

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015 - Draft

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Kenneth Wendt, Dan Straszewski, Steve Wilkinson, Will Buergey, Joe LoMastro, Al Kanipes, Arny Domanus, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, Eugene Clark, and Bob Zelinski.

Guests Present: Barb Gajewski (Many Waters), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chair), and Mike Golas (Iron County Lakes & Streams).

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 read two pieces of correspondence received:
 - A. CLMP Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch (EAPW) volunteer monitoring program has announced up to four hours of free onsite support for selected lakes that are first time participants in the EAPW program. CLMP has outlines covering general requirements and program amenities. The onsite support does NOT take the place of any required training. Members can contact Jo A. Latimore, Ph.D. (Aquatic Ecologist and Outreach Specialist; Michigan State University - Department of Fish and Wildlife; 517-432-1491 latimore1@msu.edu) for more information if interested. Enrollment by April 1st.
 - B. Michigan Lake & Stream Associations - 54th Annual Conference. This year's conference will again be at Boyne Mountain Resort. ISCCW has a limited amount in the budget in the event one or two board members would like to attend on behalf of ISCCW. We have also been offered a display table if we want it.
2. Vice President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported our starting bank balance on February, 2015 was \$89,812.41; receipts were \$1,844.16 consisting of Langford Lake reimbursement of \$994.16 and Membership dues and contributions of \$850; disbursements were \$82.29 consisting of supplies for Lake Hopper initiative; leaving an ending balance on March 16, 2015 of \$91,570.21.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that our joint 2015 MDNR Grant Proposal with Iron Conservation District was rejected. Sixty-eight proposal for more than \$20 million where received for the \$3.6 million available, unfortunately we ended up in the second tier. MDNR was not prepared to discuss with us why we did not get the grant. There is money available for next year from this program.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop reported that for as of this date we have 356 paid members for 2015 with \$27,925.00 in dues and donations. 125 members have not yet renewed. Snail mail reminders went out on March 5, 2015. Diana asked the Board if we wanted to do a town-ship wide mailing in 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$1,300 (printing , envelopes and stamps) and to be mailed about June 1st. This would go to 1,600 +/- township and township border lakes residents. New members from this mailing would receive memberships through 2016. This item will be put under old business for board action.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported: submitted by Jeff Pytlarz:
 - A. BW Water Recovery System: Ian Shackleford noted that he is still working on this and will have information soon.
 - B. SAC/Boat Washer Status: Jeff Pytlarz submitted a brief report stating "I will not be back for the meeting but I have nothing new to report. I have hired Dave's neighbor full time for this summer. I have not heard anything from SCA so far. I will be contacting them soon. Christy has a full time job but said she would fill in now and then if we need her."
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski reported that all required reports/ surveys/plans were sent to the MDNR. Summary of these efforts went out via e-mail yesterday. (Roughly 30 pages, Mr. Wendt was given a hard copy.) The contract covering the Many Water relationship will be voted on under new business.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - A. Will Buergey moved approval of the all reports given with second provided by Bob Turnquist. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. Steve Wilkinson moved approval of the minutes as amended with support from Army Domanus. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments:
 - A. USFS: Ian Shackleford provided the following:
 - i. As discussed at the last meeting, the USFS would like to offer \$16,814 in new GLRI funding for ISCCW's AIS education/outreach work in 2015. A draft budget has been submitted. The USFS would fund most of the 2015 boat wash employee operators, half of the SCA contract, half the mileage, and a portion of the Many Waters contract.
 - ii. Thanks you for all the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers material requests. Hopefully we will be able to get some key chain floats for Moon Lake, some more ramp signs for CCROA, and other items for groups outside Watersmeet Township.
 - iii. I will begin working on another AIS lake survey contract soon. If you have any requests for specific lakes for a FS contractor to survey, let me know.
 - iv. I had hoped to offer a new contract for manual control of Eurasian water milfoil in Crooked Lake this year, but our final budget came in and we cannot fund that project.
 - v. I am still working on a new Michigan DEQ groundwater discharge permit.
 - vi. The forest Service continues to work with the Perch Lake Owners Association on their proposed boat launch containment area in Iron County. On February 25, 2015, the DEQ issued a public notice and invited public comment on their proposal.
 - vii. I am updating the WePIC Clean Boats Clean Waters pamphlet and have passed around some copies for input/editing. I will order copies for ISCCW and other partners to distribute. One important update is the list of known AIS infected lakes.
 - B. MDNR: No Comments:
 - C. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that the CCROA won a grant from the Bond Falls Implementation Team for \$17,500. Thanks go to Barbara Gajewski for her great efforts. The door hanging program is ready to go forward. There will be a stuffing party in May and people and materials have been lined up to contact every owner. Ken Wendt

suggested that the youth program could be utilized to help with the door hanging program and that there is some ISCCW still available for this effort.

D. LVD TRIBAL: No Comments.

E. OTHERS:

- i. Mike Rogers, Watersmeet Township Supervisor reported that they have earmarked \$10,000 from the LVD Tribal 2% money for ISCCW and that the Township has budgeted another \$15,000 for ISCCW use. The budget has not yet been ratified.
- ii. Mike Golas reports that their efforts in Iron County are growing. Their membership is now over 100 without a membership drive. Their dues are \$10.00 annually and they are having monthly meetings. They currently have three lakes in the CLMP project and are encouraging more involvement. They will be having a training program in May 4th in Amasa (34 miles East from Watersmeet to Bates-Amasa Road [643] then North 11.5 miles).

10. Business Agenda Changes/Approval: Motion to approve the agenda made by Joe LoMastro with support provided by Arny Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business:

- A. LVD Match Funds: This is still an in-progress item; an invoice will be needed before payment of the committed \$2,500.00 for 2014.
- B. Many Waters Contract, 2015: The contract for the 2015 season is for a total of \$17,000 with provision for modification if circumstances warrant.
 - i. Motion to adopt this contract provided by Will Buergey with support from Joe LoMastro and Greg Wenzel. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- C. Membership Mailing: Approximately 1,600 mailing at a cost of # \$1,300.00.
 - i. Motion to fund the mailing provided by Greg Wenzel, support provided by Arny Domanus and Bob Turnquist. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- D. YSI Pro 20 Dissolved Oxygen Meter: Previously the board voted to purchase a Dissolved Oxygen Meter. Cost has deviated somewhat from that discussion. Purchase would require the instrument (\$560), probe (\$180), cable (\$475), weights (\$27) and case (\$180).
 - i. Motion to reaffirm funding this purchase up to \$1,500.00 by Arny Domanus with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

12. New Business : None covered

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 am, next meeting April 21, 2015 at the USFs District Office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary