

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED - September 17, 2013

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Joe LoMastro, Arny Domanus, Jim Floriano, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, David Sherrill, Renee Shurr, Dan Straszewski.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop, Frank Puffer Sr., Christine Scott, Warren Kobilca, Jim Donlan, Ian Shackelford, Bill Artwich, Barb Gajewski, Mike Golas, Marvin Schwinn

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by Diana Mehlhop for Ken Wendt who was unable to attend.

Quorum was verified by Diana. Mehlhop.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt furnished a written report read by Diana Mehlhop and summarized here: Ken was successful in reactivating ISCCW SAM registration so that reimbursements can be obtained from the Federal Government. Thanks go to the tech from the SAM Federal Service Desk. Ian should now be able to expedite payment of our outstanding Federal invoices.
2. Vice-President's Report: No Report
3. Treasurer's Report: No Report
4. Finance Committee: No Report
5. Membership Committee Report:  
Diana Mehlhop reported 385 members donated \$32,865 for the 2013 membership year. 114 members donated \$9,990 for the 2014 membership year. Our total membership as of 9/17/13 is 469.
6. Education P/R Committee:  
Bob Turnquist reported that approximately \$555.00 was collected from the fish tape boxes for this summer. Inventory for the fish tape boxes is getting low and, if we are going to continue this program, will have to be reordered. He added that the Education P/R Committee is about ready to wrap things up for this year and start planning for the coming year. He finished by saying that the Education P/R Committee needs some new volunteers. Several long serving members have resigned and so now they need some new members.  
Greg Wenzel reports that the Lake Hoppers have focused on resorts and rentals, wanting to provide more outreach to those types of venues/businesses. The Lake Hoppers are hoping to set up a meeting with Mike Rogers to somehow get more support from renters and resorts.  
A. Educator/Coordinator Report: No report.

7. Biologists Reports

Bill Artwich reported that on 8/31 he found EWM on Duck Lake in eight locations and on 5/9 found two more locations in Duck Lake. Divers were used to harvest EWM. On 8/31 Taylor Lake and County Line Lake were surveyed and he found no AIS (particularly EWM). On 9/5 no AIS was found in Long Lake, although limited vegetation was noted in Long Lake probably due to increased water levels. Beaton's Lake still must be surveyed.

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

8. Approval of August 2013 Minutes: Diana Mehlhop called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Greg Wenzel so moved and Joe LoMastro seconded. The motion carried unanimously

9. Public Comments:

USFS - Ian Shackleford reported that he would be recommending pesticide application for Crooked Lake next year. He also stated that the new large yellow signs are still available for boat launches to help warn about invasive species. The USFS will be glad to provide one for any boat launch. The State has a new brown sign warning about AIS, also available from Ian. These new signs contain language specifying the illegality of launching contaminated boats. This may possibly set up a stronger enforcement effort. He continued by saying that the out-of-service boat washer is still under repair. There has been some difficulty in obtaining reliable burner repairs/parts. There was some discussion about using a local business for burner repairs. He mentioned that new EWM plants have been found in Paint Lake (Iron County). Lastly, Ian reported that eight (8) proposals were received for funding under the new GLRI partner opportunity and there are sufficient funds to support most or all of these proposals if accepted. However, CCROA will need a SAM number to get reimbursed from USFS.

MDNR - No Report

CCROA - Greg Wenzel reported EWM has now been found in Big Lake. During this discussion Greg noted some disappointment in the quantifying /survey methodologies used in locating invasive species, particularly EWM. The point intersect methodology lends itself to the possibilities of areas with AIS being overlooked. Barb Gajewski noted that surveys get better the more they are repeated. Greg Wenzel has been in contact with Senator Casperson regarding Senate Bill 444. In particular, Greg would like to see streamlining of the language regarding hand pulling and perhaps eliminating all permit fees for this item.

Others -

Barb Gajewski said she had attended the Dickinson County Lakes and Streams Association. It was noted that there is some funding available under the Clean Michigan Initiative.

Christine Scott was called out and applauded for the fine effort that she has given this year.

10. Agenda Changes: Under new business a motion was made by David Sherrill to add a item for discussion pertaining to zoning changes, seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business

Langford Lake - The aquatic vegetative survey, performed under a USFS contract, was completed on September 15<sup>th</sup>. One location of EWM was found, which consisted of one 4" sprig. No visual observations of EWM nor floating fragments were found. The impacts to native plant communities is not known at this time, the data from 2013 will have to be compared to previous years data. Additional time was spent attempting to relocate *M. farwellii* in the areas where it had been previously documented. No *M. farwellii* was found.

Lac Vieux Desert - Barb Gajewski circulated some maps plotting EWM locations. Some EWM is located right next to rice beds. Bill Artwich had scheduled a EWM harvesting for September 17<sup>th</sup> with some "hand-pulling" follow ups. Temperature of the water is dropping making additional harvesting events this year uncertain.

Bass Lake - Barb Gajewski reported that the aquatic vegetative survey for Bass Lake is complete, in preparation for fluridone treatment next year. A few location of *M. farwellii* may be present on Bass Lake. A sample was collected and is being vouched by the University of Michigan. Once confirmation has been made, a dialog with the MDEQ and MDNR will have to occur on how to proceed.

12. New Business: David Sherrill reported that municipal leaders are reconsidering zoning changes that could make the spreading of AIS more probable and more difficult to prevent. Among the changes are "key holing" and the municipal treatment of rental properties. The changes are seen as necessarily increasing traffic on the lakes without providing any safeguards against the spread of AIS. There is an open forum on this subject coming in October. As many people as possible should attend.

13. Adjournment: Diana Mehlhop called for a motion to adjourn. David Sherrill moved adjournment with second by Renee Shurr. . Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski