

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved - October 15, 2013

Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Dan Straszewski, Jim Floriano, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, and Joe LoMastro.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop, Christine Scott, Jim Donlan, Bill Artwich, Roger LaBine, John Neumann, Linda Hammer and Frank Puffer Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified.

1. President's Report:

Ken Wendt thanked Diana Mehlhop for doing an excellent job of running the September meeting in his absence.

2. Vice-President's Report: No Report

3. Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Wilkinson reported a starting bank balance as of August 20 of \$59,550.57; receipts of \$2,207.10; disbursements of \$16,895.82; equaling a current bank balance of \$44,861.85. A detailed Treasurer's report was circulated at the meeting and is hereby incorporated by reference. Motion by Greg Wenzel to approve the Treasurer's Report with second by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried.

4. Finance Committee: No Report

5. Membership Committee Report:

Diana Mehlhop reported 469 members, with 119 members paid through 2014, and total member receipts of \$32,865 for the 2013 membership year and \$10,190 for the 2014 membership year. Diana said that Ken was preparing a renewal letter to go out in November and asked that all members present take a membership form before they leave and send it in, thereby saving the cost of mailing.

6. Education P/R Committee:

Bob Turnquist reported that a meeting was held on October 7th to start planning next year's activities. This went well with a new project list being formed. Bob then asked to be removed from his position as Chairman of the Education Committee and recommended Jeff Pytlarz as his replacement. Ken Wendt noted for the record that such a voluntary request could be accommodated under the By-laws of the ISCCW. Ken then asked Jeff if he agreed to accept the position. Upon Jeff's agreement and with the consent of the Board Members present appointed Jeff Pytlarz to be Chairman. Greg Wenzel identified two target areas for the Lake Hoppers. The first identified a need for more effective signage on the lakes so that more people feel responsible for keeping the lakes free of invasive species. The

second stated that there is an elevated interest on the part of the CCROA (Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association) to hold renters on the Chain more accountable for preventing the spread of invasive species.

A. Educator/Coordinator Report:

Christine Scott gave a final report on the boat washing activities, stating that 7,200 plus people were talked with from approximately 3,500 boats. She added that the library programs in both Land O'Lakes and Phelps were very well received. She will put together an end of year report for the committee.

B. Education/PR Committee Employee Authority

A consensus was requested by Ken Wendt to table this matter until the end of the regular meeting and have the agenda amended under Item 10 - "Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda" for a closed session meeting following Item 12 - "New Business" and prior to Item 13 - "Adjournment". Consensus was granted by all Board Members present.

7. Biologists Reports:

Bill Artwisch reported he had spent 9/22 on Beaton's Lake and also did some pulling on Thousand Island Lake near Jay's Resort, two docks to the west, where he found 50-52 EWM plants. He further reported that he had wrapped up diving last week and the harvester had worked well. He had harvested a total of 7,100 lbs of EWM and now plans on putting together a presentation. 75 to 80% was pulled by a two diver team and the remainder by a three diver team. In the future the harvester will be available for rental and can be used in a set location by one or two divers.

Ms. Barb Gajewski's report will be read by Ken Wendt during the lake reports under old business.

8. Approval of September 2013 Minutes: Ken Wendt called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Jim Floriano so moved with second by Joe LoMastro. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Comments:

USFS - No Report, due to federal government shutdown.

MDNR - No Report

CCROA - Greg Wenzel reported he had gotten out to pull EWM twice on Thousand Island Lake along the northern and eastern shores. The buoys have been pulled with only a trace of 1 plant of EWM found. EWM has been found in Big Lake along the eastern and southern shores and also in Palmer Bay.

Others - Ken Wendt noted that some comments have been made and some letters written recently concerning a Township Zoning Ordinance situation. He stated that while every Board Member is free to state their own opinions, ISCCW by law must remain neutral as it regards Township polices and/or politics. However, if actions are being taken that will have an effect on work that we do, we could then petition the Township Board to take our concerns under consideration. John Neumann commented that the letter written to the Township Board by Greg Wenzel he did not take as being political.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Ken Wendt stated that by previous Board consensus we would add an addition after 'New Business' of a closed session to discuss 'Education/PR Committee Employee Authority' in regards to an employee matter and made a motion to accept the agenda as so amended, with second by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried.

11. Old Business

Langford Lake - Barb Gajewski, through a letter read by Ken Wendt, reported that a stop work order was received due to the government shutdown but it was not as pertinent to us as to others. Ian told her it more or less applied to contractors actively doing work on the forest. Barb anticipates that Ian will receive the Langford Lake data prior to the October 30th deadline regardless of the stop work order.

Lac Vieux Desert - Barb Gajewski, through a letter read by Ken Wendt, reported that all the manual removal efforts for EWM are finished for the year. She is working on getting all of the summer surveys, monitoring, hand pulling and DASH efforts compiled. She added that we should start thinking about another stakeholders meeting.

Bass Lake - Barb Gajewski, through a letter read by Ken Wendt, reported that she has been in contact with Lori Sargent of the MDNR and Lisa Huberty of the MDEQ regarding the possible presence of *M. farwellii* in Bass Lake. A voucher sample has been sent to the University of Michigan and she is waiting for a response. Lori has stated that, if *M. farwellii* is present on Bass Lake, the same MDNR permit and protocol used on Langford Lake will be required for Bass Lake..

12. New Business: - No new business

13. Education/PR Committee Employee Authority Closed Session:

Ken Wendt asked all guests, excluding the Education Coordinator, to leave the room. Motion to adjourn to closed session made by Steve Wilkinson, with second by Joe LoMastro, carried unanimously. Meeting was moved into a closed session at 10:16 am.

Open session resumed at 10:34 am. Motion to approve the letter discussed and finalized in the closed session and to mail same made by Joe LoMastro, with second by Jeff Pytlarz. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Joe LoMastro, with second by Greg Wenzel. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski