

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved - July 15, 2014

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (Membership Chair), Christine Scott (Ed/PR Coordinator), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters - Biologists), Dave Lamoreaux (Lac Vieux Desert Lake Assoc.), Ian Shackelford (USFS), and Bill Rehling (Allen Lake).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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.
 - 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act - July 26th has been set aside for an Ottawa National Forest Wilderness Celebration. The day will start at the Ottawa Visitor Center located in Watersmeet, MI. the morning portion of the celebration taking place in the auditorium and will include an overview of Wilderness areas of the forest, a showing of "Meaning of the Wild", and a keynote address by wilderness advocate and author, Doug Scott. Lunch will be provided by the Ottawa Interpretive Association and Conserve School. The afternoon will consist of guided group hikes through Sylvania Wilderness and Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness. Please RSVP for the guided hikes by contacting our visitor Center at 906-358-4724, spaces are limited.
 - August 20th proposed CLMP information session - We currently have 16 people committed for the session. This is an important lake health program and we would like to see more people attending. Please pass the word.
 - Kudos to Barb Gajewski - We have received copy of an email from Liza Huberty to Barb which we believe need to be acknowledge, it read as follows:
"Thank you for your M. farwellii monitoring at Bass Lake. The sampling, the measures, and the report are excellent. I might have suggestions for summary reporting of findings. Barb, if you haven't already, I really think that you should consider preparing a scientific publication for the Journal of Aquatic Plant Management, Management of Biological Invasives, or Invasive Plant Science and Management. Also, at some point, please consider making a presentation at the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society meeting, the national APMS meeting, and other venues on monitoring the effects of chemical management on threatened and endangered aquatic plant species. Please let me know if you would like suggestions for faculty to assist in this effort." ... Liza Huberty (MDEQ)
A very hearty round of applause followed the email reading.
2. Vice President's report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported a starting bank balance on June 16, 2014 of \$70,353.39. Contributions and memberships deposited or in-transit were \$2,315.00;

Disbursements totaled \$11,044.86, the major amounts being contract services at \$1,554.76 and BW payroll at \$5,008.05 and the Bass Lake "bump" at \$3,915.50. Bank Balance on July 14, 2014 was \$61,623.53. There are outstanding liabilities for boat washer expenses of \$2,553 and a request to be made for reimbursement under our Forest Service Participating Agreement which will be approximately \$10,000.

4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported that he completed and forwarded a pre-proposal for a \$75,000 (3 yrs at \$25m each) NFWF grant. NFWF acknowledge receipt and will inform us in early August if we will be chosen to finalize the request.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported:
 - We have 420 members paid through 2014; they donated 40,035. We have 32 members paid through the end of 2015; they donated \$2,285. The township wide mailing has produced 28 new members to date and \$1,885. A thank you to everyone who helped with the mailing. The responses thus far are sufficient to cover the mailing cost.
 - Ken and I worked on getting out the annual meeting notification. Each member received a cover letter, agenda, operating plan with budget, and proxy form. 348 notifications were emailed by Ken Wendt and 98 were snail-mailed by me.
 - I received a piece of correspondence as a result of our last mailing from a non-resident property owner which expressed some dismay at being charged \$485 per year for a lake treatment that will not eradicate the problem (apparently she must live in a lake taxing district). The letter went on to state that invasives are a governmental problem and she should not have to pay for it.
6. Education/PR Committee Report:
 - Christine Scott reported that 134 boats were washed in May and another 230 washed in June. The people contacts were between 2,300 and 2,400. We had washers at the Lake Trout Festival and at the Ontonagon Kids Fishing Tournament.
 - Jeff Pytlarz reported no further information has been received re the incident involving the boat washer at Thunder Bay, originally reported at the June board meeting. One washer has developed problems which will require repairs. It will be taken to Green Bay at a later date. The July 24th instructional tour of Duck Lake is scheduled to leave from the Duck Lake landing at 8:00 AM. The Lake Hoppers program is going well, all door hangers have been distributed and the new landing signs will be a little cheaper than expected. The signs have been ordered and should ship shortly.
 - Greg Wenzel reported that much work was done behind the scenes and he thanked all who participated for their efforts. The program has had a great reception so far.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski reported:
 - The Land-O-Lakes Fish and Game Club presentation, given by her and Christine Scott, was before a good number of people and went well.

- It has been a tough year for monitoring lakes with the weather, raining and windy, Bill Artwich and Jim Floriano surveyed together on Duck Lake finding a total of 16 locations which were returned to and dove. No AIS was found in Tamarack Lake or County Line Lake. Yellow Iris was found near the boat ramp on County Line Lake. Yellow Iris is listed as a prohibited species in Michigan so this will have to be watched. The CCROA treated 2.47 acres of EWM on Thousand Island along the north shore. Furthermore, most EWM locations along the south shore in 2013 were found in 2014 and will be hand removed this late summer.
- David Sherrill commented that he found 5 locations of Yellow Iris around Long Lake and wondered if the land owner's permission was required to enter the land and remove it. Group consensus was that permission should be obtained before removal.
- Steve Wilkinson asked for an explanation of the \$2,000 invoice for "Fast Test" on Bass Lake. Barb Gajewski supplied the information.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

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

Motion to approve the minutes from June was made by Steve Wilkinson with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

USFS: Ian Shackleford reporting:

- Our new agreement is complete (14-PA-11090700-011), including \$10,000 for invasive plant control work in Langford Lake. This is from ISCCW's 2012 Gogebic RAC grant application.
- There is currently \$32,236 remaining under ISCCW's other agreement, for boat washing, lake hopper, and Bass Lake expenses. All this funding was planned for work in 2014 or earlier. Feel free to start submitting invoices for work completed.
- The requested Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker materials will soon be delivered to Ironwood. I will bring the ISCCW and CCROA items to Watersmeet. *ISCCW: three Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers vinyl banners. CCROA: Six metal boat ramp signs.*
- The USFS has awarded a contract for AIS surveys in 28 lakes to Flambeau Engineering. They will begin work this month. Lakes are the same as listed in the June ISCCW notes.
- Karl Hildebrandt, USFS recreation technician for Sylvania Wilderness, is leading the snorkel-pulling effort at Crooked Lake this summer.
- In Iron County, zebra mussels have been found in Fortune Lake (at Bewabic State Park). Note this is different from Fortune Pond, which has had zebra mussels for years.
- KBIC has received their washer, funded by the GLRI.
- 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). We particularly need members representing organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, commercial interests, timber industry, history organization, a State elected official, a County or local elected official, a

tribal representative, and a school official. Gogebic County may not be eligible for RAC funding next year if we don't have a full RAC committee.

MDNR: No Report

CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that they now have the proper ID number (SAMS) to obtain reimbursements from the federal government.

LVD TRIBAL: No Report

OTHERS:

Jim Floriano acted on information received last year to see if clipping EWM versus entire root removal would be effective at controlling EWM. Results seem to be favorable.

David Sherrill signed up for a conference in Duluth on AIS and would like to go with the support of the ISCCW.

Ruth Bozdech thanked Christine Scott for her support at the Langford Lake owner's meeting. She then asked "what happened to the Bass Lake weevils?" The answer is that they were too expensive over time, since they had to be refortified every year. It was mentioned that, probably due to the way they are transported, many states do not allow the use of weevils.

Bill Rehling said that McCormick's on Big Lake has not been too receptive to our fish tape box and therefore he will be moving it to a new location.

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: No changes.

11. Old Business:

A. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski reported on LVD hand removal efforts and surveys. All shallow water area surveys are complete along with some deep water portions. Hand pulling has been done in Wisconsin locations and will be allowed to start next week in Michigan waters. Hand removal efforts are taking place one day a week throughout the season. In general there was less CLP observed this year in LVD than in previous years.

B. Bass Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that the Fluridone bump was done on June 24th at 6.29 PM by PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. The Farwellii survey has been completed. There is some interest in hand-pulling EWM to manage it in the future.

C. Langford Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that the permit is in place for spot treatments; however, no EWM has been found yet, not even in the formerly affected shallow areas.

D. Annual Meeting Update: Notices have been sent (e-mail and post). Proxies returned thus far are sufficient for a quorum and, therefore, an official meeting may be held. Steve, Ruth, and Dave will bring light refreshments (pop and cookies). Ken will secure the use of the Watersmeet pavilion.

12. New Business:

- A. Duck Lake Grant Funding Request: The Duck Lake Nuisance Aquatics Committee has asked to receive a sum of \$10,000 to help defray the \$14,850.00 cost of the June 23, 2014 EWM treatment. In the past they have treated small patches and did hand pulling on their own, but this year the requirement was for 22 locations covering 10 acres. This has been their most expensive treatment to date and was completed by Aquatic Biologists, Inc. Discussion followed centering on the many past efforts of Duck Lake Riparian members and their many hours of volunteer efforts over the years. Steve Wilkinson placed a motion before the board to approve \$10,000 for Duck Lake treatment provided documentation supporting a similar amount in volunteer hours, with an equal or greater amount in cost value, can be shown. Support was given by Greg Wenzel and Ruth Bozdech. Motion passed unanimously. Ken said he would cost out the volunteer hours.
- B. CCROA Request: Greg Wenzel asked if it would be possible to get reimbursement for the \$420.00 permit fee for treating Clearwater Lake. This item will be placed on the August meeting agenda.

13. Motion to adjourn by Greg Wenzel with support from David Sherrill. Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 am.

Note: Next meeting August 19, 2014.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary