

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015 - APPROVED

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Will Buergey, Eugene Clark, Al Kanipes, Margaret Marrs, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Greg Wenzel, and Steve Wilkinson

Guests Present: Christine Scott and Larry Grems (ISCCW), Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters), Mike Golas (Iron Cty Lakes & Stream Partnership), Jim Novitski (Perch Lake), James Peace (MDNR), Yvonne and Greg Clark (Long Lake), and Ian Shackelford (USFS)

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wendt.

Quorum was verified by Mr. Wendt.

1. President's Report: Mr. Wendt introduced Jim Novitski of the Perch Lake Owners Association. Mr. Novitski reported on their recent installation of the new "AIS Containment System" installed at the Perch Lake boat landing. The concept, previewed for us some months ago, had obtained approval as a test project. The barrier, consisting of 400' of double boom with turbidity netting suspended to the lake bottom was installed in the boat launch area of Perch Lake as an artificial harbor. The intent is that the netting will trap all floating invasives as they are introduced into the lake at launch time and prevent their spread elsewhere in the lake. The total cost was approximately \$15,000 and took 12 persons, 6 working in water and 6 on land, a total of 8 hours to complete.
2. Vice-President's Report: Mr. Buergey requested funds to cover the purchase of additional T-shirts because out stock is depleted. Motion by Mr. Buergey with support from Mr. Wilkinson for \$40 to cover the T-Shirt expense. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on June 16, 2015 was \$108,905.89; receipts were \$1,524.05; consisting of \$1,160.00 from memberships, fish tape contributions of 331.05 and boat washing donations \$33.00; disbursements totaled \$8,558.33 which included; May payroll (net) of \$4,693.00, State and Federal withholding and payroll taxes of \$2,485.19, plus various other expenses including accounting fees, MIL Convention expenses, Michigan annual filing fees, Many Waters LLC , and 4th of July expenses; leaving a balance on July 19, 2015 of \$101,871.61. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present. Note: Annual statements and our first 2015 reimbursement request from the Forest Service are progressing and will be completed before the Annual Meeting.
4. Finance Committee: Mr. Wendt gave a brief recap of the MDNR 2016 Grant workshop held in Wetmore, MI (Munising Township) on June 26th. Attending were Ken Wendt, Barb Gajewski, and Jenifer Ricker. The MDNR has asked us to submit a new proposal for 2016/17. A preliminary proposal must be sent prior to the end of July. Once notified that we are officially accepted to present we will complete a full proposal. We will work with Jennifer Ricker and the Iron Conservation District (as we did on the 2015/16 proposal) as a joint proposal. ISCCW's portion will include specific funding for work on the Cisco Chain and work on Duck Lake, as well as general funding for the rest of our target areas.

5. Membership Committee Report: Written report furnished stated that we now have 411 members who are paid up through 2015 contributing a total of \$56,475.00 in dues and donations. Included in 2015 are \$15,000 from the township and \$10,000 from 2% money. To date the township wide mailing produced 34 new members and 2 renewals for an additional \$1,565.00 in dues and donations. The cover letter and proxy for the Annual Meeting were sent out on July 10th consisting of 376 emails and 77 posted letters.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Mr. Pytlarz explained that maintaining the DO Meter will be under the direction of Tom Wheeler. Request for its use are to be made to Jeff and he will coordinate with Tom. Jeff went on to express some dissatisfaction with SCA as a source for our boat washer employee pool. They start later in the season and finish early leaving gaps in our coverage. The 2015 SCA employee decided to leave at the end of June. A general consensus was that we should abandon SCA as a source of employees. Ms. Christine Scott reported that we are having a busy year. The LOL Library program had 53 people in attendance. Phelps Library program will be on August 5th. She continues with the outreach programs and participated in the "Landing Blitz" which went well, covering 7 lakes, although we were given limited supplies for hand-out. Our Biological Tour will take place on Duck Lake on August 22nd at 8:00 AM. Our boat washers talked with 1300 people and washed 200 boats in June. In response to a question on the use of the "containment mats" Jeff said that, due to their bulk and weight they are being used only at Cisco Lake and at tournaments.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Ms. Barb Gajewski updated the group on the current lakes being worked, particularly LVD. Slaughter Bay is probably the worst location on LVD but a question remains as to whether intervention is necessary at this time. There is also more EWM being found in Outlet Bay. Barb reported that the DEQ is in the process of digitizing its administrative processes which will probably means that everyone will have to relearn the processes. Also, EDNA sampling kits are now available for those who want to test the AIS health of their lakes. Lastly, Stony Star Wart has been detected in the U.P. This is a big deal; it has the same vector as EWM.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - A. A motion to approve the reports was made by Mr. Wilkinson with support by Mr. Sherrill. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Ms. Margaret Marrs with support by Mr. Wenzel. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. Public Comments:
 - A. USFS: Mr. Ian Shackelford reported:
 - a. The USFS is inviting grant applications for the Gogebic and Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committees. Ian passed around a [news release](#) to view, or you can see the Daily Globe of July 18. Completed project applications must be received by October 1, 2015. Projects must benefit National Forest land.
 - b. As reported by Jim Novitski, the Perch Lake Owners Association installed their containment area at the Perch Lake boat launch on July 11.
 - c. The USFS pulled EWM from Crooked Lake on June 25. We will do more tomorrow (July 22). So far this year we've found EWM at three sites, all previously known.

d. Please watch for purple loosestrife, which will begin blooming soon. Look for it on lake shores, rivers, and in road ditches. Get permission from landowner before pulling or digging all plants; don't let any go to seed. Report sites to Ian and maybe the USFS can help.

B. MDNR: Mr. Peace mentioned WEPIC at the Gogebic Lake Association meeting and that they have been washing boats at the Bergland Landing.

C. CCROA: Mr. Wenzel reported not finding EWM in Clearwater Lake. He also said that CCROA has been vexed by problems on the Wisconsin side. They seem to have robust native growth early which dies off and then EWM takes over. CCROA also took part in the "Landing Blitz" effort and got help from Ms. Scott with the logistics.

a. The Wisconsin DNR is doing an assessment on Mamie Lake.

b. Mr. Wenzel suggested that we (ISCCW, LVD Tribe CCROA, etc.) should reach out to local government representatives and try to set up a "legislator's day" for a general discussion on the Michigan AIS situation as it relates to the Western U.P. The board seemed to think this was a good idea. Mr. Wenzel will need help with the logistics.

D. LVD Tribe: No Report

E. Others:

a. Mike Golas reported that banded river snails have been found in Sunset Lake.

b. Jeff Pytlarz had been waiting for a calm day for Bill Artwich to come out to Duck Lake. To date they have found only 22 plants. All of them were pulled.

10. Business Agenda:

A. Motion to approve Business Agenda as is by Mr. Wilkinson, with support from Mr. Sherrill. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. Old Business:

A. Update on August 1, 2015 General Membership Meeting. Mr. Wendt stated that all members have been notified as per the by-laws. The meeting will be held at the Watersmeet Pavilion and will begin at 1:00 PM. We are in need of several more (5) candidates for Director. Everyone is asked to look for possible candidates that they can nominate. The Board Members whose terms are up are; Will Buergey, Margaret Marrs, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Bob Turnquist, Greg Wenzel, and Steve Wilkinson. Will, Bob Greg, and Steve have all expressed a desire to be replaced for now. In addition Renee Shurr will be resigning due to health issues.

12. New Business: None

13. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting August 18, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary