

## ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2013 - Approved

OTTAWA FOREST CENTER – Conference Room, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey , Margaret Marrs, Renee Shurr, Bill Rehling, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, and Steve Wilkinson by Proxy.

Visitors: : Diana Mehlhop, Greg Wenzel, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Christine Scott, Daniel Straszewski, John Neumann, Sandra Butelewski, Mike Rogers, Dave Lamoreaux, Jeff Cherney, Warren Kobilca, Jim Donlan, Mike Golas, Cindy Schmidt, David Sherrill, Roger LaBine, Ian Shackelford and Marian Benham.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Vice President Ken Wendt.

1. President's Report: In the absence of Dudley Pierce, no report was given.
2. Vice President's Report: Mr. Ken Wendt reported that Steve Wilkinson gave his proxy to Mr. Wendt, thereby, satisfying the presence of a quorum of eight Board Members present.
  - Mr. Wendt asked if anyone has heard from Dudley Pierce, citing that he has been unsuccessful in several recent attempts to make contact. No one reported hearing from Mr. Pierce. A suggestion was made from the audience that Mr. Pierce not run for the Board in the forthcoming year.
  - Mr. Wendt reviewed the current members who had indicated that they would run again, citing two vacancies and asked if anyone present was interested in running for the Board. Mr. Dave Sherrill and Greg Wenzel announced they would run for a position on the Board.
  - Mr. Wendt asked if the LVD Tribal Council has come up with a nominee for ISCCW from their Tribal Council of Directors. Mr. Roger LaBine responded that he would look into the matter. Mr. Wendt emphasized the importance of a Tribal presence on the ISCCW Board.
  - Mr. Wendt stated that he had heard that Senator Casperson was planning a local area meeting and asked Mr. Wenzel to give the particulars. Mr. Greg Wenzel informed the group that Senator Casperson will commence a Town Hall meeting at the Iron River City Hall at 5:30 pm on July 16, the topic being AIS, and that he would be attending. Attendance was solicited, Mrs. Diana Melhop will attend. Mr. Daniel Straszewski stated the Watersmeet Township Meeting was in conflict with the Iron River Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Wendt delivered the report in the absence of Mr. Wilkinson. The Bank Balance as of June 17, 2013 was \$97,422.01; added receipts in the amount of \$4,902.47 representing membership dues and contributions, Watersmeet Township Appropriation, Forest Service reimbursement for tires, and boat wash contributions. Disbursements totaled \$47,939.07 representing Biologists' contracted services, Boat Washer and Educator employee salaries, liability insurance premium, and Langford Lake assessments and treatments. The Bank Balance as of July 15, 2013 is \$54,385.41. A motion was made by Will Buergey to approve the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion was seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion passed.
4. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Wendt said there is no further Committee report at this time.

5. Membership Committee: Mrs. Diana Melhop reported that she and Mr. Wendt worked on the Annual Meeting Notifications. Emailed notifications with attachments were sent to 333 members; 123 notifications were sent by U.S. Mail. Attachments Included a Meeting Agenda, Budget, an Operating Plan and a Proxy Form. Mrs. Melhop reported that the May 9 Township-wide mailing netted 78 new members, \$7,730 in dues and contributions. Those joining as a result of this mailing receive a Membership lasting through the end of 2014. To date, there are 385 members paid up through the end of 2013, who contributed \$32,840. There are also 80 members paid up through the end of 2014, who contributed \$7,905. If anyone would like to renew their 2014 membership between now and October, it would save some mailing expense in November.
6. Educator/Public Relations Committee: Mr. Bill Rehling reported that all 32 projects planned for 2013 are underway or completed. Thus far, the Thousand Island Lake Training Session has only 4 signed up. Mr. Greg Wenzel said he would encourage sign-up at the CCROA annual meeting and picnic that following weekend. Mr. Rehling further reported a collection of \$158.00 from the Fish Measuring Tape boxes.
  - Educator Report: Christine Scott reported that 1,700 people have been contacted thus far with 307 boats washed. Adding to May and June statistics, that means 3,700 people contacted and 518 boats washed. A Thursday Library program is planned for Phelps. A breakdown of the Forest Service washer in use for ISCCW occurred. It appears it is a leak in a heating component. Winterization may have left moisture in the stainless steel tubes. The repair is expected to be costly. It was reported that Marv Schwinn, while in Ironwood, checked on the boat washer at Ranger Water Sports, where it was under repair. He reported the repair was a bypass of the leak. Joe LoMastro reminded the Board that the unit is a "sealed unit" purchased from Hydrotechnic Company of California, and that heat is an integral component of the washing. Ian Shackelford was asked what we should do. He said that Forest Service would pay directly for the repair. Mr. Shackelford said he would follow through on the issue. In lieu of the absence of the boat washer unit, Marv Schwinn has only been able to distribute educational materials at the BP location. Jeff Pytlarz asked if this was the best use of employee time. Ken Wendt requested a proposal for employee best use issues. Will Buergey asked if we need to furlough a boat washer until the third washer is back in service. The salary for a boat washer is \$9,000, with Dennis working 2 days a week and Marv working 3 days a week at the BP location. It was suggested Dennis be furloughed until the washer is back in service.
7. Biologists' Reports: Ms. Barb Gajewski said that she and Bill Artwich are independently contracted to ISCCW and are also contracted to individual lakes. She emphasized that she and Bill want to remain transparent about their employment. The other lake associations they are with at this time include LacVieux Desert, and the CCROA. Joe LoMastro asked if they can share information received through their private employment contracts. Greg Wenzel, representing CCROA, stated there was no problem from the Chain's perspective. There was no LVDLA representative present at the meeting to comment.

Ken Wendt stated that if these two entities were not transparent with ISCCW, that could pose a problem. He requested that these comments be conveyed to LVDLA.

Bill Artwich reported on his Surveys: 7/2 Duck Lake=8 locations of EWM; 7/3 and 7/11 Cisco Lake = 48 CLP (down from 2012) also CLP found in the Lindsley Channel and was pretty dense; 7/11 Tamarack Lake=visibility difficult due to algae bloom; 7/15 Allen Lake=very clear and no AIS; 7/15 Moon Lake= water clarity down to 7 ft. – 9 ft. range, no AIS found

8. Approval of June 2013 Minutes: Mr. Wendt said that some content changes had been made via email response plus some wording and spelling changes. A Motion was made by Joe LoMastro to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Will Buergey. Motion passed. A motion was made by Joe LoMastro to accept all reports as given, seconded by Bill Rehling. Motion passed. Mr. Wendt reminded all to read the minutes each month to see if any amendments are necessary.
9. Public Comments: Mr. Ian Shackelford, Forest Service reported as follows:
  - There is approximately \$100,000 of new funds available from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Mr. Shackelford approved the ISCCW \$539.00 invoice.
  - Snorkeling was done in Crooked Lake on June 27 and about 19 EWM were pulled, all but one from near the boat launch.
  - Residents on Langford Lake have reported native plants showing significant symptoms of the fluridone herbicide, and have shared photos. Some residents have reported and photographed an algae bloom and dead fish. He attended the Langford Lake Milfoil Association annual meeting on July 6. Three lake residents reported finding something like spiny water fleas in the lake.
  - The US Forest Service can pay for the repair of Forest Service boat washer at Range Motor Sports.
  - WePIC meeting was yesterday. Remember that WePIC has a Coordinator now, Jen Ricker from the Iron County Conservation District.
  - Proposals are being sought for AIS prevention for the funding available from a 2013 GLRI allocation to the Forest Service.
  - ISCCW is invited to a Watershed Restoration Workshop at Black River Harbor on July 22 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Funds from “National Forest Stewardship End Result Contracting” may be available in the future for watershed restoration projects, which may include management of invasive species.

Mr. Greg Wenzel, representing CCROA, reported some treatments have occurred. Thousand Island was treated on June 18. Clearwater Lake treatment was postponed until 2014. Big Lake had in 2012 approximately one acre of AIS. No AIS found this year so far, and that was with the use of GPS points. Greg also commented that Christine Scott, ISCCW Educator, is working very well with CCROA. He reported a meeting to be held Thursday at the Cisco Bar at 9:30 AM with topic being the Cisco Chain Dam and AIS. Also, Sunday there will be picnic at Vacationland and AIS would surely be discussed. He said that there will be some EWM pulling by three divers during the last week of July. On the topic of “Lake Hoppers Committee”, Greg said they have installed a type of “real estate info box” at landings and resorts in the area. The information in these boxes contain education on AIS, maps showing where

EWM is located in Thousand Island Lake and Clearwater Lake, and an explanation of the purpose of the buoy placements to designate EWM locations.

Mr. Warren Kobilca, Marion Lake, reported that he and Ian Shackleford did surveys of possible sites for a self-manned portable washer on Marion Lake. Mr. Shackleford stated that Forest Service may cover the expense of running electricity to a post to provide power for a portable power washer. Since Forest Service is self-insured, they would cover liability insurance on the electrical set-up. Mr. Kobilca stated that the pump would draw lake water and be powered by personal boat owners.

The topic of heat necessary to clean zebra mussels and spiny water flea was brought up. Comments on the effectiveness of heat versus no heated water ensued. Margaret Marrs, Marion Lake, commented on the necessity for liability insurance with a self-manned boat washer, asking who would be responsible for the premiums. Ian Shackleford stated the Marion Lake Association would be responsible for that coverage. Commentary from the assembly addressed whether boat owners would stop and bother to wash their boats and trailers. Another participant asked Ian Shackleford if anyone has been "ticketed" thus far, thereby enforcing the signage warnings. Ian said no tickets have been issued to date, but that he agreed enforcing the penalty and the ensuing report of ticketing in the newspaper might deter lake hoppers from being negligent.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: A Motion was made by Joe LoMastro to add to the Agenda under New Business a discussion of our website domain costs. Will Buergey seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

#### 11. Old Business:

- A. Langford Lake Treatment Update: Cost figures reported as follows: PLM Billing: Sonar treatment of lake \$29,171.64; FasTest Monitoring \$2,000 (DEQ Requirement); Bump billing \$7,488.18 (this was a savings over the quoted price equaling \$7, 100.00). Barb Gajewski will present a report on Langford Lake at the end of the week. Ian Shackleford said Langford Lake is showing symptoms of water shield, water lilies and pippert weed. He said chlorophyll is breaking down, but no poisons going into plants. There will be an EWM assessment at the end of this week. Barb, also reiterated they are on schedule for Langford and that August would show actual results of treatment. Jim Donlan said there will be one more water sampling at the end of this week.

Ian said there was an unusual algae bloom sighted by residents, also dead fish were sighted. PLM said dead fish was a result of a natural occurrence, with the late spring blue gills and other fish were under spawning stress. Ian added that Forest Service samplings may have contributed to some fish kill, and also the unusual blue/green algae bloom may contribute to fish kill. Across the board, lakes are experiencing some fish kill due to the unusually late spring. Ms. Cindy Schmidt, Langford Lake, is a biologist and she noted dead fish, clams and snails, as well as dead weeds on her lakeshore, and she added that occurrence was unusual. Barb Gajewski said it was clear Langford Lake is different this year. John Neumann said Eagle River area lakes are also experiencing an algae that kills. Crooked Lake has evidence of a blue/green algae this season. Ms. Schmidt asked if this condition

should be expected here-to-forward. Barb Gajewski stated this algae lives in soil as well as water and it needs the right conditions to bloom. Some algae is highly toxic. Bill Artwich said Dinner Lake, as an example, is back to its former lake level but the visibility is the worst it has been. Diana Mehlhop stated that Jim Okraszewski put information on the ISCCW website regarding this current blue-green algae presence on lakes.

- B. LVD Update: Bill Artwich reported on Lac Vieux Desert. He has surveyed three times and found 34 locations. Diving has occurred four times and 482 EWM plants have been removed. Bagging in 14 locations netted 482 plants, or 162 pound/bags. He added that suction harvesting will happen on LVD but the DNR needs to be present. Locations are in the Simpson Point area or on the northern side of coming into Slaughter Bay. When asked, Roger LaBine said he was not sure the LVD Tribal Council was aware of all of the above information, and that he would communicate it.
- C. Bass Lake Update: John Neumann said secchi testing continues, water clarity is poor and the EWM is coming back strongly on the North and West sides of the Lake. John stated a letter was sent to the Township requesting their support. He submitted a copy of the letter to the Board of Trustees. Barb Gajewski stated vegetation reports are due in September.
- D. Annual Meeting Update: Ken Wendt reminded everyone of the August 3, 2013 Annual Meeting at 2 PM at the Watersmeet Pavilion. He asked anyone unable to attend to send in their Proxy. Twenty-five members are necessary to quorum.

12. New Business:

- A. Approval of Renewal of ISCCW website. Alan Piel, ISCCW Webmaster, reported the 5 year domain contract update is due for a cost of \$379.31. After some discussion, Joe LoMastro moved approval of the costs to update and maintain the domain, seconded by Bill Rehling. Motion passed.

13. Adjournment: A Motion was made by Ken Wendt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret MARRS. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Next regular meeting August 20 at the Conference Center at 9 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret MARRS  
Acting Secretary