

ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2013 - Approved

OTTAWA FOREST CENTER – Conference Room, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Jim Floriano, Bob Turnquist, Robert Zelinski, Jeff Pytlarz, Fred Duerkop, Will Buergey, Bill Rehling, and Joe LoMastro.

Visitors: Barb Gajewski (ISCCW Biologist), Bill Artwich (ISCCW Biologist), Christine Scott (ISCCW Education Coordinator), Frank Puffer (ISCCW Boat Washer), Daniel Straszewski - John Neumann – Sandra Butelewski (Bass Lake), Linda Hammer (CCROA), Mike Roger (Watersmeet Township), Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Warren Kobilca (Marion Lake), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), and Giiwegiizhigookway Martin (LVD-THPO)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Wendt at 9:05 AM.

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: No president's report.
2. Vice-President's Report: Mr. Wendt reported that he would cover items later in the meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: ISCCW has a bank balance of \$97,422.01 plus an additional \$1,377.00 of un-deposited funds. Motion placed before the board to approve the Treasurer's report by Will Buergey and seconded by Joe LoMastro. The motion was carried.
4. Finance Committee:
 - Ken Wendt said he would have an update on the expenditures for Langford Lake, which is undergoing a whole lake fluridone treatment for EWM, at the next meeting.
 - Ken also asked if the Watersmeet Township would continue with their financial support of the ISCCW efforts. Mike Rogers, Township's Supervisor, said he would recommend continuing financial support at the next Township Board meeting.
5. Membership Committee Report: Ken Wendt gave the report in the absence of Diana Mehlhop. Current ISCCW membership as of 6/18/2013 is at 453.
6. Education Committee :
 - A. General: Christine Scott reported that the first Library program was this past week with 16 persons in attendance, 12 youths and 4 adults. Christine also said all arrangements have been made for the 4th of July parades in Land O'Lakes and Watersmeet.
 - B. Boat Washing: Christine reported on the last period of boat washing which covered about half a month. She reported 211 boats washed which comprised 77 percent of the boats leaving the water at those boat landings covered. Christine also reported sending boat washers to cover local tournaments. Efforts to wash all the boats are impeded by the desire of the boat owners to leave quickly when the tournament ends. Mr. Wendt thanked Christine for her efforts this past month.

C. Education: Bob Turnquist reported on the upcoming schedules for boat washing and training. LVDLA representative has not contacted ISCCW for their training needs.

7. Biologists Reports:

- Bill Artwich reported that retesting of previous sites of EWM on June 8th and 12th on 1000 Island Lake showed about a 50% positive result for EWM. EWM is visible east of the boat launch on the lake. Plants are within 1 foot of the surface with 50 waypoints east of the stumps and east of the landing. On June 14th a survey of Lac Vieux Desert (LVD) showed 9 locations of EWM, all in shallow waters of 4 ½ feet or less. Dara Olsen is a big help in surveying LVD. She has finished up surveying from Misery Bay, along the southern shore, ending up at Hillside Resort.
- Barb Gajewski will report on Langford Lake under old business.

8. Approval of May 21, 2013 Minutes: Ken Wendt stated he had incorporated email changes received in the past few days into the minutes and, after allowing time for members to read the minutes, accepted a motion by Steve Wilkinson for approval, seconded by Fred Duerkop. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Comments:

- USFS: Ian Shackleford reported that he has received DEQ permits for the underwater harvest of EWM from Crooked Lake and Lac Vieux Desert. He shared the signs that will be posted when working. Ian said he has some of the large colorful boat launch signs available if ISCCW has the places to put them. He also said he ordered a supply of Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers key floats and fishing bobbers (*although after the meeting he learned the Forest Service did not approve the order*). Ian continued by reporting that under the 2012 federal budget for GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative), the Forest Service has another \$100,000 available for aquatic invasive species prevention. He asked ISCCW if they had any suggestions for new AIS prevention projects. Ken Wendt indicated that now would be a good time to look into possible uses within ISCCW and try to obtain some of these funds. Will Buergey posed the question about whether this money could be used for treatment. Ian will look into the question, but suspected not. Warren Kobilca, Marion Lake, posed a question to Ian about the possibility of setting up a boat washer permanently on Marion Lake. He also inquired what permits would be required to perform boat washing. He said there is no EWM on their lake now and their efforts currently involve education and signage informing lake users about the dangers of invasive species. Warren added that they would like to keep it that way. Ian Shackleford stated that the Hagerman Lake permanent unit has been running for one month and has some unforeseen problems. The cost of the unit was \$72,000; \$29,000 to design and another \$43k to build. Another such unit would not be feasible at this time due to State rules preventing us from discharging the water on the ground. He added that a permit is fairly easy to acquire for a portable washer. Ken suggested that maybe we could use some of the GLRI funds to provide some portable units that could be loaned out to various lake associations and staffed by their volunteers or set up as self-service washers. ISCCW will investigate the feasibility of using portable washers in this manner.

