

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved – May 20, 2014

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Dan Straszewski , Army Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Bob Turnquist, Ruth Bozdech, and Jim Floriano.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (Membership Chair), Christine Scott (Ed/PR Coordinator), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich (Many Waters - Biologists), Pat Hilbrich and Jim Donlan (Langford Lake Assoc.), Dave Lamoreaux (Lac Vieux Desert Lake Assoc.), Carol Mason-Sherrill (Long Lake Assoc.), and Linda Hammer (CCROA)

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 & ML&SA/In-Land Lakes Convention Report: Ken Wendt reported the ISCCW booth at the convention held at Boyne Mountain Resort was well attended and Carol Mason-Sherrill did an excellent job of representing ISCCW. Ken said he attended several of the breakout session. Thursday was an all day session on "Lake Protection Tools for Local Governments", which highlighted useful strategies for them to use in their efforts to mitigate or minimize the spread of invasive species. Friday's sessions were on "Battling Aquatic Invasives at the State Level" and "Michigan Waterfront Alliance Participation in the DNR Good Neighbor Policy and Senate Bill 444". Saturday morning Ken took in "Tribal Water Quality and Restoration Activities and Partnerships". This was a three part program discussing (1) Paradise Lake Improvement Project, a permanent boat wash station, which showed the highly successful collaboration of three government/local agencies and lake riparian property owners; (2) our own Roger LaBine who presented "An Introduction to the Cultural and Ecological Importance of Wild Rice", and (3) a discussion of "The Boardman River Restoration Project: Integrating Tribal Perspectives from Technical to Traditional Values in Guiding Ecological Recovery." This was a very good give and take session directed at getting a perspective from the users (attendees) on what was and was not important. Ken asked other convention attendees for comments.

David Sherrill also attended the conference and reported that he attended a session on riparian rights, and noted some very important information on the governing authority's ability to reconfigure non-conforming lots to more conforming or conforming status.

Carol Mason-Sherrill, besides staffing our booth, attended a session on water quality and water quality testing. She also attended a session on conservancy that focused on communication. She stated that it was very important that the person with the message make the audience believe that they can make a difference. Language is important. (Small efforts can sometimes make for big results.)

Finally Barb Gajewski also attended the conference and thought that the consolidation of small conferences into a larger one worked well.

2. Vice President's report: Will Buergey stated that he would like to broaden our reach out further. NFW has invited ISCCW to apply for a grant. A %50 percent match (from non-federal sources) would be required to obtain funds. Preliminary deadline for application is July 1st, with finalist(s) picked on September 12th. Will also reminded everyone that Barb Gajewski will be given an AIS presentation at the Land of Lakes Fish and Game Club meeting on July 8th at the ELY Memorial Church Hall, with a possible on-water follow-up at a later date.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported our starting bank balance on April 10, 2014 was \$69,358.11. Membership contributions deposited since were \$17,785.50; miscellaneous disbursements totaled \$2,177.39; leaving a bank balance on May 19, 2014 is \$84,966.22.
4. Finance Committee Report: No Report
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported: We have 412 paid members through 2014. Donations from members paid through 2014 total \$39,060.00. Diana Mehlhop stated that a letter is needed for a Township wide mailing to non-members. Mr. Wendt said that he will provide a draft of this letter and circulate to board member for input.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported: He is having difficulty filling the boat washer positions. SCA provided two people but one dropped out quite unexpectedly. The remaining person will start June 1st. Efforts are being bolstered to find a candidate locally. The Lakehopper program is set to begin. Resorts need to be approached.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Ice is finally out. Biologist efforts to be reported next month.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

Dave Sherrill moved that we approve the officers' reports from the March meeting. A second was provided by Ms. Ruth Bozdech. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Wilkinson to approve the March minutes with support from Army Domanus. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve the notes from April's meeting was made by Ms. Ruth Bozdech with support from Dave Sherrill. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments:

USFS: Ian Shackelford reported the Ottawa NF has a new, temporary, Forest Supervisor: Steve Lorenzo. Norm Mass remains the District Ranger for the Bessemer, Watersmeet, and Iron River Ranger District, which includes Watersmeet Township. Ian added last month he said ISCCW will receive \$10,000 for Langford Lake from our 2012 Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee grant application. In addition, CCROA will also receive \$8,000 for

management of EWM. Ian said he is working with Greg Wenzel on that. Further, the USFS will offer a contract for AIS lake surveys this year with 28 Lakes being proposed for survey. Surveys need to be completed by September 15, 2015. Ian added that Wildlife Forever runs the “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” Campaign and announced that the Ottawa NF is providing some GLRI funding for more AIS education in the Upper Peninsula. There will be 20 “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” billboards in early June with an additional \$500 credit for Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker materials. Ian passed around a catalog. Concerning boat washers, Ian said the Lake Gogebic washer is operational; the Iron County washer is undergoing repairs; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will soon order a washer to cover Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties; and, the Hagerman Lake boat washing station is running.

MDNR: No Report

CCROA: Greg Wenzel, though absent provided a written report read by Mr. Wendt and summarized here as follows: CCROA is watching for the on-going results on Langford Lake and is looking for continued good news there. Our people met with Northland College personnel and WDNR to discuss EWM management strategies for these three problem lakes. The Clearwater full lake treatment is moving ahead on schedule. Thousand Island Lake will be treated again and CCROA has secured some GLRI funds to help with that specific effort. EWM management of Big Lake depends on upcoming survey results. Lastly, samples taken last fall were submitted for DNA because the plants appeared atypical. Results from those test showed EWM and not a hybrid.

Others:

Arny Domanus reported that Ottawa Interpretive Association has a new photo contest. The theme is the northwoods weather. See their website for more details. An announcement was circulated.

Ken Wendt stated that Saturday August 9th is “Smokey the Bear “Day celebrating 50 years of the Wilderness Act. Ian Shackelford will be leading hikes.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as amended was provided by Steve Wilkinson with support from Dave Lamoreaux. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business:

A. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Frank Puffer was hired as the educator for the LVD Lake Association. Permission has been obtained to hand pull EWM on the Michigan side of LVD. The Association will do a mailing to LVD riparian owners for informational purposes. They are also circulating a pledge to get owners to agree not to remove aquatic native vegetation below the ordinary high water mark and also not to use phosphorous on their properties. Owners will also be encouraged to plant native species along their shorelines.. Money may be available to LVDLA to help with this effort. They have received two grants; one from Clean Water Clean Boats (\$3,700 for the educator) and a Wisconsin DNR grant (approx. \$19,000 per year) for surveys. AIS control, shoreline

restoration, etc. Ken Wendt reiterated the importance of LVD to the entire Watersmeet Community stating that the EWM must be controlled.

- B. Bass Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Permits are in place and treatment will take place within approximately two weeks.
- C. Langford Lake Permit/Treatment Update: We still need to do the spring survey, which will be done in the next few weeks. Jim Donlan has received the required spot treatment permit. An applicator still needs to be chosen for Langford Lake and Ken will get out bid requests this week.

12. New Business No new business.

13. Motion to adjourn by Mr. David Sherrill with support from Daniel Straszewski. Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary