

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015 - Approved

Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Kenneth Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Dan Straszewski, Will Buergey, Arny Domanus, Eugene Clark, Margaret Marrs, Bob Turnquist, and David Sherrill.

Other Member/Guests Present: Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chairperson), Christine Scott (ISCCW Educator/PR Coordinator), Barb Gajewski (Many Waters), Ian Shackelford (USFS), Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), Larry Grems and Madison Hayes (ISCCW Boat Washer Operators), James Peace (MDNR Parks & Recreation), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), and Roger LaBine LVD Tribal Water Resources).

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

Quorum was verified by Ken Wendt (Proxies were received from Joe LoMastro and Greg Wenzel).

1. President's Report: Ken Wendt said all information would be addressed in agenda items.
2. Vice President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's report: Steve Wilkinson reported. Our bank balance on May 18, 2015 was \$113,587.26; receipts were \$1,017.00 consisting of \$867 from memberships and boat wash donations of \$150; disbursements totaled \$5,698.37; which included May payroll of \$4879.87, \$468.00 for Hahn Printing (fund raising materials), \$88.94 for repairs, \$40.00 for Stateline Accounting, \$163.52 for mileage (Madison Hayes), and \$58.04 for fuel. This left a balance on June 15, 2015 of \$108,905.89
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt announced that the State of Michigan has approved the spending for fighting invasive species this year. A session to cover the 2015 grant funding program requirements would be held Friday, June 26th, in Munising. Ken, Barb Gajewski, and Jen Ricker will attend. Others who are willing to work along with them on the grant are welcome to join them.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diane Mehlhop reported that that as of this date we have 425 members who donated \$56,250 in dues and donations, with 18 (17 of them new members) having paid up through 2016. Diana thanked the 16 folks who showed up on May 27th to stuff, seal, label, and stamp the 1,600 piece fund raising mailing. The mailing has produced \$660 from 17 new members. Another 14 were handed over during the meeting and will be added to the list.
6. Education/PR Committee Report:
 - A. Boat Washer Status/Activities: Christine Scott began by introducing Madison Hayes, our newest boat washer, to the group. This activities' exposure is up from last year. During May our washers talked to 1627 persons and washed 244 boats.
 - B. Educational/Training Activities: Christine reported that she is still looking for volunteers from area lake associations to spend a few hours during the upcoming "landing blitz" handing out literature and talking to boaters using landings on their lakes. Christine will see that all volunteers have enough materials available. Communications on the Land O'Lakes Library

Program, set for June 24, 2015, had a small booking glitch but will go on as scheduled. At the USFS request we had a boat washer at the Ontonagon Kids Fishing Derby on June 13th which went very well. The Ottawa Family Fun Days are coming on July 11th, between 10:00 am and 2: 00 PM. We will have a boat washer and a booth with other items on display at the USFS Ottawa Visitors Center in Watersmeet.

- C. 4th of July Parade: We will have presence at both the Land O'Lakes and Watersmeet parades. Margaret Marrs has purchased candy for the events.

Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski reported that they are able to work on some of the lakes (shallow areas). It is still early in the season but they need to get into the deeper areas. Found some existing growth of AIS but so far not so much new growth AIS. Placing some buoys on the Cisco Chain.

- A. Bass Lake is pretty dark. Did not detect any EWM but conditions were dark. The northeast corner was not covered due to fishing traffic.
- B. Langford Lake is also really dark. Did not find any rooted EWM. Found some native plants.
- C. Clearwater Lake is really dark. The water level is high. Have not detected any EWM.
- D. Yellow Iris is up and blooming. Dave Sherrill found some on Long Lake and he will take care of the infestation.
- E. Some correspondence was received regarding Crystal Lake which posed a question concerning the existence and/or whereabouts of an access point, and whether or not we can get a boat into the lake.
- F. There will be training session on the use of the Pro 20 (dissolved oxygen) meter on the 24th at the Duck Lake boat landing.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:

- A. A motion to approve the reports was made by Arny Domanus with support by Will Buergey. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Steve Wilkinson with support by David Sherrill. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. Public Comments:

- A. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported the following:
 - i. The Perch Lake containment area will be installed July 11 and 12.
 - ii. The Ottawa NF has received Fiscal Year 2015 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding for deployment of watercraft cleaning stations to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species. The money will be used for agreements with ISCCW, Iron County, and Bergland Township. Iron County will receive a second boat washer.
 - iii. Please remember to keep a record of where and how much boat washer water is discharged on the ground in Michigan.
 - iv. The first Crooked Lake snorkel of 2015 will be next week, tentatively Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to join us.
 - v. Thank you for coming to Family Fun Day at the Ottawa Visitor Center on July 11.
- B. MDNR: Ranger James Peace introduced himself as the new lead ranger at Gogebic State Park. His contact information; Phone: 906-875-3324 - Email: PeaceJ1@michigan.gov.

- C. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that the "Door Hanger" outreach is nearly complete. He said SECCI tests are being done weekly and they will be involved in the "Landing Blitz".
 - D. LVD TRIBAL: Roger Labine reported the Tribe has received funds for the youth program. The program's supervisor will probably be contacting Christine Scott for ideas regarding the program. There was a meeting with the EPA regarding non-point pollution. Specifically, there were ideas stemming from the assessment that was done. President Wendt asked Roger to inquire if someone from the Tribe would like to become a board member.
 - E. OTHERS: None
10. Business Agenda Changes/Approval: A request was made by the Treasurer to add a resolution to "Old Business, Sub B." authorizing the signature of David Sherrill on our bank accounts. Motion to approve the Business Agenda with this addition as 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: David Sherrill reported that the conference seemed smaller than last year both in attendance and exhibitors. Some presenters were disappointing and exhibitor's rehashed much of last year's information. Some points of interest were:
 - i. Glenn Lake has a program where individuals can take personal responsibility for doing something. For this you might get some kind of recognition.
 - ii. One program encouraged natural shorelines.
 - iii. We should have representatives at the CLMP meetings if we want to participate in the CLMP program.
 - iv. There was some attention paid to invasives in streams. (Maybe we should revisit the amount of attention we give to streams.)
 - v. There was some question about the size of the conference. (Will it continue to be a yearly occurrence, or will it become bi-yearly, or will it shrink in size?)
 - B. Bank Signature Authority Resolution: President Wendt stated that he would draw up a "boiler plate" resolution for the placement of David Sherrill as a signatory on our bank account as he is currently the Deputy Treasurer and will most likely succeed Steve Wilkinson as Treasurer at the next officer's election. Motion to authorize and approve the resolution offered by Steve Wilkinson with support from Bob Turnquist. Motion carried without dissent.
12. New Business :
- A. Upcoming annual membership meeting. The meeting will be held on August 1, 2015 at the pavilion in Watersmeet. The following board members terms are up: Dave Sherrill, Margaret Marrs, Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Greg Wenzel, Daniel Straszewski, and Bob Turnquist. Please let Ken Wendt know if you will not be a candidate for reelection.
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am, next meeting July 21, 2015 at the USFS District Office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Straszewski, Secretary