

ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2013 - Approved

OTTAWA FOREST VISITOR CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Jeff Pytlarz, Arny Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Bill Rehling, Bob Turnquist, Robert Zelinski, and Margaret Marrs

Visitors: Diana Mehlhop (Membership ISCCW), Mike Rogers (Watersmeet Township Chairman), Bill Neumann (Watersmeet Township Trustee), Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Daniel Straszewski (Bass Lake), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), William Doan (MDNR-Porcupine Mountains/Lake Gogebic), Ian Shackleford (USFS), Marv Schwinn and Frank Puffer. (Potential 2013 boat washers).

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Ken Wendt at 9:03 A.M.

1. President's Report: Mr. Dudley Pierce is out of town on family matters.

2. Vice-President's Report:

- Mr. Ken Wendt reported that ISCCW Biologist, Barb Gajewski, is attending the Michigan Certified Natural Shoreline Professional (MCNSP) Training & Certification Program. Mr. Bill Artwich is absent due to personal matters.
- Ken reported on the ISCCW presentation to the Watersmeet Township Board January 16th requesting a special meeting on the subject of Township authorization on the Langford Lake proposal. A special meeting was held on February 6, 2013 and the Board reviewed final discussion on the request, passing a resolution authorizing the Langford Lake treatment. Ken thanked Mike Rogers, Township Chairman, for his involvement in getting the proposal passed. Prior to the February 6, 2013 meeting a certified USPS mailing was sent to all Langford Lake Riparians by their lake association president. The mailing, totaling 39 notifications, netted 6 replies which were all positive while 5 were returned unknown.
- Barb Gajewski (ISCCW), Ian Shackleford (USFS), and Lisa Huberty (MDNR) worked together on the Langford Lake permit application. The application includes the commitment to replace the Farwellii Milfoil which has been set up as a "restoration research project". We are awaiting final acceptance. ISCCW thanks Ian Shackleford and Lisa Huberty for their invaluable assistance in this permit application writing.
- A meeting of LVD Partners was held on January 31, 2013, with Dave Lamoreaux, Rob Anderson, Ian Shackleford, Dara Olsen, Lisa David, Bill Artwich, Barb Gajewski and Tribal representatives Roger LaBine and George Beck in attendance. There was a discussion about the new EWM & CLP sites found in 2012. Onterra will be applying for a Wisconsin DNR "Early Detection and Response" grant (2013 is the last year LVD will be eligible). Ken reported that Rob Anderson said that a grant of \$20,000 will be available and that he looked forward to input for a plan of use from everyone involved. It was agreed that GLIFWC and ISCCW will coordinate their survey efforts. ISCCW will attend to the eastern half of Lac Vieux Desert, from Duck Point to the Hillside Resort, while GLIFWC will attend to the west side of the lake. Lobisher Creek is a feeder into LVD; therefore, it will be checked for AIS.

Discussions of treatment covered hand removal and mechanical suction harvesting that avoids fragmentation of milfoil. Duck Lake divers will be asked to offer diving services, or to do instruction. Other divers in the area will be solicited. No chemical treatment will be done in 2013. Ms Lisa David (GLIFWC) needed more people to give opinions if chemical treatment will be considered for 2014. She stressed the wild rice beds must be protected. Roger LaBine is working with Applied Ecological Services to determine the impact on the rice beds by chemical treatment of AIS.

3. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Steve Wilkinson reported, since January 14th balance of \$92,598.47, new membership receipts of \$2,175.00 and disbursements of \$1,136.25, including biologists' contract services, boat washer supplies, and registered mailing costs for Langford Lake riparian mailing resulted in a balance of \$93,637.22 for February 19, 2013. Steve noted that he hadn't received the RAC grant funds of \$1,094.60. Ian Shackleford said it would be a "direct deposit". Approximately \$600 of new memberships was received today. A motion to place on file the Treasurer's Report was made by Joe LoMastro with second Will Buergey.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported that Ian Shackleford had several ideas for grants, one being a GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) grant for \$32,000. Ken expressed the gratitude of the ISCCW Board.
5. Membership Committee: Mrs. Diana Mehlhop reported that to date there are 317 members, with total donations of \$26,105.00. She said the 2012 mailing netted 69 new donors, with 240 renewals. She will be mailing another reminder soon and finds more response success with "snail mail" as opposed to internet mailings. She will be mailing the 111 past members who have not renewed as of yet.
6. Education/Public Relations Committee: Ken Wendt prefaced the Committee's report by saying that the extensive work done in preparing the job descriptions for the positions of Educator/Coordinator, Boat Wash Operators, and the Special Educator for LVD, as well as reviewing their respective employment contracts, was impressive. He stated that the distributed copies of the Committee's work are self-explanatory and no further discussion was necessary.
 - Bob Turnquist stated that the newly created "Lake Hoppers Committee" will be headed by Greg Wenzel and helpers are needed. The development of this project is a long term one, and deemed really important in the prevention of AIS.
 - Bob said the oversight and education of the Coordinator will be done by the Committee and he thanked Ken Wendt, Jeff Pytlarz and Will Buergey for joining him in the development of the Educator/Coordinator job descriptions and requirements.
 - Jeff Pytlarz stated that Frank Puffer, Marv Schwinn and Dennis Bolton will return for this season as boat washers. Dennis has a 16 year old brother, who would be interested in working as a substitute. Jeff said that he had potential candidates for the open educator positions. Emma Doden, a student in Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, will be interviewed in March. Jessica Samuelson is interested but is waiting to hear on another job that begins in late August. She will advise Jeff by March 8. Christine Scott, who

has worked in the past for the USFS and is currently not in college, will also be interviewed. Ken Wendt said preference will be given to applicants who will be able to finish the whole season without interruption. It was reported that Ted Ritter wants a meeting before May 15 regarding the LVD hire.

- The committee's next meeting will be March 12 at 9 A.M. (Annex Building in Watersmeet).

7. Biologist Reports: No reports available.

8. Approval of January 15, 2013 Minutes: Ian Shackleford submitted a few changes to the text, adding to the changes Diana Mehlhop made. Motion to approve the Minutes as amended was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Will Buergey. Motion passed.

9. Public Comments:

- Mr. William "Bill" Doan, MDNR Manager of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, introduced himself and briefly described his responsibilities, which include State boat landings in Gogebic County. He stated that he came to the ISSCW meeting because he wanted to educate himself on what the organization does, so he can be a better resource for us in any way he can.
- Ian Shackleford gave the USFS report noting that the Langford DEQ permit and T/E permit were discussed during Ken's report. He said he still needs three things from ISSCW (1.) a spreadsheet with 2012 boat washing data; (2.) an annual report for the RAC agreement; and (3.) an annual report for the GLRI agreement and added that ISSCW is still welcome to invoice for end of summer boat washing work. Ian further said that the USFS can offer \$32,000 of GLRI funds to ISSCW for continuing boat education and boat washing and suggested spreading that over 2013 and 2014. This will require a minimum of 20% match. He has started a new agreement for the ISSCW \$10,000 RAC grant for the Langford Lake treatment and recommends making this a five year agreement. He finished by reminding ISSCW registration with SAM (Systems Award Management) is now required by USFS.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Ken Wendt asked to add an Item C under Old Business for a discussion of a Budget Amendment. Bob Turnquist moved to amend the agenda, Will Buergey seconded. Motion passed.

11. Old Business:

- Langford Lake Permit—Ian Shackleford noted that the Lake Management Plan and DEQ rules require a spring survey in Langford Lake, before the treatment. The USFS may have some funds to do that, but we need to find out what exactly is required by the DEQ. He reiterated that if the Farwell's watermilfoil is harmed then the DNR TES permit would require us to replace the plants. Other populations of Farwell's watermilfoil are available nearby.
- Employee Descriptions/Agreements/Hourly Wage—Wages are necessary for three position categories, i.e., LVD Educator, ISSCW Educator/Coordinator, and Boat Washers. For the LVD Educator position Ted Ritter is reported to have suggested a college student from

Oshkosh. Rob Anderson had previously stated that LVDLA would dedicate \$3,500 for the Special Educator with an additional \$200 to his wife for the required data entry. ISCCW Board members reiterated that the new hire must be capable of doing this part of the task. The discussion continued with Jeff Pytlarz suggesting \$11.75 for the LVD Educator; \$12.50/hr. for boat washers; and, \$14.00/hr. for the Educator/Coordinator position. Jeff said he hoped to make the positions' salary attractive so employees return each season.

- Ian Shackelford said the USFS seasonal workers earn \$13.50/hr. for the regular crew and \$15.00/hr. for the crew leader. Friends of Sylvania employees earn more than ISCCW but they only work part-time. Bob Zelinski said that those workers are camping and spend their major amount of time at Sylvania, adding that the employees come up from Madison. Arny Domanus stated that USFS will hire 25 seasonal workers and they pay them well. Bob Turnquist reaffirmed that ISCCW should pay a little more than we have, in order to get good results. Will Buergey reminded the group that last year's Education/Coordinator had to get an additional job and, therefore, may have put her responsibilities for the ISCCW position second in priority.
- Jeff Pytlarz made the following motion: \$14.00/hr. for the Educator/Coordinator (with paid mileage between multiple sites in one day); \$12.50/hr. for the Boat Washers (with mileage for towing the boat wash trailer); and \$11.75/hr. for the LVD Special Educator. Will Buergey seconded. Ken Wendt asked for a show of hands of all Board Members present (9), and then asked for an individual YES or No. Passed 9 ayes 0 nays.
- Budget Amendment—Ken stated that an amendment to the Budget had to be made given the salary rate changes, adding that there is a maximum amount of money to be spent for each positions based on maximum hours as follows: 1.) ISCCW Educator/Coordinator @ 480 hours; 2.) Boat Washers @ 600 hours/each; and 3.) LVD Special Educator @ 300 hours. Set maximums cannot be exceeded without approval of the Executive Committee.
- Bob Turnquist moved to amend the Budget in accordance with the just passed salary rates. Jeff Pytlarz offered a second. Motion passed.

12. New Business: None

13. Adjournment: Joe LoMastro moved that adjournment, second by Bill Rehling. The meeting adjourned at 10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marrs, Acting Secretary

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 9:00 am at the Ottawa Forest Visitor Center.