

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2014 - Approved

US District Ranger Station, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Joe LoMastro, Arny Domanus, Jeff Pytlarz, Dan Straszewski, and Bob Zelinski.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership), Christine Scott (ISCCW Coordinator), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Bill Artwich and Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Sandra Butelewski (Bass Lake), Mike Golas (Sunset Lake ASSOC, and a guest from Iron River.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Ken Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported: New contracts are ready for utilizing Many Waters (Staff Biologists) and that new participative agreements (modification #02 to Agreement 12-PA-11090700-019) with the Ottawa National Forest are ready for signature. Ken will sign these contracts.

Ken went on to report on a telephone conversation with Roger Labine who couldn't attend this meeting due to scheduling conflicts. A letter on the Youth Corps project has been sent to the Tribal Education and Recreation Directors and to the Watersmeet School Science Department. Roger should be notifying all meeting participants of the next meeting around the beginning of April.

Ken finished by informing all that we have yet to hear on the status of our 2% request. This request was endorsed by Roger Labine and had favorable comments by Tribal Chairman Jim Williams. Roger said he would let us know as soon as he heard anything.

2. Vice President's report: Will Buergey reported that the Fish and Game Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month (May thru Oct) with the next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, at Ely Memorial Church. Many Waters, Barb Gajewski, will be given an AIS presentation on July 8<sup>th</sup> with a possible on-water follow-up at a later date.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported: Our starting bank balance on February 18, 2014 was \$69,235.66. Membership contributions deposited were \$475.00; Miscellaneous disbursements totaled \$249.83; leaving a bank balance on March 17, 2014 of \$69,460.83. We have a ONF Participating Agreement \$2,800 request for reimbursement in process for Many Waters' work done on Bass Lake.
4. Finance Committee Report: No Report
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported: We have 380 paid members through 2014 contributing a total of \$35,560.00. We still have 97 current 2013 members who we hope will renew. Snail mail reminders will be mailed today.

Diana thanked Barb Gajewski for creating a "Lakes Surveyed in 2013" document for our website.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported: SCA recruiting is looking good, their hazards analysis review was good. This position may qualify for AmeriCorps points which should help get better candidates.

Ian Shackleford provided a box of informational brochures to the ISCCW. The brochures looked good so we will probably not need additional brochures for the upcoming season.

The ED/PR committee is obtaining quotes for laminating of 8.5 x 11 placards that will be displayed in area rentals.

Christine Scott has been expending some effort on assembling an ISCCW library. (The board advised her to keep proper track of the time she spends on this project.).

7. Biologist Reports: Barb Gajewski deferred most of her report to the section under Old Business for Bass Lake. She mention that there was a card offering condolences to Ruth for the loss of her husband. A brief discussion then occurred offering well wishes to Margaret Marrs for a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

- a. Motion to approve Officer/Committee Reports made by Arny Domanus, second by Will Buergey. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion to approve February 18, 2014 meeting minutes as presented made by Steve Wilkinson, second by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

- a. USFS: Ian Shackleford gave an update on Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding. In February, after working with Ken Wendt, the Ottawa NF submitted a request to fund 70% of ISCCW's AIS prevention work for 2015 and 2016. The Forest Service Regional Office in Milwaukee approved a lesser amount. The USFS can offer ISCCW \$29,315, which is about 50% of your AIS prevention costs for 2015. We would prepare another agreement modification to deliver the funds. Ian also reported that Ken Walters, MDEQ, is planning a statewide educational "Landing Blitz" campaign at boat landings regarding AIS. ISCCW may be asked to participate. Ian said he had several of the new DNR brown and white metal AIS signs for posting at boat launches. They should replace the older green and white signs. The new signs have stronger language regarding cleaning boats and trailers: "It's the Law... Do not: Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on public roads. Launch a watercraft or place a trailer in the water if it has aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species attached." Someone asked Ian about road work at Sylvania Wilderness and CR 535. The CR 535 work is not a Forest Service project, but during the February ISCCW meeting Watersmeet Township Supervisor Mike Rogers said CR 535 is having some culverts replaced this summer. There will be a lot of road work in Sylvania Wilderness this summer. The road to Clark Lake is already closed. The road to Crooked Lake will close June 15.

- c. MDNR: No Report
- d. CCROA: No Report.
- e. OTHERS: Bob Zelinski stated that he has interest in some property on Crooked Lake and would develop a temporary private parking lot for Crooked Lake Access. The number of cars it would accommodate has not as yet been determined. People are free to access Crooked Lake from a narrow strip of land on the north side of the first bay, but there is no designated public parking.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve Agenda made by Steve Wilkinson, second by Army Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business

- a. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski stated that by March 27<sup>th</sup> we should know the status of the grant request. A plan should be initiated to obtain proper permissions for the Michigan portion of LVD should work have to be done. Ken Wendt stated that he had talked with Rob Andersen and told them of our decision not to be involved with the WDNR Clean Boats Clean Waters grant, adding that since Hillside and Thunder Bay Resort each run a Wisconsin payroll they would be better equipped to handle payroll for this Employee.
- b. Langford Lake Update. Barb Gajewski is working with Jim Donlan (Langford Lake Association) for the proper treatment permit. They are approaching it as a flex permit allowing for treatment of up to 5 acres. An applicator still needs to be selected. Everything is ready for the spring lake survey when lake conditions permit. It was noted that when using Federal money a minimum of 3 quotes are required. Barb also noted that permission to do treatment must be obtained from all affected landowners. It was suggested that the Langford Lake Association prepare a letter to the owners that is sufficiently informative and contains an open ended permission statement for lake treatment.
- c. Bass Lake Update: No word yet on the BFIT grant application. A decision is expected soon.

12. New Business No new business.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 9:48 am. Motion to adjourn made by Joe LoMastro, seconded by Army Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Note: Mark Calendars for next meeting April 15, 2014 at USFS Visitor Center

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary