

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved – December 17, 2013

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Joe LoMastro, Arny Domanus, Jim Floriano, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, and Greg Wenzel.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop and Linda Hammer (Thousand Island Lake), Ian Shackleford (US Forest Service), Bill Artwich and Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters), and Jim Donlan (Langford Lake).

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported
 - a. As discussed at the November meeting, Ken talked to Watersmeet Township Supervisor Mike Rogers about the possibility of including information regarding AIS on area lakes in the Township mailing of tax bills. Mr. Rogers referred this question to the township attorney who advised against the practice as it might set an unwelcome precedent for other non-profit groups. Also, the township will not provide an updated mailing list of township residents--Ken is now looking at other alternatives.
2. Vice President's report: Will Buergey reported nothing new to report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported
 - a. Our bank balance on November 18 was \$43,570.07; Membership contributions deposited were \$12,570.00; Disbursements for Bass Lake treatment permit were \$1,500.00: Bank Balance on December 16, 2013 is \$54,640.07.
 - b. Steve also reported that after making additional deposits of recent membership donations (\$1,425.00) and reimbursement from the Forest Service (\$12,745.00), the bank balance at the end of the day will be \$68,810. \$22,668.06 remains for 2014 under the USFS Participating Agreement.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt
 - a. ISCCW has requested \$15,000 from Watersmeet Township for 2014 under our Township AIS Services Contract.
 - b. A request has also been made to the LVD Tribal 2% Committee for \$30,000. This was submitted along with the Township's requests for 2% funds.
 - c. A request for \$3,530 was made by the Education/PR Committee to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for our new "Lake Hoppers" program. *(During the meeting Ian Shackleford inform us that the GLRI will actually award us \$9,568 to fund the Lake Hoppers program and support additional Educational Committee programs in 2014.)*
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported
 - a. Paid members through 2013 totaled 385 and, at this point, we have 302 paid members through 2014. Donations from members paid through 2014 total \$24,785, which is an increase of \$14,420 and 182 members from last month's numbers. We still have about 175 current 2013 members who we hope will renew.
 - b. To date, we have received notification of 7 deceased members.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported
 - a. The committee will meet again in January.
 - b. We will be ordering 1000 additional Fish Rulers before the end of December
7. Biologist Reports: To be covered under Old Business
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve Officer/Committee Reports made by Steve Wilkinson, second by Army Domanus. Motion Carried.
 - b. Motion to approve November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes made by Ken Wendt, second by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried.
9. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported that the Forest Service has reviewed several proposals for AIS prevention, using some available GLRI funds. They really liked ISCCW's partnership proposals and would like to fund eight projects; Lake Hoppers outreach, boat landing map/info boxes, lake property door hangers, educational video, laminated AIS Handouts, AIS brochure of infected lakes, AIS boat landing signage, and additional educator/coordinator hours. They would also fund some of supplies cost of the above. The proposed lake association newsletter assistance will not be funded. The USFS will also be funding a new boat washing program for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, covering Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties.
 - b. MDNR: No Report
 - c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that the CCROA is waiting for the final report on genetic testing of Milfoil samples taken from Big Lake—it appears to be a hybrid variety.
 - d. OTHERS: Jim Floriano (Duck Lake) reported they are looking into a lake association that is currently treating their own lake, under DNR approval, using their own volunteer chemical applicators and without purchasing liability insurance. This provides a substantial cost savings as well as requiring less rigorous testing and certification of applicators.
 - e. OTHERS: Barb Gajewski (Many Waters biologist) reported that the first annual Michigan Inland Lakes Conference will be held downstate in May, 2014. This will be a cooperative effort of the DNR, Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Loon Watch and other interested groups and lake associations. *(In a subsequent email message from the conference organizers, the ISCCW has been invited to participate in the conference.)*
10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda
 - a. There was a typo in the agenda, item B under Old Business was left out and should be "Langford Lake Update".
 - b. Motion to Approve Agenda made by Joe LoMastro, second by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried.
11. Old Business
 - a. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski reported that she will attend their annual meeting next week. In addition, she will try to schedule a stakeholders' meeting in the first half of January. LVDLA is working on a Wisconsin grant request with a filing deadline of February 1. The results of the 2013 treatment efforts on LVD are in. In addition to the work accomplished by Dave Lamoraux and Ian Shackleford (USFS), divers hand pulled 1,214 EWM plants weighing 962 pounds. 17 hours of Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) resulted in the removal of another 1,016 pounds of EWM.

- b. Langford Lake Update. The board previously approved applying for a DNR permit to treat up to 5 acres in 2014. After that decision was reached, Barb Gajewski found out that there was an option to apply for a smaller treatment, covering up to a half acre. (Following the post treatment survey in 2013 we only found one remaining EWM plant.) The board discussed the pros and cons of applying for a permit to treat the smaller area, but in the end decided to stay with the flexibility provided by a permit to treat up to five acres.
- c. Bass Lake Update. PLM has been retained to perform a whole lake treatment in 2014. Part of the PLM contract requires them to apply for the treatment permit. We will ask the township to approve the whole lake treatment under their authority, and discussions with the township supervisor have been initiated. The endangered plant species *M. Farwellii* has been found in Bass Lake and the DNR has indicated that they will approve a plan similar to our Langford Lake plan to deal with the preservation of this endangered species when we treat Bass Lake.

12. New Business

- a. 2014 Operating Plan Approval. There were two typos in the plan provided to the board prior to the meeting. The correct wording of the last sentence of the second paragraph should be, "Frequent press articles will be provided by the Education/PR Committee giving further exposure to the ISCCW, its mission, and its overall involvement within Watersmeet Township." Also, in the fifth paragraph the "(CPL)" following Cisco Lake should be, "(CLP)". After a brief discussion: Motion to approve the 2014 Operating Plan, as corrected, made by Will Buergey, seconded by Greg Wenzel. Motion carried.
- b. 2014 Budget Preliminary Approval. Some minor modifications were made to the 2014 Proposed Budget, increasing the funds available for contract services from "Many Waters" by \$2000 and increasing the expected proceeds from the GLRI grant from \$3530 to \$9,568. Motion to approve the 2014 Budget subject to final information from the Township and LVD Tribal 2 % Committee", made by Steve Wilkinson, seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion carried.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30. Motion to adjourn made by Will Buergey, seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Will Buergey, Vice President/Acting Secretary