

ISCCW BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2012 - Approved

USFS CONFERENCE ROOM, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

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

Visitors: Ian Shackleford USFS, Jack Erhart CCROA, Greg Wenzel CCROA, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, B. Neumann, Brent D. Moore, Daniel Straszewski, Diana Mehlhop.

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by President Dudley Pierce.

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce reported a phone conversation with Rob Anderson of Lac Vieux Desert Homeowners' Association. Rob Anderson had some thoughts on the Thunder Bay boat landing's boat washing needs. Grant monies received by LVD Homeowners' Assn. may fund services rendered. Dudley and Mr. Anderson will continue to discuss any relationship between ISCCW and the LVD Association. It was added by Mr. Pierce that LVD wants to orient their efforts to treatment, and not spend money on information gathering, i.e., surveying. Onterra information alluded to hand pulling AIS in some shallow areas of LVD may be successful. On that note, Mr. Bill Artwich, ISCCW Biologist commented that he observed LVD areas affected to be beyond hand pulling. On that same note, Mr. Ian Shackleford, USFS, also felt hand pulling not to be productive enough in certain situations. Dudley Pierce expressed concerns of interstate questions with use of Wisconsin grant monies. Mr. Pierce felt that the LVD Homeowners' Assn. needs time to gel their thoughts. Dudley said ISCCW can return to the boat washing conversations prior to the spring scheduling. It was reported that Rob Anderson questioned Mr. Pierce as to an ISCCW Five Year Plan for LVD. Mr. Dave Lamoreaux of the LVD Riparians has said he felt Onterra's map was a generic representation of what Barb Gajewski, ISCCW, and Bill Artwich, ISCCW, have already produced. Mr. Pierce stated that the LVD wanted to meet with Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich to discuss future work.
2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt commented that new receipts of membership dues and added donations have recently totaled \$3,835, reflecting a response to the recent membership drive. Mr. Wendt also reported that Arny Domanus said the Michigan Riparian Magazine of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association has a new website. See www.mymlsa.org.
3. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Steve Wilkinson, no report was given.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt said there is no report at this time.
5. Education/PR Committee: Bob Turnquist, Co-Chair of this committee, reported the resignation of Jim Reiels after a long association with the committee. Mr. Reiels said he would be willing to occasionally write PR pieces for the group. Bob also reported that Barb Wilkinson has declined further editing of the website. Greg Wenzel joined the Committee, and the Ed/PR Committee could use additional new members to help with their projects and create new ideas. A request was directed to Bill Neumann, a newly elected Watersmeet Township Trustee, to join the ED/PR Committee. Having a liaison on the Township Board would be beneficial to both ISCCW and Watersmeet Township Board. Mr. Neumann said he would consider it. Mr. Turnquist stated that while the original intent of the committee was to promote AIS awareness, the Committee has moved more to AIS identification education and plans to move more into methods of and techniques used to control AIS. One of these will be more training of divers to pull AIS. The Committee presented the 2013 ED/PR Budget for Projects and Tasks. Each line

was explained in detail. A projected budget requirement of \$1,150 is anticipated for 2013. It was stated that there is a need for a minimum of four, preferably five to six, employees to man the boat washers. A new hire for the Educator/Coordinator is also being sought. Sources to approach are University counseling offices and high school seniors heading to college programs in the field. It was also suggested that ISCCW advertise the open position now, so as to be ready for training in the spring.

6. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported a total membership as of 11/20/12 of 430. More renewals are due to come in. Mrs. Mehlhop reported her costs for mailings in 2012 were \$1,516.12. She projected her committee needs \$1,845.50 for the year 2013. Her analysis of costs was inclusive and projections reflected increased costs of postage and printing.
7. Biologists' Reports: Bill Artwich reported that most of his survey maps for 2012 are nearly complete. He said Thousand Island Lake and Cisco Lake will be ready for publishing soon. Mr. Artwich said that Lac Vieux Desert Assn. President Rob Anderson requested conversations with him to finalize what needs to be done on LVD. Barb Gajewski passed around survey maps for Bass Lake and Clearwater Lake. She stated that bids are going out for Langford Lake. She estimated the treatment costs to be in the area of \$45,000, with a range of \$43,756 to \$57,540, for fluoridone application. Barb stated that SePRO Corporation (the supplier of SONAR- AS) gives a guarantee of 80% EWM kill with the first approved application. If the EWM kill is not at least 80% SePRO will give additional product at no cost a second application, although it would be 24D and not fluridone. She mentioned a "Fast Test" water sampling can be done, saving a \$1,000 in costs. She also added that doing a full lake treatment requires less volume of product. Ms. Gajewski confirmed that bids for 2014 Bass Lake treatment will go out in the appropriate time frame. The DEQ is still concerned about long lasting effects of whatever killed all vegetation in Bass Lake in 2011. Ken Wendt commented that the DEQ has concluded that the vegetation kill was not a result of the utilities' power line vehicles flushing their trucks of their product. DEQ feels something was introduced at the N.E. corner of the lake. DEQ is also tracking all purchases of 24D.
8. Educator/Coordinator Report: No report in the absence of current employment of this position.
9. Approval of October 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: Amendments will be reflected in online postings of the Minutes. Ken Wendt moved to approve minutes with their amendments. Joe LoMastro seconded, motion carried.
10. Public Comments: Ian Shackleford, USFS, reported on the WePIC website (Western Peninsula Invasives Coalition). He brought 3 cases of WePIC brochures for distribution in 2013. Mr. Shackleford said the Langford Lake management plan was complete. He passed around a very detailed, comprehensive report for Board Members to see. He felt the DEQ would approve it. As to the remaining work for Langford Lake, Ian stated he hoped to persuade the Forest Service to allow the use of the remaining grant monies for the Fluridone treatment on Langford Lake. Ken Wendt inquired how close we are to filing for a permit. Ian reminded all present that permits are due by the end of December, 2012. Barb Gajewski and Ken Wendt will confer and follow through expeditiously. Ian stated that Hagerman Lake boat washing station is complete. It is a high pressure, not heat, set-up. When asked about the costs, Ian reported the project cost rounded out to \$60,000, with \$20,000 in engineering fees. MIDEQ required Hagerman Lake wash station to put in a concrete waste water tank to be cleaned out by a septic cleaning service. MIDEQ will not allow any "contaminated" water to impact lakes and streams. Contaminated water may carry heavy metals, etc. Ian passed around photos of the Hagerman Lake project. Ian said the Hagerman Lake boat washing station is nearly complete with the residents

maintaining and operating it. As to the Forest Service portable boat washers, Ian said they are winterized and stored. The Ironwood boat washer is winterized and available to ISCCW, with the rare exception of usage by Forest Service.

Public Comments continued: Greg Wenzel, representative from CCROA, reported disappointing results from their treatments of EWM on Thousand Island Lake and Clearwater Lake. He stated factors working against their efforts, e.g., weather, the permitting process, and complications with the permits for placement of buoys. Mr. Wenzel said he attended a conference on AIS back in October in LaCrosse. He also noted that the CCROA website will publish the Northland College findings on Cisco Chain AIS. In an effort towards transparency he wanted ISCCW to be aware, as well as readers of the website, that the Northland College survey findings look very different than the published ISCCW surveys, which is a difference of methodology used. Greg stated he planned to address this fact on the CCROA website to educate, rather than confuse readers.

Public Comments continued: Jeff Pytlarz will attend the DNR East/West Councils in March up in Marquette. He will represent ISCCW and possibly make a presentation using the newly produced educational video.

11. Agenda Changes/Agenda Approval: No changes made. Moved to accept agenda as presented by Joe LoMastro, seconded by Will Buergey.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business:

A. 2013 ISCCW Budget: Ken Wendt reminded all committees that he needs their budget proposals by the end of November. That includes the following: Ed/Pr Committee, Membership, Boat Washers, Biologists' Programs, and 2014 Bass Lake Plan

B. LVD Possibilities: Barb Gajewski will put together a LVD Lake Plan for ISCCW's activities and costs for 2013.

C. CCROA Requests: Greg Wenzel will email CCROA's requests for ISCCW's participation in lake surveys and for any other assistance.

14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dudley Pierce, seconded by Ken Wendt. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marrs, Acting Secretary