- MDNR: No Report
- CCROA: Linda Hammer stated that, regarding their Map Box Project, CCROA would like permission from ISCCW to mount these boxes on the posts of ISCCW signs at various Chain Landings. These are weather proof boxes, such as those used by realtors, which will be used to distribute information regarding invasive species on the Cisco Chain. ISCCW gave permission to mount these boxes. She added that 1000 Island planned treatment was done on June 18th and that the Clearwater Lake project has been suspended until ISCCW has results of the fluridone treatment on Langford Lake. If the results are as hoped, CCROA may go with the same type of treatment on Clearwater Lake in 2014.
- OTHERS: Jim Floriano reported that the State of Minnesota does not impose a fee for most lake treatments by lake owners but a permit is still required. Also, he noted the Minnesota requirement that a boat's plug must be removed while it is out of the water.

10. Agenda Changes/ Approval: Hearing no changes to the agenda; Will Buergey moved to approved, seconded by Jim Floriano. Motion carried.

11. Old Business:

- A. Langford Lake Treatment Update: The full lake fluridone treatment was completed on May 22nd. Notices, comprising the required full disclosure, were posted to all lake owners properties starting two hours prior to treatment. Jim Donlan took water samples on a daily basis and sent them to a South Carolina lab. Sampling showed that not as much chemical as planned was needed for the bump, which will help in reducing costs. The bump, necessary to get back to the 6 ppb, was 1.54 ppb and completed on June 12th. Barb Gajewski has made several trips to Langford Lake to observe the results of the fluridone treatment. Briefly stated, EWM plants appear highly distressed and dying while native plant life is showing some minor bleaching. Some injury to the protected farwellii species was noted by Barb. A full report can be obtained by contacting ISCCW.
- B. LVD Lake Update: Dave Lamoreaux requested ISCCW's LVD lake surveys data to continue his efforts with the LVDLA. Bill Artwich will give him what he has to date. Giiwegiizhigookway Martin reported that potential chemical treatments on LVD were not approved by the Tribe, and would not be, because they do not have sufficient information regarding the effect of chemical treatment of the EWM infestation on the wild rice beds. The Tribe is still waiting for this information. The Tribe must be assured that the rice beds will be protected. Ken Wendt stated that at a past meeting the ISCCW Board had also taken the position of no treatment without knowledge of the effect on the rice beds. Barb Gajewski and the ISCCW Educational Coordinator are to develop guidelines for information exchange with LVD partners.
- C. Bass Lake: John Neumann reported that responses to his letter to Bass Lake Riparians for consent for a whole lake treatment were at about 30% with all positive thus far. The water clarity SECCI readings are being taken regularly. Ken Wendt stated that future letters

covering consent requirements should be sent out by certified receipt required. This will satisfy the legal notification requirements.

12. New Business:

- A. Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held on August 3, 2013. ISCCW needs to send out the proxy letter prior to the next meeting. Bill Rehling and Fred Duerkop will not be returning as Board Members so new candidates are being sought. It would be nice to have at least one Board Member from the LVD Tribal Band. Greg Wenzel will be contacted to see if he is interested in representing the CCROA on the Board.
- B. Ken Wendt called for an ad hoc committee to investigate the potential use for GLRI grant money, specifically the possibility of boat washer for “self service” use by lake groups.

13. Adjournment: Ken Wendt called for a motion to adjourn. Bill Rehling moved, second by Will Buergey. Meeting adjourned at 10:24

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski