

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014 - Approved

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Arny Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Dan Straszewski, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, Margaret Marrs

Guests Present: Dave Lamoreaux (LVD), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Jim Floriano and Mike Brennand (Duck Lake).

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: No Report
2. Vice President's Report: No Report
3. Treasurer's report: Our bank balance on October 20, 2014 was \$62,426.13; Total Receipts were \$5, 530 consisting entirely of membership/ contributions deposits (\$3,950.00 is still in transit under receivables). Disbursements totaled \$987.83: Bank Balance on November 16, 2014 is \$66,968.30.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that there is a MDNR grant available for a total of \$6.3 million dollars under six focus categories. This grant, the 2015 Michigan Invasive Species Grant, is one that we could participate in. However, the grant must be complete and submitted by 11:00 PM on December 5th which doesn't leave us much time. This grant has a point system for review. ISCCW might do very well in the instance since as members we partner with several government organizations (USFS, Watersmeet Township, WePIC, Iron Conservation District, etc), as well as our diverse membership base. Ken asked for a show of hands as to how many board members would be willing to work on this. There were no volunteers from the board. Some additional discussion followed. *Note: Ken Wendt, Greg Wenzel, Dan Straszewski, and Barb Gajewski stayed after the meeting to participate in a phone conference concerning the grant.*
5. Membership Committee Report: No Report
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that that everything is in progress to be set for next year, including the SCA boat washing contract.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Deferred under Old Business.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. Greg Wenzel moved that we approve all Officer and committee reports as given with second by Jeff Pytlarz. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Motion by. Jeff Pytlarz to approve the minutes as published with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

- a. USFS: Ian Shackelford could not make the meeting due to the weather but provided a written report in absentia stating;

- Ian has been communicating with Eric Lindberg from Environmental Sentry Protection, maker of the I-LIDS boat monitoring device. Mr. Lindberg is willing to come to our area and give a presentation on I-LIDS.
- Ian is working with Jen Ricker from WePIC (Gogebic, Iron, & Ontonagon Counties) on two Michigan Invasive Species Grants. A Focus Area 1 grant would work on terrestrial invasive species. A Focus Area 2 grant would work on Eurasian water milfoil and other aquatic invasive species. A conference call will be held this afternoon (11/18/14).
- Ian is working with KBIC on a Focus Area 1 grant for the KISMA area (Houghton, Keweenaw, and Baraga counties). Michigan Tech is working on a Focus Area 2 grant for Eurasian water milfoil in the Keweenaw Waterway, I have heard.
- I have received a letter from the Michigan DEQ reminding me that our groundwater discharge permit (GW1110557) will expire on June 1, 2015. This permit has allowed all the pressure washers in use by ISCCW, Iron County, Lake Gogebic, and USFS to discharge the wash water on the ground. The permit can be renewed, but we will no longer be allowed to discharge water on the ground within 1000 feet of a lake. Ian will work with ISCCW on obtaining ground mats and some kind of pump to get the water from the mats back into your washers or other tanks.
- Here are the boater education and boat washing results from all the USFS partners (GLRI funding)

<u>Partners</u>	<u>2014 Contacts</u>	<u>2014 Boats Washed</u>
ISCCW	3,958	708
Lake Gogebic	807	58
Iron County	3,170	216
KBIC	162	39
TOTAL	8,097	1,021

- b. MDNR: No Report
- c. CCROA: Task Force Meeting Thursday morning at 10:00 at Greg. Wenzel's house
- d. Others: No Reports

- 10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Margaret Marrs made a motion to approve the agenda with support given by Arny Domanus. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business:

- A. Final 2014 Lake updates:
 - a. LVD Stakeholders: No Update.
 - b. Bass Lake: Barb Gajewski reported that the AVAS report has been completed and submitted. The Farwellii report to the MDNR is in the works.
 - c. Langford Lake: Barb Gajewski reported that the USFS contracted vegetation survey report for 2014 is complete and submitted to the state. The Farwellii report to the MDNR is in the works; however, no Farwellii was detected this year.
 - d. Barb also reported briefly on her attendance at the Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference. Of note is a project through MSU researching the ability to use eDNA to test for aquatic invasive species. MSU is making the test kits with shipping available at no charge, however, the water sampling and shipping would need to be completed by the interested party. At present they can test for 15 different species. For more info contact: Maggie Kronlein at kronlei2@msu.edu (616) 894-6931
- B. Preliminary 2014 Draft Budget Review:

Ken Wendt reviewed the draft budget with the Board. There were several suggested changes noted with a few questions to be answered. Due to the non-decision concerning the possible MDNR grant and a general consensus to forgo a December Board Meeting, further action was delayed until January 2015.

12. New Business : None

13. Adjourn: Motion made by Arny Domanus with support by Joe LoMastro. Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary