

ISCCW Board Meeting NOTES

April 15, 2014 - Approved

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Dan Straszewski, Jeff Pytlarz, Jim Floriano, Joe LoMastro, David Sherrill, and Bob Zelinski.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership), Christine Scott (ISCCW Education Coordinator), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Mike Rogers (Watersmeet Township Chairman), Roger LaBine (LVD Tribal Representative), and Jim Donlan (Langford Lake Association).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

ISCCW Board Members attendance was insufficient for a quorum.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported: Ken stated that Mike Rogers, Watersmeet Township Chairman, was present and requested to address the meeting.

Mike thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and began by informing the Board of the idea to enact a slight millage increase in the Township millage rate to support some desperately needed improvements in the Township infrastructure. First is the old town hall which is currently in need of attention. Stop gap repairs could be made but the township would still be left with an old building of limited use, not handicap assessable, and still in need of major work. The building has been thoroughly investigated and, while it may have some local sentimental value, it has no federal or state recognized historic value. The thought is that a new building could be built which would be suitable for multiple community needs, provide handicap access, and remove the need for maintaining the old building. The township already owns a suitable parcel of land abutting Highway 45 for the new building.

Mike continued by stating that the rumored construction of a Dollar Store in Watersmeet is still not assured. The discussion and preparation activities are continuing.

Ken Wendt suggested that a business development committee might be beneficial to the Township. By utilizing the many talents of some of the retired businessmen who have made Watersmeet their home a long range growth plan could be developed which would garner resident support for needed expansion of the Watersmeet business community, but also provide a planned methodology for growth. Ken thanked the Township for provided a \$15,000 check to ISCCW.

2. Vice President's report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Kern Wendt reported in the absence of Steve Wilkinson: Bank balance on March 17 was \$69,460.83; Membership contributions deposited were \$650.00; Disbursements totaled \$752.72; Bank Balance on April 10, 2014 was \$69,358.11.
4. Finance Committee Report: No Report

5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported: We currently have 385 members for up the 2014 year. Donations and memberships total \$35,960.00. We are still receiving responses from the last reminder letter sent in March.

Diana continued by stating that a new member recruitment mailing has been budgeted for 2014 at a cost of \$1400 and, since our mailing list is over 4 years old, she asked if we should consider updating our mailing list. There is some cost associated with updating this list depending on the source, i.e. in the past Vilas County has charged for their lists and other entities may do the same for lists whether provided in electronic or paper form. Since the mailing is already an approved budget item Ken asked for a simple show of hands on the question of attempting to update the list prior to the June mailing. There was no dissent.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported: There is a Wisconsin CBCW training session for the 2014 CBCW program at the Land O'Lakes Town Hall on Thursday, April 17th, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. Although Michigan has not changed its' program this year, your committee recommends that all current and future volunteers attend a refresher training session.
 - a. Status of Employee Hiring/2014 Contract Updates: Jeff said that Christine will be back for the coming year and, so far, we have hired one female SCA student to do boat washing for us for the upcoming season. She is scheduled to start on June 1st.
 - b. Materials for 2014 ED/PR Efforts: Jeff said that Ian Shackelford has provided ISCCW with some additional brochures. Jeff continued by saying that lamination of selected materials is in progress. Jeff suggested that having signs that showed various items of incentives, based on levels of donation, might be an idea at boat washing stations and other ED/PR events. Fish tapes, key chains, etc could be part of the incentives. Receipts for donations could be given but care would have to be exercised since donations received in exchange for tangible goods or services are not tax deductible. This will require more discussion.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: No Report
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes: Ken stated this item will have to be held over until the next meeting due to lack of a voting quorum.
9. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS: Ian Shackelford reported that the \$10,000 originally approved in 2012 for expenditures by ISCCW on Langford Lake, but held up due to budget constraints, has now been re-approved for expenditure in 2014. Ian also reported that the Forest Service has not contracted to survey any lakes this year. He also said that the RAC Committee is looking for new members for 2014.
 - b. MDNR: No Report
 - c. CCROA: No Report.
 - d. OTHERS: Roger Labine stated that the tribe has hired a grant writer and has completed a request to BIA for approx \$40,000 for AIS control items. They are currently working on two grants to be submitted by the end of the month for the youth program, hopefully to start in June, including NRCS funding for a 3 year coordinator position. Roger stated that he will be

looking for help with the youth programs, particularly from ISCCW Board members. Roger had no additional information on our 2% fund request.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Bypassed due to lack of voting quorum.

11. Old Business:

- a. LVD Stakeholders Update: There is no word as yet on the status of the Grant submitted.
- b. Bass Lake Update: For various reasons, we have been informed that there will be no money coming from the BFIT MEF grant application. PLM (the company doing the full-lake treatment) is requesting a mailing list for Bass Lake riparian owners. Dan Straszewski will obtain and forward the mailing list. Dan is also working on a small monetary participation from the lake association towards the treatment cost.
- c. Langford Lake Update: The \$10,000 Gogebic RAC Grant for EWM treatment on the lake has been reinstated. ISCCW will survey Langford Lake this spring and decide what, if any, spot treatment will be required. A permit has been received for this.

12. New Business:

Bob Zelinski asked if ISCCW can state that our effort to eradicate EWM has been successful in certain cases. The group consensus was that the answer to stating "successful eradication" is no. The reasoning being that, due to the particular ability of EWM to propagate and based on results known so far, while we can control its presence and growth we have no records of any lake where it has been successfully and totally removed.

Roger Labine reminded us of the upcoming spring spear harvest and requested that we supply him a current list of the lakes infected with aquatic invasive species. It was noted that a current list is available on the ISCCW website and that a hard copy could be given to him. Also per Roger's request an ISCCW boat washer will be available to wash boats during the spring spear harvest. All we will need is a reasonable advance notice (two days) to prepare the washer to support this activity.

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am. **Note: Mark calendars for next meeting May 20, 2014.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary