

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED - August 20, 2013

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Daniel Straszewski, Will Buergey, Joe LoMastro, Jim Floriano, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, and David Sherrill.

Guests: Diana Mehlhop, Christine Scott, Frank Puffer, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Dave Lamoreaux, Warren Kobilca, Jim Donlan, and Linda Hammer.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ken Wendt at 9:03 AM.

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report - No president's report

2. Vice-President's Report - Ken Wendt

Mr. Wendt reported that ISCCW is owed some monies by the Federal Government. Mr. Wendt reported some frustration over the requirements the Federal Government has imposed on organizations that require federal reimbursement. Groups requiring reimbursement need an active SAM registration, which in turn requires a DnB registration, but providing what is considered by the administering agency a properly completed application has been elusive for ISCCW giving that the agency provides little insight as to why they reject a submittal. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made with another in process.

3. Treasurer's Report - Steve Wilkinson

Mr. Wilkinson reported a starting bank balance as of July 15, 2013 of \$54,385.41; receipts of \$18,632.32; disbursements of \$13,467.16; equaling a current bank balance of \$59,550.57. A detailed Treasurer's report was circulated at the meeting and is hereby incorporated by reference. Motion by Mr. Bob Turnquist to approve the Treasurer's Report with second by Mr. Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Finance Committee - No Finance Report

5. Membership Committee Report - Diana Mehlhop

Ms. Mehlhop reported current ISCCW membership at 485. A report showing complete statistics was circulated at the meeting and is hereby incorporated by reference.

6. Education P/R Committee - Bob Turnquist

Mr. Turnquist reported that while all items on the committee to do list have been accomplished it was not a very good summer for training. Because of lack of interest two of the three scheduled sessions were cancelled. The Thousand Island Lake session had a very light turnout of six. Some concern was expressed as to what could be behind the apparent lack of interest. Several thoughts were expressed. Bob added that the Education P/R Committee has lost two members and is looking for replacements. You need not be a board member to join this committee. Greg Wenzel reported that the Lake Hoppers Group is set to meet September 10th 2013 at 9:00 am in the Yellow Township Office annex next to the fire station.

A. Educator/Coordinator Report - Christine Scott

Ms. Scott reported on the last period of boat washing. She noted that since the start of the activity through August 1st our boat washers have contacted 5,400 people and washed 750 boats. A "face book" page has also been started at [Facebook.com/ISCCW](https://www.facebook.com/ISCCW)

B. Educator/Coordinator Agreement and Budget Review/Modification

Mr. Wendt explained that, because of the exceptional job Ms. Scott was doing and the increased scope of her duties, she was close to using up all her budgeted hours; therefore the P/R Committee has requested an adjustment to her hours be considered. After a short discussion of time and tasks remaining this year Mr. LoMastro moved that Ms. Scott's budgeted hours be increased by 210 to a total of 690 hours for the season (*this equates to a 43.75% increase in hours and an additional \$2,940.00 in cost to cover the rest of the season*), with second by Mr. Will Buergey. Motion carried by unanimous vote

7. Biologists Reports - Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich

Barb Gajewski deferred her report to the area of "Old Business"

Bill Artwich reported that there were poor conditions for lake surveys citing heavy boat traffic at times. He did get some surveys done and reported that he did not find aquatic invasive species on either Marion or Dinner Lakes. The water clarity on Dinner Lake was low. On Thousand Island Lake Bill reported he found 99 locations showing EWM. (*A copy of the list will be made available to all Board Members by Ken Wendt and anyone else can contact Ken for a copy*). Continuing on, Bill added that LVD survey work is 1/2 - 2/3 done. WDNR was out on portions of the lake with a harvester. Board members showed some interest in the harvesting operation and learned that the cost is about \$150 per hour for one diver and \$200 for two divers.

8. Approval of July 2013 Minutes

Ken Wendt had incorporated previously received amendments into the July minutes and sought a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was made by Mr. Will Buergey with second by Mr. Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Public Comments

USFS - Ian Shackleford submitted a written report read by Mr. Wendt:

I will be on vacation and miss the August ISCCW meeting. Here is a FS report.

- On July 23 a crew from the Forest Service joined Dave Lamoreaux from Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association and snorkeled and pulled several patches of Eurasian water milfoil recommended by Bill Artwich.
- On July 25 the Forest Service snorkeled and pulled EWM from the first bay of Crooked Lake. We also snorkel-pulled in June. A small snorkel-pull event is planned for Friday, August 16.
- Remember that the Forest Service has some extra GLRI funds for AIS prevention. See my 7/18/2013 email. Proposals should be submitted to Ian Shackleford by August 30, 2013.
- I am continuing discussions with the Marion Lake Association for their idea about a simple self-service portable pressure washer
- I hope ISCCW has been able to update their SAM record. Your recent \$6,822.26 invoice can't be paid until it's fixed. Sorry for the trouble!
- The FS paid Range Motor Sports \$1,395 for repair of the leaking pressure washer. Brian Niemi replaced the large metal heating coil. See attached photo of the old one. He attributed the leaks more to corrosion than water freezing, but I don't know. I hope this isn't a sign that the other three washers we purchased in 2010 will begin to fail like this.
- Eurasian water milfoil seems to fluctuate every year in Pomeroy Lake, and is common again this year.
- I have ordered more of the large yellow "Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species" boat launch signs. The FS will soon install signs at Dinner Lake and Paint Lake. Anyone that wants one, and can get permission to put it up, can have one.

- The DEQ is giving the USFS 100 of their new metal “Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!” brown signs. These will replace the green “Help Prevent the Spread” signs at most of our boat launches now. The new brown signs reference the 2009 law that prohibits launching a boat with an aquatic plant attached. Having the signs posted is one step towards possible enforcement. We will install the signs at the USFS boat launches, and make them available to any partners that want one. State boat launches should already have the new sign.
- Please keep an eye out for purple loosestrife, which is in bloom now, and pull or dig up plants if you have permission from the landowner.

MDNR - No Report

CCROA - Greg Wenzel reported that four divers spent time pulling EWM early in August. The group was making progress on educational issues, particularly in the identification of EWM. They are moving forward towards a full lake Fluridone treatment on Clearwater Lake next year. Greg concluded by informing ISCCW that at the CCROA Board Meeting a week ago he was elected the new president. Congratulations were extended to Greg.

10. Agenda Changes / Approval of Agenda

Due to some Board Members having to leave early, Motion made by Mr. Will Buergey to place "New Business" as agenda item 11 and move "Old Business" to agenda item 12, with second by Bob Turnquist. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. New Business

A. Board Vacancies Elections

- Mr. Wendt informed the Board that Dudley Pierce had asked to be removed from the board due to personal reason. Motion to remove Mr. Pierce as President without prejudice was made by Mr. Bob Turnquist, with second by Mr. Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Mr. Wendt nominated Dave Sherrill for ISCCW Board membership for a period of two years to complete the term of Mr. Pierce, with second by Greg Wenzel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Mr. Wendt then asked for nominations to fill the vacant spot of President. After a discussion in which Mr. Buergey stated he would fill the remainder of the Vice-President's term if Mr. Wendt would consider taking the remainder of the President's term, Mr. Wendt was nominated for the office of President and Mr. Will Buergey was nominated for the office of Vice-President. Motion was made by Joe LoMastro to elect Mr. Ken Wendt as President and Mr. Will Buergey as Vice-President, with second by Mr. Bob Turnquist. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Ruth Bozdech, the current secretary, asked to be released from her duties. Her request was accepted by the Board with regrets. Mr. Daniel Straszewski was nominated by Joe LoMastro to take her place. Motion was for Mr. Daniel Straszewski to fill the unexpired term of Secretary, with second by Mr. Bob Turnquist. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. Old Business

- A. Langford Lake: Barb Gajewski stated that the final MYFA reporting as required by the MDEQ fluridone permit was completed on July 22nd. Ken Wendt received a copy if anyone is interested. The aquatic plant survey that will determine the effectiveness of the treatment will be completed in the beginning of September. The success of the treatment in regards to reduction in EWM will be determined by presence/absence of EWM at each sampling site. There will be approximately 349 sampling sites. The 80% guarantee provided by SePRO will be based on this presence/absence information. A representative from SePRO visited Langford Lake at the beginning of August and at this time a update from him has not been provided. Part of this visit was to determine if a EffectTEST was necessary.

A definitive determination of what caused the kill on Langford Lake is not known. Blue green algae was present during the time of the fish kill. Fish kills have also been observed this year on other local lakes.

- B. LVD: Mr. Joe LoMastro expressed some concern over the lack of representation by the LVD property owners at ISCCW meetings. The Tribe is against any chemical treatment in order to protect the wild rice beds on the lake and any attempted use of chemicals will probably be met with an injunction. Dave Lamoreaux expressed the need to do something.
- C. Bass Lake: Ms. Barb Gajewski is working on a treatment plan in order to proceed with a full lake treatment in 2014. Ms. Gajewski will survey Bass Lake in September.

13. Adjournment

Ken Wendt called for a motion to adjourn and Mr. Dan Straszewski so moved, with second by Mr. Will Buergey. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski