

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED - November 19, 2013

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop, Ian Shackelford, Bill Artwich, Barbara Gajewski, Warren Kobilca, Cheryl and John Neumann, and Dave Lamoreaux.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 by Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported,  
Fellow board member David Sherrill was hospitalized due to a severe cardiac condition. Ken asked that our thoughts and prayers go out to David as he recovers. Jessica Samuelson finished her contract with ISCCW. She was well received by boaters, did an excellent job, and we thank her for her many contributions to our education efforts.  
An email correspondence was received from Linda Doscotch in which she stated her concern that many Riparians still do not know that their lake is infested with EWM. For better communication she suggested that a formal notification be made to all residents of affected lakes with a first priority being all home owners. She also suggested that all locations of EWM should be marked. This will be discussed in Item 6 of the agenda.
2. Vice-President's Report: No Report
3. Treasurer's Report:  
In Steve Wilkinson's absence Ken read his report which showed a starting bank balance as of October 14th of \$44,861.85; receipts of \$8,158.78; disbursements of \$9,450.56; equaling a current bank balance of \$43,570.07. Steve noted on his written report that the year-end reimbursement request from the USFS Participating Agreement will be prepared shortly to cover July through October. Steve's written report was accepted as presented.
4. Finance Committee: No Report
5. Membership Committee Report:  
Diana Mehlhop reported 469 members, with 121 members paid through 2014, and total member receipts of \$32,865 for the 2013 membership year and \$10,365 for the 2014 membership year. Diana said that for informational purposes (to keep members informed of the past year's activities) a copy of the renewal letter was emailed to all those who had previously renewed for 2014.

6. Education P/R Committee:

Jeff Pytlarz reported that a meeting was held on 11/13, at which time Chris Ebert was welcomed as a new committee member.

Greg Wenzel said that the Lake Hoppers program was identified as the major effort for the upcoming year with focus on resorts, rentals, hotels and motels. There is a potential of 337 rooms where a placard can be put that would inform the tenants about AIS. There also was some discussion pertaining to the possible use of an informational package as a check-in handout to inform visitors regarding AIS and how to prevent it from spreading. Greg added that there might be some push back on signage at some of the boat landings. Some users have indicated that there may be too many signs.

Jeff stated that for 2014 the Student Conservation Association (SCA) could be a source of highly qualified candidates to help ISCCW with boat washers. Cost is approximately \$9000 per season for 2 people who would work 40 hours per week. Requests need to be officially submitted to the SCA by February. Jeff also has a list of three people who expressed an interest in being boat washers for 2014.

Greg Wenzel commented on the CCROA's past door hanging packet program which contained a cover letter, information on AIS, a list of affected lakes, and contact information. This led to a discussion about how best to communicate to the public, such as having a periodic newsletter. Barb Gajewski suggested that a possible way to contact all owners might be with a communication along with the township tax notification mailing. Ken said he would talk to Supervisor Rogers about the possibility.

7. Biologists Reports:

Bill Artwisch supplied a CD containing his data on lakes surveyed and monitored in 2013. The list of lakes are Africa (Big and Little), Allen, Beatons, Cisco, County Line, Crooked (1st Bay), Dinner, Duck, Long, Lac Vieux Desert, Marion, Moon, Record, Tamarack, Taylor, and Thousand Island. This data is available to all by contacting Ken Wendt.

Barb Gajewski's report was deferred to the heading "Old Business".

8. Approval of Reports and October 2013 Minutes:

Ken Wendt called for a motion to approve all submitted reports. The motion was made by Arny Domanus with support of Joe LoMastro. Motion carried.

Ken called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published. Jeff Pytlarz so moved and Joe LoMastro seconded. Motion carried.

Ken passed out to all board members the minutes of the October Closed Session Meeting and, after everyone had a chance to read same, called for a motion to approve. Motion by Arny Domanus and Joe LoMastro seconded. Motion carried.

9. Public Comments:

USFS - Ian Shackleford gave the following report:

- The Cooks Run curly leaf pondweed infestation (Iron County) has spread to the Paint River, for a total known length of 4.5 miles.
- I received Many Waters' results for their Langford Lake aquatic plant grid survey, conducted September 13 & 15, 2013. Of the 346 grid points in the lake, EWM was only found at one point, with no observations between points. Some species appear about as abundant as previous years. Some species (other pondweeds and Elodea) have declined. One species (Potamogeton robbinsii fern pondweed) is more abundant.
- The USFS paid \$526 to Hydroclean Equipment of DePere, WI, for repair and maintenance of the double-axle USFS washer in use by ISCCW. Thank you, Ken, for taking it down and picking it up!
- I posted the results of the 2013 AIS lake surveys to the Ottawa NF web site as reported by Flambeau Engineering. There are two Watersmeet township lakes, listed, Imp and Helen. EWM was also found in Paint Lake (south of Kenton). [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5440987.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5440987.pdf)
- We will soon begin reviewing the partnership proposals for 2014 GLRI funding.

MDNR - No Report

CCROA - No Report

Others - John Neumann, from Bass Lake, reported that he is trying to garner additional understanding and support from town officials for the 2014 full lake treatment and that the Bass Lake Association is officially informing Bass Lake owners, by certified mail, of the proposed action.

Mr. Domanus mentioned that a new RAC Committee is being formed. Details forthcoming.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Bob Turnquist with second by Arny Domanus. Motion carried.

11. Old Business

Langford Lake - Barb Gajewski reported that EWM has definitely declined. A spring survey will need to be performed; a determination must be made as to which type of survey (Grid or Meander). After a general discussion on surveys and their use it was agreed a meander survey would be better in this situation. The management plan calls for follow up 2014 spot treatment but, depending on number of plants located, would diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH) be a better alternative? ISCCW should still apply for a 2014 permit to treat 0-5 acres in Langford Lake even though it may not be used. Money for the required 2014 work may be available from the Langford Lake Association since they still have \$12,500 of a USFS grant available.

Lac Vieux Desert - Ken Wendt stated that Roger Labine must be copied on all ISCCW efforts regarding LVD. Bill Artwich said he is still analyzing the harvesting efforts (hand-pulling and DASH) performed on LVD. It was noted that all AIS Control Grant Applications for Wisconsin are due in February 2014. There was some discussion regarding whether we should try to have a LVD stakeholders meeting prior to the LVDLA meeting scheduled for December 19th. Barb Gajewski will take charge of trying to set a stakeholders meeting, the date will depend on the availability of key players. Ken said he would be contacting the Township Supervisor about doing a 2% grant request. Another possibility, depending on needs, could be the BIA.

Bass Lake - Barb Gajewski, has a draft copy of the plant survey available for Bass Lake. She found 31 species of aquatic plant. Since *M. farwellii* was confirmed in Bass Lake a protocol to replace affected endangered species must be included and followed in the lake's management plan. Barb asked that an applicator be chosen for the Bass Lake treatment since this would move along the permit application process which MDNR requires in December. After discussion, Joe LoMastro moved that PLM be the designated applicator and Greg Wenzel seconded the motion. Motion carried. ISCCW will petition the Watersmeet Township Board for a resolution for treatment similar to that obtained for Langford Lake's treatment.

12. New Business:

A. 2014 Operating Plan & 2014 Budget: New Budget requests have been submitted by both the Membership and Education P/R Committees. The Education P/R Committee is out of fish tapes and they need to place an order before 12/31 to obtain current pricing. Any additional input into prospective budgets must be received prior to 12/10. An operating plan will be available by the next meeting.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bob Turnquist with second by Arny Domanus. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Next meeting December 17, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Straszewski