

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015 - APPROVED

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Kenneth Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Will Buergey, Dan Straszewski, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Al Kanipes, Arny Domanus, Margaret Marrs, Bob Turnquist, and Eugene Clark.

Guests Present: Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chair), and Roger LaBine (LVD Tribal Indians).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by ISCCW President, Mr. Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt reminded the group about the upcoming "Shoreline and Shallows Conference" on March 11 in East Lansing, MI.
2. Vice President's Report: Will Buergey notified the group that the Fish and Game Club ski Outing is moved back one day due to the extremes in weather.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported our starting bank balance on January 19, 2015 was \$80,257.16; receipts were \$9,941.71 consisting of Participating Agreement reimbursement (USFS) of \$9,666.71 and Membership dues and contributions of \$275; disbursements totaled \$366.46 consisting of Many Water services of \$257.20 and supplies of \$129.26; leaving an ending balance on February 16, 2015 of \$89,812.41.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that the 2015 MDNR Grant Proposal announcement date of February 15th was not met and we have no information on the grant status. *Note: Towards the end of the meeting Ken received a phone call informing us that the grant recipient announcement was delayed until February 26th.*
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported that for 2015 we have a total of 349 paid members with \$27,725.00 in dues and donations. 132 members have not yet renewed. Email reminders went out on February 2, 2015. Reminders to members without email on file will be posted during March.
 - A. Jeff Pytlarz inquired about the possible use of Paypal as a means of collecting dues and donations.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that the paper work for the SCA has been submitted for obtaining 2 people for boat washing duties this summer. Jeff has asked that preference be given to Michigan residents if possible.
 - A. Ian Shackelford noted that he is still trying to source suitable mats for use at the boat washing stations. A source for inexpensive light weight mats has not been found. The Forestry Department will help pay for the mats. (Mats are needed for compliance with the new permits covering water discharge from the boat washing operation near lakes.)

- B. ISCCW Fish Tapes were removed from the Visitor's Center since under current policies the "sale" of such items was prohibited. *This has been rectified and tapes are back on sale.*
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barbara Gajewski reported that the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) would accept the YSI Pro 20 meter. This meter is fairly easy to use and will require the purchase of a meter, cable and probe. Training is also required. LVD grant proposal due to the DNR this week. A stakeholder's meeting should be scheduled for the second week in March
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
- A. Joe LoMastro moved approval of the all reports given with second provided by Arny Domanus. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. Arny Domanus moved approval of the minutes as amended with support from Will Buergey. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments:
- A. USFS: Ian Shackelford provided the following:
 - I. Thank you for the 1/21/2015 invoice (\$9,666.71) for the remainder of your work in 2014. \$14,533.38 remains under our GLRI agreement (\$6,348.20 for regular AIS prevention and \$8,185.18 for the Lake Hoppers program). All \$10,000 remains under our separate Langford Lake RAC agreement.
 - II. Thank you as well for submitting two annual reports for our two agreements (GLRI & RAC).
 - III. The USFS would like to continue helping fund your AIS prevention, education, and monitoring work. In addition to the \$6,348.20 remaining in our agreement (general AIS prevention), we would like to add another \$16,813.64. This should pay approximately 50% of your educational employees and contract biologist, and 25% of your MISCP survey/monitoring expenses.
 - IV. Would anyone like more Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers materials? We are going to place another order. Their catalog is online at <http://www.wildlifeforever.org/ftpgetfile.php?id=659>. Please let me know what you'd like by February 27.
 - V. I am working on a new DEQ Groundwater Discharge Permit, as we discussed before. Would ISCCW please identify some specific locations where you will likely discharge your wash water in 2015? Remember all boat washing at boat launches in Michigan will need to be done on mats, and the water collected. The permit will allow you to discharge the water on the ground, but not within 1000 feet of surface water. Except for National Forest land, I will also need written permission to discharge water from the landowner.
 - VI. Randy Conroy from the DEQ asked me to submit his "discharge volume log for 2014 so that I can confirm you are satisfying the conditions of the Permit." This is the first time they asked for a discharge log, but back in 2010 we said we would keep one. Ian passed around a draft 2014 discharge log. We probably should start keeping better records of when and where we discharge water.
 - B. MDNR: No Report
 - C. CCROA: No Report

- D. LVD TRIBAL: Roger LaBine informed that he had applied to the BIA for a Tribal Youth Initiative Grant (Now awaiting award letter). He will be approaching ISCCW for projects to employ the program participants in both AIS and Terrestrial work over a 9 week period. Student wages will be picked up under the grant. There is also some interest in forming a conservation group outside of any BIA grant. Jeff Pytlarz will seek to coordinate with Roger before the onset of the summer season.
 - E. OTHERS: No Reports:
10. Business Agenda Changes/Approval: Motion to approve the agenda made by Steve Wilkinson with support provided by Will Buergey. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
11. Old Business:
- A. LVD Match Funds: Will be submitted by LVDLA as soon as their end of year report is complete.
 - B. 2015 Budget Review: Review of the proposed budget included a basic budget without benefit of MDNR grant funding and a secondary budget should ISCCW be awarded grant funding from MDNR. A discussion of explanation and points of clarification followed.
 - i. Motion to approve operation budget 'without grant funding', subject to reallocations of Lake Hopper funds, made by Will Buergey with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - ii. Motion to approve operating budget 'with grant funding', subject to reallocations of Lake Hopper funds, was made by Bob Turnquist with support from Steve Wilkinson and Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 - C. 2015 Operating Plan: The proposed operating plan was read by Ken Wendt with special emphasis on the work to be accomplished if MDNR grant funds are not approved and work to be accomplished if MDNR grant funds are approved. After a brief discussion, motion to approve the operating plan was made by Mr. Buergey with support from Mr. LoMastro. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
12. New Business : None covered
13. Meeting adjourned, next meeting March 17, 2015 at the USF office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary