

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved – October 21, 2014

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Will Buergey, Arny Domanus, Al Kanipes, Margaret Marrs, Joe Lomastro, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Bob Turnquist, Ken Wendt, and Bob Zelinski.

Others Present: Christine Scott (Ed/PR Coordinator), Bill Artwich (Many Waters - Biologists), Ian Shackleford (USFS), Dave Merk (MDNR), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Jim Floriano and Denny Vandermouse (Duck Lake), Mike Rogers (Watersmeet Township), Roger LaBine (LVD Tribe), and Sandra Butelewski (Bass Lake).

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reported on three items:
 - A card thanking the ISCCW was received from the Duck Lake Owner's Association for the support giving them in fighting EWM.
 - Mr. Wendt attended a conference by the Iron County Conservation District. Christine Scott and David and Carol Sherrill also attended. Attendance was about 40 people plus 10 exhibitors. Ken Wendt was asked to be the keynote speaker. His talk was on the successes ISCCW has had since we began and our working relationships with local, state and federal government agencies. His talk was well received.
2. Vice President's Report: No Report
3. Treasurer's report: In the absence of Steve Wilkinson, Ken read the report. Our bank balance on September 15, 2014 was \$73,076.62; since then Membership/ contributions deposited were \$1,500.00; Boat Wash contributions were \$249.40. Disbursements totaled \$12,449.89 including; \$4,245.53 for Many Waters "biologist" services; Payroll and Taxes of \$6,143.95; washer repairs/mileage \$1,463.65, which will be charged back to the USFS: and, miscellaneous of \$596.76. Bank Balance on October 20, 2014 is \$62,426.13.
4. Finance Committee: No report
5. Membership Committee Report: In the absence of Diana Mehlhop, Arny Domanus read the report. We have 423 paid members through 2014 giving donations of \$70,110.00. We have 67 members paid through 2015 giving donations of \$5,310.00, with nineteen of them being renewing 2014 member. This places the total membership as of October 18th at 471.
 - Renewal notices for the 2015 membership year will be mailed the first week in November. Ken Wendt is writing the letter and Diana will print and assemble the mailing.
 - In-kind donations for 2014 were updated with additional Hour and dollar amounts of:
 - Power washing maintenance by Joe LoMastro—31 hrs x \$65/hour=\$2,015.
 - Power washing services by Daniel Straszewski—112 hrs x \$12.50/hr=\$1400.
 - Summer Housing for SCA student provided by Cheryl and Jeff Pytlarz=\$2500.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Christine Scott gave the end of year report on our boat washing activities and provided a spread sheet of six month totals washing stations. She also talked about other accomplishments including the success of the Thursday evening USFS Visitor Center display. Jeff Pytlarz reported on the boat washer repairs, winter servicing, and adding that one unit will require a new thermostat in the spring.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Bill Artwich stated that the AVAS survey was completed. One spot with EWM was found on Crooked Lake south of the boat landing. No EWM was found on Beaton's Lake and native vegetation is increasing. Bill went on to comment on a perceived increase of recreational use on Bass Lake since it was treated for EWM.
8. Approval of Reports and Meeting Minutes:
 - A. Army Domanus moved that approval of all reports, with second by David Sherrill. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. Motion by Joe Lomastro to approve the minutes as amended with support by Will Buergey. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments
 - A. US Forest Service, Ian Shackleford reporting:
 - i. The temporary detail as Public Affairs Officer is over. There may be some interesting items to share at the November meeting
 - ii. The USFS has removed pit toilets from 12 boat launches across the Forest. Three are within Watersmeet Township: Langford Lake, Snapjack Lake, and Taylor Lake.
 - iii. Many Waters has completed their 2014 point-intercept survey of Langford Lake. No Eurasian Water Milfoil was found.
 - iv. The USFS is still looking for more applicants for the Gogebic Resource Advisory Board. It is particularly interested in applicants from organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, the timber industry
 - B. MDNR: Dave Merk stated that permit applications for ISCCW boat washing operations are available. The yellow signs that are available look good but the MiDNR would actually like to put them up on lakes they are responsible for. The Marion Lake site would probably have to go through the USFS. Ken Wendt can, upon request, provide a list of who in the MiDNR is responsible for which lakes.
 - C. CCROA: No Report
 - D. LVD Tribe: Roger Labine reported that a draft preview copy of the Applied Ecological Services "Lac Vieux Desert Nonpoint Source Assessment Report" has been completed and will be available once final approval is given. The report cites many impaired streams. Impaired streams will qualify for title funding under non-point pollution programs. The report says that E. coli is making its way into streams. Funding will be divided to qualified programs and could be as much as \$150K.
 - E. Others:
 - i. Duck Lake: Joe LoMastro reported the 2014 treatment on 10 acres was successful citing a 100% kill rate in the treated area. About 100 plants were found in the remaining portion of the lake. No treatment is planned for 2015. They are encouraged by a study that indicates when harvesting by hand you do not necessarily have to remove the roots. There are still some questions regarding the use of this approach. In response to a question it was stated

that in Michigan hand pulling is allowed without a permit but the permission of the landowner is required.

10. Business Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Arny Domanus placed a motion before the board to approve the business agenda with support by David Sherrill. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.
11. Old Business:
 - A. LVD Stakeholders: diving was finished for the year as of September 18th, although they would have liked more time. The post input survey was completed on October 13th. A full report on the presence of invasive species is to be done by next meeting. In general Slaughter Bay is about the same as last year. Some plants were found in the main basin but they were removed by hand or DASH methods. Pledges continue to come in for the voluntary effort to preserve the lake. Landowners are being asked to pledge not to use phosphorous fertilizers and not to remove natural plant life.
 - B. Bass Lake: Bill Artwich reported that the AVAS survey is complete. While there is no EWM found at this time *M. farwellii* is present including in some new areas.
 - C. Langford Lake: Bill Artwich reported that both EWM and *M. farwellii* are not to be found. This means that we will most likely need to communicate with regulatory personnel to determine what we may have to do in the future to restore the *M. farwellii*. We must also be aware of the lake's plant composition in the future.
 - D. Dissolved Oxygen Testing Equipment: Ken Wendt stated that dissolved oxygen testing is one of the tests of the CLMP program. It is an important test if lake associations want to monitor the changing health of their lake, particularly as it pertains to life in the lake. ISCCW could make the necessary equipment available for lake association members to use in a timely and cost effective manner. Dissolved oxygen does not have to be tested every year so one unit would suffice for use by many lakes without a problem. To put a motion on the floor, Arny Domanus moved to allow up to \$700.00 for purchase of this equipment. In the ensuing discussion Arny was asked if he would agree to a friendly change to his motion. Arny agreed and the motion was change to add additional cost to allow for the purchase of up to 75 feet of cable, Will Buergey provided support. The motion passed without dissent.
12. New Business:
 - A. 2015 Budget Requirements: By Laws require that the budget be voted on in December. Ken Wendt requested all committees have their tentative budgets to him by November 15th so he can prepare a working draft budget for discussion at the next meeting.
 - B. Postponed Officers Election / Discussion: Since there are no new candidates and in order to continue with the business of ISCCW, Ken and Will have agreed to stay in their respective office for the continuance of this year. In accordance with ISCCW By-Laws, Chapter VI, subparagraph 6.02 no further actions are required.

13. Adjourned at 11:12

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary