

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved - August 19, 2014

U. S. Forest Service Headquarters, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Dan Straszewski , Arny Domanus, Jeff Pytlarz, Al Kanipes, Eugene Clark, David Sherrill, Joe LoMastro, Margaret Marrs, Ruth Bozdech, Greg Wenzel, and Bob Turnquist.

Others Present: Diana Mehlhop (Membership Chair), Christine Scott (Ed/PR Coordinator), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters - Biologists), Dave Lamoreaux (Lac Vieux Desert Lake Assoc.), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Yvonne and Greg Clark (Long Lake), Linda Hammer (Thousand Island Lake), Dean Challed (Fish Hawk Lake), Jennifer Ricker (WePIC & ICCD), and Dave Merk (DNR).

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt
Quorum was verified by Ken Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt welcomed our newly elected board members. Eugene Clark, a Thousand Island Lake riparian, and Al Kanipes, a Langford Lake riparian. Ken asked Arny Domanus to introduce two new general members from Long Lake, Yvonne and Greg Clark. Ken then introduced and welcomed our guest from the Iron County Conservation District, Jennifer Ricker. Jennifer also holds the position of Coordinator for WePIC.
2. Vice President's report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported a starting bank balance on July 14, 2014 of \$61,623.53. Contributions and memberships deposited were \$1,947.00, BW contributions were \$289.53, and USFS reimbursement on our Participating Agreement was \$8,035.97; Disbursements totaled \$23,018.09, the major amounts being contract services at \$1,845.20, BW payroll and other BW expenses at \$9,612.56, and Duck Lake at \$10,000.00, plus other miscellaneous items at \$ the Bass Lake "bump" at \$3,915.50. Bank Balance on August 18, 2014 was \$48,877.94.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported that the forwarded pre-proposal for a \$75,000 (3 yrs at \$25m each) NFWF grant has been regrettably rejected. Under their grant guidelines, our three year proposal to expand our current activities to add ten lakes per year to our lakes management protocol, while maintaining our current boat washing, education, and eradication activities did not qualify as a fundable activity.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported: We have 423 members paid through 2014; they donated 40,110. We have 55 members paid through the end of 2015; they donated \$3,785. Anyone who wants to renew their membership between now and October should do so now. This will save us some mailing expenses since the 2015 renewal notices will be mailed in November.
6. Education/PR Committee Report:

- Jeff Pytlarz reported that Sara from the SCA has returned home. He went on to state that she did a good job and that he is looking for a replacement. Vera was also let go. Also the education /PR Committee really (emphasis added) needs some new members.
- Christine Scott reported that the "bio tour" educational event went very well. Thanks go out to Barb Gajewski. The participants had some really good questions and contributed well. Many informational packets and signs have been distributed. We have a few extra if anyone needs any.
- Greg Wenzel reported all "Lake Hopper" material has been distributed to hotels, resorts, etc, with everyone being very cooperative. Jim Marrs has taken material to the casino and we are waiting for a response. It is hoped that they will commit their support to this project.
- Barb Gajewski reported that she spent time with the "Tribal" youth group on the creek exiting Bass Lake; plus a day in the class room, also time on the water in canoes (the kids acted like teenagers do) and at the LVD POW WOW. They made good identifications on many plants.

7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski reported that there was good weather for conducting lake surveys; Beatons Lake is still to be done. Lakes monitored include Record, Little Africa, Big Africa, Dinner (some Iris was found but not in bloom so identification is difficult, need to identify next year), Long (5 new Iris locations), Allen (loon harassment reported), Moon, Taylor, and Thousand Island (same as last year with one area clear). Reports are available on individual lakes. Langford and LVD reports are later on the agenda. She received a preliminary notice from the State of Michigan DEQ that it is no longer necessary to obtain a permit to hand remove nuisance plants but owner permission should still be obtained. DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvest) still requires a permit. Permits to pull during Loon nesting season may still be required.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

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

Motion to approve the minutes from July was made by Joe LoMastro with support from Arny Domanus. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

USFS: Ian Shackleford reporting as read by Ken Wendt:

- A box of Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers materials should be in the conference room. This includes two vinyl banners, plus some other materials to give away as ISCCW sees fit. The metal boat ramp signs are back ordered.
- I approved ISCCW \$8,035.97 invoice from July 21.
- The US Forest Service spent most of July 22 snorkeling and pulling EWM from Crooked Lake. We unfortunately found eight sites total, including the first site within the Sylvania Wilderness. I would like to find and train local residents (at least spring to fall) to help with snorkeling and EWM control in Crooked Lake, for possible future contract work.

- Please watch for purple loosestrife which is now in bloom and having a good year. Report sites to me (Ian) or Jim Finley at the Gogebic Conservation District.
- Wednesday is a WePIC (Western Peninsula Invasives Coalition) meeting. Time is 1:00 pm CST at the Bates Township Hall, located at the intersection of 643 and US 2 (between Iron River and Crystal Falls).
- A new Forest Supervisor on the Ottawa National Forest begins next week. Her name is Linda Jackson.
- The Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee still needs new members. We especially need people representing organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, commercial interests, timber interests, history organization, a state elected official, a county or local elected official, a tribal representative, and a school official. For more information or an application please visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ottawa

MDNR: Dave Merk introduced himself and informed the groups as to his responsibility.

- Greg Wenzel stated that he had some informational signs ready for installation at some of their access sites. Margaret Marrs inquired about the approval process. Dave Merk asked for a sample in order to obtain approval from his supervisor prior installation.
- Ken Wendt noted that the ISCCW permit to discharge boat waste water will expire shortly. He then asked what needs to be done to renew the permit.
- Diana Mehlhop asked if there was a way to obtain a list of access sites.
- Mr. Merk stated that he will check on these questions and get back to ISCCW.

CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that four members will attend the CLMP presentation. The EWM treatment for Little Morley Lake will be on hold this fall. A marker buoy is missing from the waterway into Big Lake which we will be checking on. Diquat herbicide has been identified as a potential treatment where dissipation is an issue on small scale (1/4 to 2) acreage. It is used in the fall with good results, seems to target invasives and requires only a short (3 hours) contact time. Barb Gajewski commented that purple loosestrife should be surveyed in all basins. Some purple loosestrife was found around Thousand Island Lake.

LVD TRIBAL: No Report

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: No changes. David Sherrill made a motion to add "Item B. Watersmeet Planning Committee Update" under "12. New Business" and to approve the agenda as amended, with second by Joe LoMastro. Dave explained that there is an issue relative to all Riparians which could potentially have an effect on lakes. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business:

A. LVD Stakeholders Meeting Update: Barb Gajewski asked for a \$1,650 payment to LVD as part of ISCCW's matching fund pledge. Motion to pay \$1,650 to LVD was made by Steve Wilkinson, with support from Dave Sherrill. A brief discussion followed in which it was stated that money had been previously committed for this purpose. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Barb continued by reporting that EWM was found in a few new areas on the south shore, 8 to 11 plants. DASH was used in Slaughter Bay with about

100lbs of EWM pulled. Barb added that bad news was that EWM has also appeared in spots on the west shore north of the USFS boat landing and also on the west side of Duck Point. Access has been hampered by heavy vegetation. Pledge requests have gone out to LVD Riparians for the lake stewardship program, asking for participant to pledge things like not using phosphorous fertilizers.

- B. Bass Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that a lake assessment is scheduled for September.
- C. Langford Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Barb Gajewski reported that she has yet to find EWM in the lake. Many Waters is under contract with the USFS to do an AVAS survey and assessment this fall.
- D. Annual Meeting Update: The annual meeting went smoothly. Quorum was verified, Operating plan and budget was approved and Director Elections were held.

12. New Business:

A. Officer Elections:

- Secretary: Dan Straszewski volunteered to continue in the secretary's position. Ken Wendt made a motion to that effect, with support by Joe LoMastro. Hearing no other nomination or being need for further discussion, Ken called for the vote. Dan was elected to the position of Secretary without dissent.
- Treasurer: Steve Wilkinson announced that he would like to step out of the position of Treasurer but said he would stay for one additional year provided a replacement could be trained. Discussion for having a deputy treasurer ensued, ending with David Sherrill volunteering. Ruth Bozdech moved Steve Wilkinson for Treasurer and David Sherrill as Deputy Treasurer, with second by Joe Lomastro. Discussion was closed and the motion carried by acclamation.
- Vice President: Ken mentioned that, after many years of service to ISCCW in several different capacities, Will Buergey would like to step down. The call for nominations did not produce a candidate. Ken then postponed the election until the October meeting to give people a chance to think about it.
- President: Also postponed until October for the same reason as above.

- B. Watersmeet Planning Commission Action Update David Sherrill stated that a measure to strengthen the municipal building ordinance against "key-holing" was up for approval and asked everyone to be sure to voice their opinion at the next town board meeting. David also reported on proposed reductions to the minimum square foot requirements for building on lake front properties and also on rural forest properties.

13. Motion to adjourn by Arny Domanus with support from Greg Wenzel. Meeting Adjourned 10:41 am.

Note: Next meeting September 16, 2014.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary