

ISCCW BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2012 - Approved

USFS CONFERENCE ROOM, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

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

Visitors: Ian Shackleford USFS, Greg Wenzel CCROA, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Rob Anderson, Diana Mehlhop.

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

1. President's Report: Dudley Pierce reported on the meeting held with the MiDNR representative, Stacy Welling Haughey, on December 11th. Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Ian Shackleford and Norm Nass were also present. Dudley said that Ms Haughey was very attentive. Subjects discussed were availability of money from DNR, weed law enforcement, surveying/monitoring of DNR landings, and on-going committee activities by state agencies. Ken said that some of the financial help discussions included allocating portions of the license plate Park Sticker fee, or the gas tax, or the fishing license fee, or the boat registration fees to AIS; or instituting an AIS annual or bi-annual boat sticker such as Oregon has. It was also mentioned that there will be a meeting on AIS at Constitution Hall in Lansing on Feb 8th which we will try to get an invite to. Dudley also reported that he had met with Rob Anderson and Ted Ritter on Dec 5th to discuss an education/inspection program on Lac Vieux Desert this summer at the Thunder Bay Landing, from spring through October with a minimum of 200 hours, which ISCCW could staff. There are grant monies available (through LVDLA) for staffing and mileage. It would require a Wisconsin training session and reporting of results through the Wisconsin SWIMS Data Base.
2. Vice President's Report: Ken Wendt reported that we have received notification by email of several possible grant sources which will be looked into.
3. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Steve Wilkinson Ken Wendt gave the report. Starting balance October 16, 2012 of \$81,525.55; receipts of \$8,695.00 and disbursements of \$3,157.65 left a balance on December 3, 2012 of \$87,062.90. We currently have unrecorded deposits of \$2,280.00 and an unpaid liability of \$1,300.00 for a December 18, 2012 balance of \$88,043.00.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt said there is no report at this time.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported a total membership as of 12/18/12 of 431 with 269 of them paid through 2013. Diana read a letter we received from a former member couple stating why they would not renew. Diana has written them back explaining a perceived misconception they may have re: chemical lake treatments; thanked them for their past support and welcomed them to rejoin at any time.
6. Education/PR Committee: Bob Turnquist, Co-Chair of this committee, reported that they had not had any meetings since our last board meeting but they would have one on January 7, 2013 and every one with an interest was welcome.
7. Biologists' Reports: Bill Artwich gave a verbal recap of his 2012 activities and finished by providing a CD of his results which is available to anyone who would like one by contacting Ken Wendt. Barb reported that she had a long talk with Lisa Huberty concerning our plans for Langford Lake in 2013. It was revealed that Langford Lake has Farwell's Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum farwellii*) which is listed as a threatened and protected species in Michigan.

There are only 16 known occurrences in the state. Before we can do our planned treatment we will need to obtain a TESP permit. This permit is being drafted by Ian Shackelford.

8. Educator/Coordinator Report: No report, position is not staffed at present.
9. Approval of November 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: Corrections will be reflected in online postings of the Minutes. Ken Wendt moved to approve minutes as corrected, Joe LoMastro seconded, motion carried.
10. Public Comments:

Ian Shackelford, USFS, started by thinking ISCCW for asking him to participate in the December 11th DNR meeting. Next Ian reminded us that the remaining \$1,094.60 payment of our boat washer grant had to be applied for by January 31, 2013. Several sections of the Langford Lake Mgt Plan were rewritten for clarity. Ian then informed us that this fall three new sites of Eurasian watermilfoil were discovered in Houghton County at Bike Bay, Dollar Bay, and Lake Linden. Sites are part of the Keweenaw Waterway which includes Portage Lake and its various arms. The sites were discovered by Nancy Leonard (Michigan Nature Assoc) and documented by Janet Marr (KISMA Coordinator). Dr. Tony Reznicek from the University of Michigan herbarium examined specimens and confirmed Eurasian watermilfoil as well as a sample of the Eurasian watermilfoil - northern watermilfoil hybrid. A suspected hybrid sample was also sent for genetic testing to Dr. Ryan Thum of Grand Valley State University, with no results yet. Along with Prickett Reservoir this makes four known Eurasian watermilfoil infestations in Houghton County. On the subject of WePIC Ian stated that it now consists of 38 organizations, mostly lake associations, and is in need of a steering committee. He asked if ISCCW would provide a representative for the committee. There is GLR monies to hire a coordinator who would work part time in Gogebic, Iron and Ontonagon Counties. He said all could benefit from our expertise. Meetings would be by conference call with the first meeting in January. Dudley Pierce will represent ISCCW with Ken Wendt as backup.

Public Comments continued: Greg Wenzel, representative from CCROA, reported that their website will be up and running next month and the North College reports will be shortly thereafter. They are establishing a 10 member CISCO Task Force to plan and implement a comprehensive forward moving plan. Greg mentioned that far too many CISCO Chain residents do not seem to know much about EWM and other invasives. They did an extensive “door hanger package” campaign last year so this lack of knowledge is perplexing.

11. Agenda Changes/Agenda Approval: No changes made. Moved to accept agenda as presented by Joe LoMastro, seconded by Arny Domanus – Passed.
12. Old Business

A. 2013 ISCCW Budget: Ken Wendt presented a preliminary budget for discussion. After discussion and some minor changes and corrections Ken Wendt made the following:

A resolution to adopt the 2013 ISCCW General Budget as finalized along with the 2013 Operating Plan (2012 Plan with adjustments), second by Joe LoMastro.

Adopted by voice vote with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays

Due to the fact that the vote did not meet the $\frac{3}{4}$ of all Board members requirement as required under section 4.18 of the ISCCW By-Laws Will Buergey moved a motion to solicit all absent Board Member for their vote, second by Arny Domanus, motion carried.

Note: Above mentioned email resulted in 4 Aye votes satisfying the By-Law requirement.

B. Langford Lake Permit: Barb Gajewski asked for a motion to approve the filing of a permit application for Langford Lake. Motion made by Arny Domanus, second by Joe LoMastro, motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. LVD Education Proposal: LVD Lake Association has applied for a CBCW Grant to provide an educator at the Thunder Bay boat landing. Rob Anderson asked that since ISCCW will be there washing boats why not use ISCCW as the educator as well? There would be approximately \$3,740.00 available to ISCCW for this which would cover a 300 hour contract. After a brief discussion a motion to proceed with the joint educational program at Thunder Bay (LVD) as requested by LVD Lake Association was made by Fred Duerkop, second by Arny Domanus, motion carried.

14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dudley Pierce, seconded by Ken Wendt. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Wendt, Acting Secretary