

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015 - APPROVED

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Guests Present: Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chair), Susan Clark (Thousand Island Lake) and Jennifer Ricker (ICD & WePIC)

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by ISCCW President, Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken introduced Ms. Jennifer Ricker, Iron Conservation District, to the group and commended her for taking the lead on the submittal of the MDNR "2015 Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program Application".
2. Vice President's Report: No Report
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported; our starting bank balance on November 16, 2014 was \$66,968.30; receipts were \$14,960.00 consisting totally of memberships and contributions; disbursements totaled \$1,671.14 consisting of insurance, taxes, and accounting fees; with an ending balance on January 19, 2015 of \$80,257.16.
4. Finance Committee: The recently submitted grant application was submitted on a timely basis which was remarkable given the short lead time allowed by the state. Although the consensus at the November meeting was that ISCCW could not muster the resources to apply due to the time restraints, Ken Wendt, Barbara Gajewski, Greg Wenzel, and Jennifer Ricker stayed after the meeting to further discuss this. While participating in the afternoon conference call set up by Ian Shackelford, it was decided to try for the grant in a partnership submittal with the Iron Conservation District. Details under Old Business. Ken stated that Barb Gajewski and Ian Shackelford also provided valuable assistance during this effort. This is the first time the State has offered this grant and the outcome will not be known until sometime in February.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported that we ended 2014 with a total of 423 paid members resulting in \$70,110.00 in dues and donations. Diana said that there are 152 members not yet renewed for 2015. Email reminders will go out in February and snail mail reminders in March. Diana also reminded the group that she would like to relinquish her chairmanship.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that that Christine Scott will be coming back to her position for 2015. While 2015 planning is moving forward smoothly one problem exists. The state has mandated that we will need to catch our wash water and take it to a spot

at least 1000 feet from a lake for discharge. We will need recovery systems at a cost of \$1500-\$1900, 2 recovery pumps, and 3 recovery tanks. After a brief discussion Greg Wenzel moved that ISCCW allow for an expenditure of up to \$3000 for the purchase of equipment to bring the boat washing into compliance with the terms of the new operating/ discharge permit. Support came from Mr. David Sherrill and Mr. Steve Wilkinson. The motion carried unopposed.

7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski reported that a new EWM infestation was found on Morley Lake and asked should Morley Lake be added to the list of lake surveyed and monitored? Ken mentioned that, if we receive the grant, Morley Lake will be a part of the program but, if we do not, Morley Lake should be added. A discussion followed concerning the expanded role of Many Waters in its relationships with ISCCW. Ken stated that Many Waters has been with us since the beginning and maybe it was time to reaffirm our desire to maintain this relationship. Jeff Pytlarz moved that ISCCW reaffirm its association and desire to continue contracting with Many Waters. Support was afforded by Arny Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
  - A. Steve Wilkinson moved that we approve all Officer and committee reports as given with second by Will Buergey. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
  - B. Steve Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes as published with support from Greg Wenzel. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments:
  - A. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported;
    - i. Thank you for the yellow "Did you remove plants drain bilge and live well?" signs. I will get those posted.
    - ii. Ian provided CCROA with six metal Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers signs, paid for with GLRI funding, which CCROA requested several months ago. More can be purchased from Wildlife Forever.
    - iii. Earlier today we spoke about the need to start using ground mats to capture boat washer wash water. See November 2014 ISCCW notes for more information. Ian will work with Jeff Pytlarz and getting what is needed to capture and collect wash water.
    - iv. The results from the [USFS 2014 AIS lake survey contract](#) have been posted to the USFS website.
    - v. Langford Lake should invoice the USFS for all the Langford Lake 2014 expenses.
    - vi. ISCCW should invoice for the remainder for your 2014 AIS prevention work. \$24,200 remains waiting to be delivered to ISCCW.
    - vii. The USFS has FY 2014 GLRI funding we would like to share with ISCCW, to help continue funding your AIS prevention work in 2015 and 2016.
    - viii. Congress has passed a FY2015 budget. They did not Fund Resource Advisory Committee for 2015. Mr. Shackleford clarified an earlier misstatement and emphasized that GLRI has been funded for 2015.
  - B. MDNR: No Report

- C. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that they are gearing up for 2015 and have a BFI grant application in progress.
  - D. Others: No Reports
10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: David Sherrill made a motion to approve the agenda with support given by Joe LoMastro. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
11. Old Business:
- A. 2014 Lake Projects Updates since November Meeting: Barb Gajewski reported that updates for endangered species permits are required (particularly for Langford and Bass Lakes). Permits must be in place prior to treatment. Permits have been in place in the past so re-submittal should not pose a problem. Ken reported that we are still waiting for the documentation from LVDLA so we can pay them their 2014 match funds.
  - B. 2015 MDNR Grant Proposal, submitted December 5, 2014: Ken Wendt reported the total area grant, as submitted by Iron Conservation District, is for \$235,809 with ISCCW's portion being \$113,085 over a two year period, broken down as \$67,851 and \$45,234 as in-kind by ISCCW and its partners. The grant covers a total of 25 lakes with 13 of them on the Cisco Chain and the remaining 12 elsewhere throughout Watersmeet Township. Our partners for our portion are LVDLA, through their Wisconsin ACEI Grant; Langford Lake milfoil Association, through their GLRI Grant; and, CCROA.
  - C. Preliminary 2015 Draft Budget Review; Ken handed out two possible draft budgets depending on whether or not we receive the MNR Grant and asked everyone to review same and be prepared to approve one or the other at the February meeting.
  - D. 2015 Operating Plan: Ken stated that without knowing the results of our grant request it is difficult to write an operating plan and asked for a motion of postponement. Steve Wilkinson moved to postpone with Joe LoMastro providing support. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Prior to the vote Will Buergey commended Ken on all of his efforts regarding the grant and Ken commented that Barb Gajewski should be commended as well since she provided much of the detail data.
12. New Business :
- A. Meeting Location for February: Our regular meeting room will not be available so we will need to find an alternative location. Arny Domanus will check with the USFS Visitor Center.
13. Adjourn: Motion made by Arny Domanus with support by Joe LoMastro. Meeting adjourned at 10:37.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary