

## ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2013 - Approved

OTTAWA FOREST CENTER – Conference Room, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Dudley Pierce, Ken Wendt, Army Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Bill Rehling, Jim Floriano, Fred Duerkop, and Robert Zelinski.

Visitors: Greg Wenzel (CCROA), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership), Barb Gajewski (ISCCW Biologist), Bill Artwich (ISCCW Biologist), Daniel Straszewski (Bass Lake), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), and Ian Shackelford (USFS).

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Ken Wendt at 9:05 A.M. due to the need for President Dudley Pierce to leave early.

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: Dudley made some personal remarks to the Board and then reported on the new bill Senator Casperson has authored for this session of the legislature.
2. Vice-President's Report: Ken Wendt reported correspondence from William Doan (MDNR - Parks & Recreation Manager, Porcupine Mtn., Wilderness State Park), including the 2013 Permit for use of DNR boat landings for our boat washers. The permit fee of \$50.00 was waived due to the public service ISCCW provides with this activity. Ken said we have also received the new GLRI Agreement for 2013-2014. This is for \$32,000.00 of new grant money plus the \$10,750.00 of carry over grant funds. Ian had Dudley sign the agreement and Ian will forward it to the proper department. Ken stated he had also received the transfer document for the USFS boat washer which we will be operating this year. Ian presented copies for signature which Ken signed for ISCCW and Ian signed for the USFS.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ken Wendt reported in Steve Wilkinson absence and presented a report showing activity from February 19<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our current bank balance is \$99,402.59. Mr. Joe LoMastro placed a motion before the Board, seconded by Mr. Army Domanus, to adopt and file the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Finance Committee Report: No report.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop stated that we now have 378 paid up members for 2013 with a total of \$32,465.00 in memberships and donations. She mentioned that the amount received is a new high for us. Ken brought the average per member column to the Board's attention stating that he believes this is a direct result of the commitment and hard work Board members, employees and volunteers put into their ISCCW efforts on behalf of the community.
6. Education/PR Committee Report:
  - The April 24<sup>th</sup> Clean Boats Clean Waters training session was affirmed. It will be held at St. Albert's Church, LOL, in their Community Room on April 24, at 10 A.M.
  - Ms. Margaret Mars and Mr. Jeff Pytlarz went through the yellow building looking for supplies and taking inventory. From this effort they will assemble packets for the new boat washers and coordinator.
7. Biologists Reports:
  - Bill Artwich reports that presently ice has prevented him from initiated any scheduled lake work. He also stated that the presence of ice threatens the spearing season.

- Barb Gajewski reported that there are changes in the MDEQ treatment permitting process that would allow flexibility in the treatment. Under this treatment scheme larger blocks or areas of the lake, where EWM or CLP is present, may be shaded out where smaller treatments may occur inside of the larger area. Written riparian permission is required for all areas shaded even if no treatment is going to technically take place within the Riparian's bottomland. Treatments could then take place anywhere in the shaded area up to the designated limit as specified in the MDEQ treatment permit.

At the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay, WI, Dr. Susan Knight of UW Trout Lake Research Station gave a presentation on the viability of EWM and CLP out of water and on boater demographics. EWM observed positive growth up to 24 hours out of the water and CLP observed positive growth up to 18 hours out of water. When EWM was coiled around a prop with other vegetation, it remained viable up to 3 days out of water whereas 10% of the CLP turions remained viable up to 2 weeks out of water. The majority of boater will use multiple lakes within a 48 hour period.

Dr. Thum, from Grand Valley State University, presented a study on milfoil hybridism. Conclusions included: (1) hybrid milfoil grows faster than the native northern milfoil and EWM; (2) some strains of hybrids appear to be fluridone resistant; and (3) in some cases typical 2,4-D application rates appear to not be as effective on some hybrid strands.

In regards to Langford Lake and the up and coming fluridone treatment, there may be some visual differences observed this year than in the past. These may include "bleaching" or a white appearance to many of the plants and changes in water clarity.

8. Approval of March 2013 Minutes: Comments to amend March minutes were taken by Mr. Wendt. A motion to approve the March minutes as amended was placed before the board by Mr. Joe LoMastro and seconded by Mr. Bill Rehling. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Public Comments:
  - USFS: Ian Shackelford said he is working on the DEQ / Army Corp "Joint Permit" application to pull EWM from Crooked Lake and Lac Vieux Desert (MI side, east side). The FS has mailed letters and forms to all private landowners, requesting their written permission to pull EWM from their lake bottomlands. The FS is still hoping for more responses. Ian passed around a draft permit application. The FS is currently soliciting bids for point intercept aquatic plant surveys in Langford Lake, bids are due this Friday. The Forest Service, as one of the Langford Lake landowners, received a notice from PLM about the upcoming fluridone treatment, which he passed around. Ian asked when ISCCW would like the FS to deliver the third boat washer. Ian said the Watersmeet Ranger District conference room (this room) is signed out for ISCCW the third Tuesday of every month from May 2013 to January 2014, except July. Please find a non-Forest Service location for July 16 (or reschedule). The Forest Service is preparing a contract to do aquatic invasive species surveys in about twelve lakes; if ISCCW would like to request surveys of any Township lakes Ian could add them to the contract.
  - MiDNR: No Report.
  - CCROA: Greg Wenzel stated that he attended a three day Wisconsin Lakes Partnership conference in Green Bay commenting that ISCCW has a great reputation with people in attendance. Spearing is a hot topic, however no speaker showed at the meetings to speak about the spearing issue. While in Green Bay, Greg and Barb Gajewski met with Jaimie Nuthals from UPPCO to discuss the availability of funds through BFIT. CCROA has positioned itself to more effectively obtain grant money by forging a more cooperative relationship and gaining a more thorough understanding of the grant award process.

Greg also said that he is working independently on the Lake Hoppers topic, under the ISCCW Education Committee, in anticipation of insights gleaned from the convention. Using some fresh

ideas gained, Greg will schedule a meeting with committee members to move forward. CCROA and Barb Gajewski have established a partnership to maximize the CCROA efforts at AIS mitigation. Barb's efforts will focus on the Michigan waters of the Cisco Chain but will not be limited to Michigan waters. CCROA is also working with Northland College with a primary focus on Wisconsin waters.

10. Agenda Changes / Approval of Agenda: Motion to add item C. Bass Lake – Fluridone Only Option to agenda under Old Business made by Bob Zelinski, second by Arny Domanus. Motion approved unanimously.

11. Old Business:

- Langford Lake Permit / Treatment Update: Ken Wendt stated that he has been in touch with Lisa Huberty of the MDNR who said she had received the previously sent data and that review of the Langford Lake Permit should be completed and a permit issued within the week. Barb Gajewski stated that lake users should be informed that fluridone treatment will probably make all lake vegetation look unusual and unhealthy but dosage levels are such that desirable plants will recover.
- LVD Lake Update: No representative at this meeting.
- Bass Lake – Fluridone Only Option: All Riparian owners should be contacted through their association to obtain approval for a possible whole lake treatment. Dan Straszewski will contact the Bass Lake Association and get the proper mailing to all Bass Lake owners. Mr. Wendt offered a sample letter and suggested that Barb Gajewski review the letter prior to distribution.

12. New Business:

- Biologist's 2013 Contracts Our biologists (Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich) contracts are being finalized for the oncoming year. The allocated amounts are \$9,050 (Barb) and \$5,090 (Bill). Barb has added some duties to the contract list and deleted others so the scheduled payment amounts of the contract may change. However, any increase in the allocated amounts must be approved by the executive board of ISCCW. Although all the details of the contracts are not complete, the contracts were offered for review and input. Arny Domanus moved that the contracts be executed based on the overall budget amounts with the finalization of the particulars left to Ken and Barb, Joe LoMastro seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2013 Boat Wash Schedule: Ken Wendt proposed that the existing employees be utilized for boat washing this season. There was no dissenting opinion. Bill Rehling stated that they could proceed with boat washing and work around the ice. They would have to work with Joe LoMastro to prepare the boat washers for the upcoming season. Joe LoMastro said that he would require about one day per washer for preparation. There is some concern for coverage during the upcoming spear fishing event and, due to the exceptionally late ice-out, whether or not there will be a spearing season. In the past Dudley Pierce has been the contact with the tribe concerning the schedule. We will wait and see if there is any contact made for 2013. It was suggested that all boat washers should be at the next meeting.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 10.31 AM – Next meeting May 21, 2013 @ USFS Building

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski