

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Approved - May 19, 2015

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Other Member/Guests Present: Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich (Many Waters), Ian Shackleford (USFS), Dale Sharpee (Moon Lake), Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Jeff Manhardt (Sylvania Wilderness Cabins), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chair), Christine Scott (ISCCW Educator/PR Coordinator), Bill Rehling (Allen Lake), Linda Hammer (CCROA), and Larry Grems (ISCCW Boat Washer Operator).

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by ISCCW President Ken Wendt

Quorum was verified by Ken Wendt.

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt informed the group about an upcoming Michigan's Aquatic Invasive Species "Landing Blitz". (More to follow).
2. Vice President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported. Our bank balance on April 20, 2015 was \$101,902.34; receipts were \$15,426.00 consisting of \$15,000 from Watersmeet Township, \$325.00 from memberships, Insurance refund \$69.00, and fish tape donations \$32.00; disbursements totaled \$3,741.08; expense were \$450.00 for D&O Insurance, \$845.25 for postage (stamps for mailings) and \$2,445.83 for Lac View Desert Lake Assoc. Inc. Our May 18, 2015 closing balance is \$113,587.26
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt announced that the State of Michigan has scheduled a workshop on the 2015 grant funding program. Approximately \$5 million available for dispersal. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Ken and Barb Gajewski attend. Others who are willing to work on the grant are welcome to join them. The meeting will be in Munising, MI. on June 26th. Ken asked for a motion to approve expenses. Motion was made by Will Buergey to approve expenses (travel and lunch) for attendees going on behalf of ISCCW (Ken Wendt & Barb Gajewski and ?). Support was given by Greg Wenzel. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diane Mehlhop reported that that as of this date we have 404 members who donated \$56,050 in dues and donations. We still have 81 that have not renewed. A thank you note was sent to the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees for their continuing support. Ken Wendt and Eugene Clark composed a letter for the township wide mailing. The total cost for this mailing is \$1,252 (printing and stationery \$468, stamps \$784). The date of the "stuffing party" is May 27th at 9:30 am in the District Ranger Headquarters.
Cards were circulated in support of board member Renee Shurr and former board member Ruth Bozdech who are having health issues.

6. Education/PR Committee Report:

- A. Boat Washer Status/Activities: Jeff Pytlarz reported that Larry has been at Thunder Bay since the opening of fishing season, May 15th. He has found people happy that we are there and very receptive to our activities. We have also been at Misery Bay (LVD), as well as Thousand Island and Cisco Lakes. Both boat washers are running fine.
- B. Educational/Training Activities: Christine Scott reported on the Library Program set for June 24, 2015 in Land O'Lakes and the Visitor Center Program also starting in June. Additionally, scheduled training and educational meetings will pick up after the 4th of July. Per Ian's request, we will have a boat washer at the Ontonagon Kid's Fishing Derby on June 13th. Christine also explained the "Landing Blitz" program by the MDNR. This program is intended to provide an educational experience and create additional awareness about invasive species. The first 25 locations to respond will receive free support material from the MDNR.
- C. Ken Wendt shared the current form of the DO instrument sign out sheet. Item such as an inventory, user name, and liabilities are covered. Some training is required for the proper use of the instrument. Contact Jeff Pytlarz if you want to schedule use of the equipment.

7. Many Waters/Biologists Report:

- A. Barb Gajewski reported that the LVD Partnership Meeting was held in April with good attendance. There was a review of 2014 activities and a look ahead to the 2015 activities. The spring survey, which ISCCW partners with GLIWIC to accomplish, will be the first major activity.
- B. The Langford Lake Permit is ready if needed and the Bass lake Permit has not yet been received from the MDNR. The farwellii permit is still pending.
- C. We did a biological tour last year and Barb was wondering if ISCCW should do it again. We could partner with other groups such as Iron County. Duck Lake would be a good lake to tour.
- D. Training on use of the DO Meter is required. Getting it done sooner rather than later would be advantageous. (Looking at the second half of June.)
- E. Bill Artwich reported that he has been out checking lakes. Surface temperatures range in the mid to upper 50s. Vegetation is not showing up on scans. Too early to look for plants. There was one report of EWM on Big Lake (Cisco Chain)

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

- A. Arny Domanus moved approval of the all reports given with second provided by Joe LoMastro. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Joe LoMastro moved approval of the minutes as amended with support from Arny Domanus. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

- A. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported the following:

- i. We received our new groundwater discharge permit for the boat washers (DEQ permit #GW1110557).
- ii. Our order for educational items from Wildlife Forever arrived. The requested items have been delivered to Moon Lake, Beatons Lake, and several other partners outside Watersmeet Township.
- iii. We have received three new wash-down mats. One reasonably sized yellow mat from Jacquart Fabrics and two enormous green mats from Aire Industrial. Lake Gogebic has the new yellow mat. I have the two green mats with me today. Jen Ricker will take one for Iron County. I hope ISCCW will take the other.
- iv. The USFS has awarded a contract to survey 17 lakes and rivers for AIS to Flambeau Engineering: Balcomb Lake, Brule River (Highway 73), Buck Lake, Cooks Run, Gaylord Lake, Hannah Webb Lake, Ice Lake, Iron Lake, Marten Lake, North Branch Paint River, Paint River Forks, Paint River (Block House), Paint River (Erickson's Landing), South Branch Paint River, Sucker Lake, Swan Lake, and Teal Lake.
- v. The USFS is entering into a new agreement with Common Coast Research & Conservation, a nonprofit organization that has primarily worked on loon conservation. With this new agreement they will also do lake surveys for AIS. Thirty lakes will be covered: Barb, Bluebell, Chaney, Clark, Crooked, Dawn, Echo, Elbow, Harding, Henry, Holly, Honeysuckle, Lake Cornelia, Little Langford, Little Oxbow, Little Pomeroy, Marell, Monk, Moosehead, Moraine, Ormes, Pigeon, Pomeroy, Redboat, Silk, Stateline, Summit, Temple, Tepee, and Winslow. They will survey 15 lakes a year.
- vi. Would ISCCW please send a pressure washer to the Ontonagon kids fishing derby on Saturday, June 13?
- vii. Please watch out for garlic mustard. It is blooming now and becoming more common in the Upper Peninsula. Hand-pull plants and report sites back to me.
- viii. Thanks to all who came to the WePIC meeting, and thanks for the extra boat launch exit signs. On Monday I shared four different boat launch signs with the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area. ISCCW's boat launch exits signs were the most popular.

B. MDNR: No Report:

C. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that the CCROA had its first board meeting of the season. Several members went to the CLMP Webinar Meeting and they signed up three lakes. The CCROA is already busy doing "door hanging".

D. LVD TRIBAL: No Report.

E. OTHERS:

- i. Bill Rehling brought up the subject once again that we could not display our fish tapes at the Ottawa Visitor's Center and asked if we should just give some of the fish tapes to the Forestry service so that they could still sell them at the Visitor Center and we could still get our message out. A brief discussion ensued with no resolution at this time.
- ii. Margaret Marrs stated that she was going to Wal-Mart and could pick up candy for the 4th of July Parade and asked where the money normally came from. The answer was that reimbursement would be made through the Treasurer.

- iii. Mr. Domanus received an e-mail from Lisa Klaus of the Forestry Service regarding the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The Gogebic County program has been extended through September of 2016 with \$65,000 available. However, the committee must get a minimum number of members or funding could be lost.
10. Business Agenda Changes/Approval: Motion to approve the Business Agenda made by Joe LoMastro with support provided by Arny Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
11. Old Business:
 - A. 54th ML&SA Conference Attendees Recap: Due to the absence of Board Member David Sherrill a "Motion to defer the report on the conference until June" was made by Greg Wenzel with support from Will Buergey. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
12. New Business : None
13. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am, next meeting June 16, 2015 at the USFs District Office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary