

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED – January 21, 2014

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Dan Straszewski, Joe LoMastro, Arny Domanus, David Sherrill, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Margaret Marrs, and Greg Wenzel.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Committee), Ian Shackleford (US Forest Service), Bill Artwich and Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), John Neumann (Bass Lake), Rob Anderson (LVDLA), and Roger LaBine (LVD Tribe) .

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

Quorum was verified by Mr. Ken Wendt

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt confirmed that general liability coverage and workers compensation coverage has been secured for ISCCW. Cost for this insurance coverage was \$1,298.00. Directors and Officers liability coverage is separate and is currently paid to 5/1/2014.
2. Vice-President's report: Will Buergey reported he attended several meetings, part of later discussions.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson was absent, report read by Ken Wendt  
Starting December 16th bank balance was \$54,640.07; Deposits were \$24,695.17: membership contributions were \$10,075; LVLA reimbursements were \$1,875.00; participating agreement reimbursements were \$12,745.17. Disbursements were \$9,387.94: 2013 contract services \$5,588.51; insurance \$1,298.00; payroll taxes/services \$1,381.43; memberships \$200.00; postage stamps (2000) \$920.00. Bank Balance on January 14, 2014 is \$69,947.30.
4. Finance Committee Report: No report
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported  
A membership summary report which trended memberships from 2008 to 2014 was reviewed. Diana informed the Board of two recently deceased member; Marty Draeger (Long Lake) and Ted Zielinski (Big Lake). 2014 membership renewals are still trickling in and an email reminder will be sent in February to the approximately 124 members who have not renewed.  
Final numbers for 2013 were 385 members accounting for \$32,865.00. At this point we have 356 paid members for 2014. Donations from members paid through 2014 total \$33,985. This includes \$5,600 from the Juday Gift Fund which has now gifted a total of \$25,700 since 2009.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported:  
Currently ISCCW has no experienced boat washers; however we do have some applications. We will have to conduct a boat washer training session in early May and again in June when our two SCA interns arrive. We will have them for June, July, and August. Christine Scott, our PR/ED Coordinator, expects to be available full time by June.  
Jeff shared a handout with an insert of lakes affected with Eurasian water milfoil (EWM).

Jeff and Bob Turnquist raised the question of how to store and safeguard ISCCW written documents. Since we are a 501(c)3 organization reasonable public access must be given for certain of these documents. Bob thought it might be advantageous to have these documents provided online. Documents would then be accessible and collected in a centralized location. Ken Wendt raised some concerns about having working documents, particularly contracts, to open to the public and was firmly against having such documents freely available on the Internet. During the discussion it was agreed that some centralized location was necessary for proper archival storage of ISCCW documents. It was agreed to hold this subject over to the February meeting.

7. Biologist Reports: Active items will be covered under old business. Bill Artwich said that not much can be done now due to the frozen lake conditions.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
  - a. Ken called for a motion to approve Officer/Committee Reports. Motion made by Will Buergey, second by Dave Sherrill. Motion carried.
  - b. Ken called for a motion to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes. Corrections to the published minutes were offered; under Old Business, Sub "a" - change to 1016 plants and 1214 pounds pulled and credit USFS for hand pulling 26 plants. Motion to approve December 17, 2013 minutes as amended made by Joe LoMastro, second by Margie Marrs. Motion carried.
9. Public Comments:
  - a. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported that he is working on a modification to the ISCCW agreement, to deliver the additional \$9,568 for AIS prevention work. Also, Ian is making plans for the ongoing treatment of EWM near the boat access on Crooked Lake. The USFS doesn't have enough funding for a contract herbicide treatment this year. They will continue manual control, but Ian is also considering doing an aquatic herbicide application himself.
  - b. MDNR: No Report
  - c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported on the Lake Hoppers efforts which revolve around four major activities as follows: 1) Boat landing signage; temporarily postponed, and 2) Door hangers; which includes a cover letter and other items in a plastic sleeve distributed by a door to door effort, and 3) Map box initiative; which includes AIS information at landings throughout Watersmeet Township, and 4) Resort/owner initiative; which involves a display placard placed at resorts or similar establishments informing patrons about the dangers and prevalence of AIS. This invoked a discussion about including information on surrounding lakes that might bring in invasives, not just EWM, to our lakes by identifying a circle of affected lakes surrounding Watersmeet Township. There is some concern about liability associated with publishing such information even if only republishing data by the MDNR or similar governmental agencies; although it was pointed out that republication of previous published data does not normally create a liability. Ian Shackleford reminded ISCCW that the USFS prints a "Clean Boats Clean Waters" pamphlet that includes a list of local infestations; Ian will bring more to the next meeting. The whole purpose of this placard, or brochures, is to prevent the spread of AIS. Greg also informed the Board that there is a meeting on the docket of the Township Board to take up at their February 19th Board Meeting, by Resolution, the matter of a full lake fluridone treatment for Clearwater Lake. An unanswered question is, will CCROA need ISCCW funding help? For now they will apply for some BFIT funding.

- d. OTHERS: Arny Domanus stated that the first annual Michigan Inland Lakes Convention is being held May 1, 2, and 3 at Boyne Mountain resort, Boyne Falls Michigan. You can download a flyer and registration data at [michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu/convention](http://michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu/convention). Barb Gajewski (Many Waters biologist) added that this convention is a cooperative effort of the DNR, Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Loon Watch and other interested groups and lake associations.
- e. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented made by Bob Turnquist, second by Jeff Pytlarz. Motion carried.

#### 10. Old Business

- a. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski reported that there is a broad spectrum of representation working on LVD. Groups include the LVD Lake Association, WDNR, USFS, ISCCW, LVD Tribe, and GLIFWC. The groups met to exchange ideas and discuss requirements for LVDLA's request for a four year WDNR grant. She noted that, while there is \$500m available, the grants are very competitive. These grants use a very complicated point system in order to determine who will be awarded available funds. The more points you get, the more likely you will be to get funds. Some things to consider:
  - i. Under the 35/65 request the annual grant amount would be approximately \$19,700 from WDNR requiring in-kind matching funds and cash matching funds of approximately \$10,600.
  - ii. When levying for grant money, points are granted for the amount of in-kind matching funds. ISCCW will again, in partnership with GLIFWC, do a full lake spring survey of LVD. Also, ISCCW's boat washing activity can be used, but only while the boat washer is operating in Wisconsin. These washes would be applicable for a specific wash time (10 min) per boat.
  - iii. A 10% cash match is requested, since this will bring an additional point to the grant. As part of that, ISCCW is being asked to commit a portion of the cash match each year for the next four years. This will be discussed under "New Business - Item B"
  - iv. Roger Labine asked would tribal landings be counted when trying to get boat washing coverage for LVD. This prompted a question as to the status of the landing for public use? Roger said he would get an answer to that. Roger also mentioned some internal talk about getting a boat washer for tribal use. An offer was made to let tribal personnel become familiar with boat washing by utilizing ISCCW equipment and protocols in limited sessions.
- b. Langford Lake Update. No update.
- c. Bass Lake Update: Permit applications are in for the full lake fluridone treatment of Bass Lake in 2014. A strong presence is needed on February 19th at the Township Board Meeting to show support for the treatment of Bass Lake. According to John Neumann letters were sent out to all Bass Lake owners requesting approval of the treatment. All responses were favorable. In addition John, on behalf of the Bass Lake Riparian Owner's Association, has sent an application for funds to BFIT. The application is for the amount of \$15,000.
- d. Budget Modifications: \$9,568 from the USFS (Ian Shackelford) for additional AIS prevention has been added in income and the Langford Lake RAC match has been adjusted to \$4,200, which is what Barb Gajewski estimates for the Langford Lake follow-up requirements. Watersmeet Township has been asked to contribute \$15,000 and we have requested \$30,000 in 2% funds. Without these two the 2014 end of year carryover is estimated to be less than \$13,000.

## 11. New Business

- a. Volunteer Youth Corp: There has been great participation in years past from the High School Science (environmental studies) Class. This would be a way to get youth involved in environmental programs. Roger Labine asked what the ISCCW could offer to this program. One way would be train them and have them participate in identification and shoreline eradication of invasive species. Christine Scott could manage things from our end. Roger added that this program would not necessarily be limited to the control of aquatic invasive species. Between the school, the Tribe, and ISCCW a satisfactory person would need to be found to help out with the program. Roger said there could also be shallow water studies, rice bed studies; work with the tribal hatchery, and terrestrial invasives among other activities. The programs would not be exclusive for tribal youth but would encompass all the area youths. Ken asked where we might go with this. Margie Marrs asked how we manage the risks, especially when we are working with children. After more general discussion a motion to support investigation of this effort was made by Greg Wenzel, second by Marjorie Marrs. Motion carried. Roger said he would set up an exploratory meeting in the near future. A report is due by next meeting from Ken.
- b. Discussion on "proposed" segregated funding: LVD is very vital to the economy of the area and ISCCW's overall efforts, but at this time the funding for the next few years, while a grant from WDNR is expected, is still very problematic. It is our largest lake and has multijurisdictional interests. We now have a history for keeping AIS under control evidenced by the 2013 end of year survey showing an improvement over the previous year.
  - i. On a 35/65 grant request a 25% in-kind match is required plus a 10% cash match. Ken Wendt moved that ISCCW commit \$1,100 per year for four years to this LVD Grant Fund Matching Program under this scenario, seconds by Joe LoMastro and Greg Wenzel. Motion carried.
  - ii. Ken then moved that under a 50/50 scenario we commit an additional 50% of the \$2,000 extra needed or \$1,000 per year for four years making a total of \$2,100 per year, second by Greg Wenzel. Motion carried.
  - iii. Expectations are that under the grant \$19,700 for the 2014 year would be awarded. In the event that the grant is not awarded Ken moved that ISCCW approach with a positive attitude the question of support for LVD's invasive management effort during 2014, with second by David Sherrill. Motion carried.
- c. 2014 Worker Contracts: Jeff Pytlarz reported that contracts are in reviews for 2014.

As a matter of interest, Ken Wendt asked Ian Shackleford about culvert replacements which are mentioned in the USFS schedule of proposed action (SOPA). Ian said staff on the USFS has been collecting information on culverts across the Forest, and identifying ones with problems such as preventing passage by aquatic organisms. As funding comes available, the USFS will replace the highest priority culverts. Ian will keep us informed about this as needed.

## 12. Adjourned at 12: 05 PM. **Note: Next meeting February 18, 2014**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary