

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2014 - Approved

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Dan Straszewski , Arny Domanus, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Bob Turnquist, Ruth Bozdech, Jim Floriano and Greg Wenzel.

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (Membership Chair), Christine Scott (Ed/PR Coordinator), Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich (Many Waters - Biologists), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake Assoc.), Dave Lamoreaux (Lac Vieux Desert Lake Assoc.), Mike Golas and Ron and Sara Basso (Iron County), Mike Rogers (Watersmeet Township Chair man), Roger LaBine (LVD Tribal Band), and Sarah Tylutki (ISCCW - SCA boat washer)

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt
Quorum was verified by Ken Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported on several items of correspondence received.
 - **Jo A. Latimore, Ph.D.** the Aquatic Ecologist and Outreach Specialist, Michigan State University - Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, (517) 432-1491 latimor1@msu.edu, has a traveling boat washer and educator that is available for special occasions. Since it must come from Lower Michigan it is necessary to call or email her for availability and schedule.
 - Karisa Caudill, identified herself as a potential volunteer, picked our group from the internet and has been communicating with Will Buergey, It looks however like her interest is more in terrestrial invasives and, to that extent, Will referred her to the Land O'Lakes Fish and Game Club as an additional group to look to for volunteering opportunities. She hopes to attend one of our meetings in the near future.
2. Vice President's report: Will Buergey sent his apologies since he is out of town. He said he needs to submit the schedule of outdoor activities to the Fish and Game Club by June 20th and asked ISCCW to set a date for the tour of Duck Lake at today's meeting. After brief discussion the date has been set for July 17th.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported our starting bank balance on May 19, 2014 was \$84,966.22. Membership/ contributions deposited were \$631.00; Disbursements totaled \$15,243.83, the major amounts being BW payroll at \$1,318.86 and the Bass Lake treatment at \$13,615.00. Bank Balance on June 16, 2014 was \$70,353.39.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported that we are in the process of applying for a NFWF grant. Preliminary request must be in by July 1st.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported: We have 415 members paid through 2014. Donations from members paid through 2014 total \$39,135.00. Diana said that she has lined up 15 volunteers for assembling the new township wide mailing. Thanks to Ken for

writing the letter and cleaning up the mailing list. Anyone who joins ISCCW through this campaign will get a membership good through 12/31/2015. The cost of this 1,613 piece mailing is \$1,250.00.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz welcomed Sarah Tylutki and Vera Bartelt as new boat washer. Jeff reported that he would like to restock the t-shirts used by the boat washer at a cost to purchase of 6 shirts @ \$15 each. Motion made by Steve Wilkinson with support by Ruth Bozdech. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Jeff also would like packets to go out to resorts regarding AIS, and would like 20 signs to go out to the boat landings. Jeff also reported on an incident involving the boat washer at Thunder Bay. A riparian on LVD complained about the noise coming from the boat washer motor. Emails were exchanged between the complainant and ISCCW. The incident escalated to where an officer was called to investigate, however the complainant left before the officer arrived. The officer, after talking to ISCCW personnel left to talk to the complainant. Jeff will keep on top of this situation and investigate possible solutions, including the use of sound boards.

7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Will be given under items in Agenda 11 - Old Business.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

Arny Domanus moved to approve reports as given with support from Bob Turnquist. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes from May was made by Steve Wilkinson with support from Arny Domanus. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

USFS: Ken reported that Ian Shackleford has taken a new job for the summer. He has accepted a "detail" assignment as the Public Affairs Officer for the Ottawa National Forest in addition to his regular duties. He will do his best to keep our agreements running smoothly. Ian made his report via email:

Sorry I'm missing the June ISCCW meeting today. I'm attending a pollinator workshop here in Ironwood. Here is my Forest Service report:

- The USFS is currently seeking bids for AIS surveys in 28 lakes (Barb, Birch, Black River Harbor, Chamberlain, Deer, Elbow, Fire, Holmes, King, Ellen, Little Pomeroy, Long, Mallard, Marell, McDonald, Misty, Moosehead, Ormes, Paint, Paulding Pond, Perch, Plymouth, Sandy, Stager, Sudden, Sunday, Taps, Tepee). Bids are due June 24. Contractor need not complete surveys until 2015.
- I would like to be excused from our one day of Lac Vieux Desert snorkeling and manual EW milfoil control this year. I've taken a temporary assignment as the Public Affairs Officer for the Ottawa NF, and we don't have sufficient staff for someone else to provide this service.
- I've initiated a new USFS-ISCCW agreement to deliver your \$10,000 from the Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). RAC and GLRI funds aren't allowed to commingle, so we need a new agreement. The agreement will be good for five years, and if you receive any future RAC grants we can use this new agreement.

- The Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee still needs new members. This is a low-commitment (1 or 2 meetings a year) and high-reward opportunity (many thousands of dollars made available for Gogebic County projects).
- Last call for free Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers materials! I passed around the catalog last month, and see attached. Please let me know what you'd like.
- Thank you for covering the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival on June 7th.

MDNR: No Report

CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that Clearwater Lake was treated on June 6th with fluridone. The bump application will depend on the Fast Test. He noted that the permit allowed some latitude pertaining to a 14 or 30 day test. On other parts of the Cisco Chain, the deep water growth is behind the shallow water species. CCROA is looking into using divers to harvest AIS plants. Big lake (south end) has widely interspersed pockets of EWM. CCROA still needs its SAM status before applying for reimbursements from the USFS.

Others:

Mike Golas commented that Paul Steen, representing the Michigan Clean Water Corps, has offered to come to our area on August 20th to explain Michigan's Cooperative Lake Management Program, including the training needed for aquatic plant surveys in lakes. He has requested that we join with his Iron County group to set up a presentation which would be scheduled around for August 20th. Ken will send an email to our list of members.

Mike further stated that his Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership, after one year of existence, now has 50 members representing 20 lakes.

Barbara Gajewski informed the group that the DEQ will be surveying 16 lakes; two of these lakes (Chicago and Cisco) are in our area. There might be some money available for ISCCW programs through this effort. There will be an AIS conference in Rhinelander.

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

11. Old Business:

A. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski reported that all the early season surveys are underway. GLIFWIC was to start on June 16th. Some new areas located in Slaughter Bay. Work in some areas must wait until the Loon nesting season is over since Michigan protects nesting loons. Wisconsin is not so restrictive. Some EWM was removed (approximately 70 lbs.). Water clarity is fairly low. Visibility is limited to about 4 feet. The areas around the rice beds will be checked for AIS.

B. Bass Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that the lake was treated with fluridone on June 4th. Information was disseminated so that proper water sampling procedures could be followed. We must sample for farwellii 3 times according to permit requirements. Initial treatment will be followed by sampling which will determine how

much of a chemical bump will be required and then post treatment sampling and survey work with reestablishment of farwellii if needed. SECCI readings will continue.

- C. Langford Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that while four bid requests were sent out only two proposals were received. The Threatened/Endangered Species Permit has also been received. Some water quality monitoring still needs to be done. After brief discussion a motion to pay for phosphorous testing was made by Steve Wilkinson with support by Dave Sherrill. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed concerning the two applicators that responded to bid requests, PLM was the cheaper bid but Clean Kill is local. After discussion was closed Arny Domanus moved that Clean Kill be utilized with support by Steve Wilkinson and Ruth Bozdech. Motion carried without dissent. Barb Gajewski and Ken Wendt will arrange for the contracts.
- D. Watersmeet Youth Camp: Roger Labine reported on receiving a \$40,000 grant for the proposed youth program from the BIA for an 8 week period. A coordinator for the Environmental Youth Group program has been hired. Participants will receive training in GPS, Invasive species, water quality, rice bed location, ash seed collection, and more. Roger would like to have the involvement of the ISCCW and the local school system. He reported that he still needs 3 students, aged 14-18 years old to fill out this program. All students will need to have the appropriate work permits.

12. New Business

- A. 2014 Annual Meeting: Meeting is scheduled for August 2nd. The By-Laws do allow for some changes regarding the Annual Meeting. For consideration, should we change the venue of the meeting place? Directors are up for re-election are Arny Domanus, Jim Floriano, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Renee Shurr, Ken Wendt, and Bob Zelinski. Data for the meeting is being assembled and will be sent out in the next few weeks.

13. Motion to adjourn by Daniel Straszewski with support from Bob Turnquist. Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary