finished surveying Langford Lake but has not sent in the report yet. The Lake Management Plan for Langford Lake is in the draft stage and is available for comment by the ISCCW members. He informed all that District Ranger Norman Nass will now be covering the Bessemer Ranger District (which includes Langford Lake) as well as the Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger Districts. Ian congratulated those receiving RAC grants. Ian announced new CWCB pamphlets are ready, showing invasive species and the lakes that are infected, and copies were passed around. Ian said the Forest Service would like the ISCCW take over one of the FS boat washers. They would like to see us go outside of Watersmeet Township once every three weeks to various locations, in particular the Ontonagon Marina. Dudley stated that we would do whatever was in the best interest of the USFS. On the subject of "how to do" spot herbicide treatments, Ian suggested ISCCW sponsor making a treatment chart to guide applicators which could show that given a known spot of EWM and the depth, to what distance should one buffer the point and how many pounds of chemical herbicide should be applied. Other people brought up weather, bottom consistency and flow. A discussion followed with the question being asked that if ISCCW did the treatment chart what would be the liability to us.

Ruth Bozdech raised the question "how can we encourage DEQ to approve liquid 2-4-D as it is cheaper to use than the current chemicals?" Barb Gajewski said she would investigate and let the board know.

11. AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Under NEW BUSINESS, Add A. Request from Citizen's Advisory Council (DNR)

Add B. Pontoon boat donation.

The motion to accept the changes to the agenda was made by Ken Wendt, supported by Joe LoMastro and approved unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The RAC grant in the amount of \$10,000 was given to ISCCW/Langford Lake. Ken Wendt suggested a multi- year treatment plan for Langford Lake. Year 1 would be treatment with a liquid chemical with a follow-up year 2 to monitor and spot treat the lake if necessary. Ken also asked the ISCCW to reaffirm to Lisa, ISCCW will go forward with treatment on Langford Lake

in 2013. Will Buergey made the motion to go with a multi-year treatment as outlined by Ken Wendt. The motion was supported by Arny Domanus and approved unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request from Citizen's Advisory Council (DNR)

Jeff Pytlarz asked the board to make a list of ways the DNR could help groups like ISCCW in their efforts to control invasive species. DNR would like to help. Jeff will be attending a meeting Nov. 10. Dudley asked board members to bring their ideas to the Oct. meeting.

B. Pontoon boat donation:

Diana Mehlhop read a letter concerning the donation of a pontoon boat, motor and trailer. Jim Floriano and Jeff Pytlarz volunteered to make an evaluation of the boat. A motion was made by Ken Wendt to accept the pontoon subject to the evaluation, supported by Joe LoMastro and approved unanimously.

14. ADJOURN: The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Wilkinson, supported by Any Domanus and approved at 10:54.

Respectively submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, secretary