

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

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USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Jeff Pytlarz, Yvonne Stone, Larry Grems, Army Domanus, Will Buergey, Eugene Clark, Joe LoMastro, Margaret Marrs, Stan Mlynarczyk, David Sherrill, and Dan Straszewski.

Guests Present: Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership Chair), Tom Wheeler (Moon Lake), Christine Scott (ISCCW ED/PR Coordinator), Dave Lamoreaux (LVDLA), and Ian Shackelford (USFS).

The Meeting was called to order by President Ken Wendt at 9:02 am and a quorum verified.

1. President's Report / Correspondence: Pres. Wendt read the tendered resignations of Al Kanipes and Renee Shurr. Motion to accept resignations made by Joe LoMastro with support from Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried by voice vote. Ken also reported that the Sixth Annual Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference will be held on October 22, 2015 in Marquette. The theme will be "On the Horizon: Innovation, Integration, Motivation". Information was circulated and registration materials will be available soon.
2. Vice-President's Report: As Will Buergey did not run for reelection there was no official report to give. Will took this opportunity to thank all for their participation in the past years of ISCCW's existence.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Wilkinson reported our bank balance on July 19, 2015 was \$101,871.61; receipts were \$1,057 including \$831.00 in memberships and contributions and \$226.00 in boat washing donations; disbursements totaled \$10,065.66 including, July payroll (net) of \$6,864.340, State and Federal WH/Payroll Taxes \$1,642.73, Many Waters LLC \$1,262.86, and other expenses including MDNR meeting travel expenses, accounting fees, and BW fuel. Balance as of July 17, 2015 is \$92,862.95. In addition; information for FY2015 IRS Form 990 filing has been provided by Stateline Accounting and Tax Services LLC, and a request for reimbursement was made to the USFS for \$9,704.23 under our current Participation Agreement.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt reported that a preliminary proposal for the 2016 MDNR Invasive Grant has been assembled with the help of Jennifer Ann Ricker (Iron Conservation District) and Barbara Gajewski (Many Waters). The request totals \$204,000; with ISCCW's share at approximately \$97,000 which will require a commitment in matching funds of \$34,000. The preliminary proposal outlined several goals with respect to the control of AIS, many of which ISCCW is already. We will also be applying for RAC funds.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop informed the group that ISCCW has 409 members through 2015 who have given \$31,475 in dues and donations. There are also 46 members paid up through 2016 who have given \$2340 in dues and donations.

6. Education/PR Committee Report:
 - Jeff Pytlarz reported that the placement of a boat washer on Bass Lake was disappointing. There was limited exposure to people and no boats were washed. Jeff also informed the Board that one washer had quit but would work, if needed, on Saturdays and Sundays until new person is hired. One boat washer needs maintenance which Jeff will attend to.
 - Christine Scott stated that 200 boats were washed in July. The library programs are going well; Phelps gave us a \$25.00 donation and although the program at Land O'Lakes was shorter (due to a scheduling conflict) there were a lot of people in attendance. The continuing education outreach in July to lake associations, resorts, etc. contacted over 700 people.

7. Many Waters Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski updated the group on the current lakes being monitored; including Alan, Marion, Big Africa, Little Africa and Record. Bill Artwich worked with Jim Floriano on Duck Lake where two plants were found. There is nothing to report for Thousand Island Lake. On Lac Vieux Desert; at Slaughter Bay about 120-130 lbs of EWM was pulled, Rose's Island about 40 lbs. pulled, Duck Point a determination needs to be made on whether to hand pull or use DAS, and East of the Village no EWM has been detected. On other subjects; The MDNR has developed a new system for permit holders and will have a Webinar on 9/17/2015. ISCCW needs to be acquainted with this system. EDNA Sampling Kits are available. Interested parties can pick them up after the meeting or by contacting Barb.

8. Approval of Reports and Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve all reports as given was made by David Sherrill with support by Larry Grems. Motion carried by voice vote. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Steve Wilkinson with support by Army Domanus. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. Business Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by David Sherrill with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. Public Comments:
 - A. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported:
 - We snorkeled in Lac View Desert (LVD) at Thunder Bay on July 28th and August 5th. Staff from both the Ottawa and Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests participated. We pulled EWM from all the sites provided by Many Waters.
 - We snorkeled and pulled EWM from Crooked Lake on July 22 and August 12. We found a new site in the Wilderness.
 - Ian shared a crochet EWM display from Ottawa seasonal employee, Savanna Dahl. The display also includes a crochet zebra mussel, a round goby and paper made from EWM.
 - Ian shared some "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" coasters made by the Lake Gogebic Improvement Association. Purple loosestrife is blooming. Ian recommends getting rid of this non-native wetland plant.

- Remember that the USFS is inviting grant proposals for the Gogebic and Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committees. The most recent news release asked for proposals by October 1, 2015.
- B. MDNR: No report.
- C. CCROA: Worked with Barb Gajewski, Gene Clark went out on dive and pulled about twelve lbs. of EWM which was located west of Wilderness Bay.
- D. LVD Tribe: Roger Labine stated that the LVD Tribe is looking to partner up in applying for GLRI money. Jason Carlton and Lisa Brush from the Tribe are looking for contacts within ISCCW. Ken Wendt, as head of the Finance committee, and Jeff Pytlarz were identified as possible contacts.
- E. OTHERS:
- Joe Lomastro updated the group on the favorable results seen on Duck Lake. Last year 78 locations were logged with EWM. This year only 27 and some of those were locations with only a single plant. Effects are so positive that the association has opted to not treat chemically and is limiting the control effort to hand-pulling. Thus far 180 volunteer hours have been logged for Duck Lake.
 - Larry Grems suggested that a sign at Thunder Bay landing reminding boaters to check for AIS and drain bilge and live wells as they exit the boat landing areas might prove beneficial. ISCCW already has signs but local permission is required to install them. Dave Lamoreaux has been trying to get the proper permissions for over six years. He also commented that LVD lake level is down this year.
 - Margaret Marrs expressed her endorsement of continuing and increasing postings on Facebook.

11. Old Business:

- A. Update, August 1, 2015 General Membership Meeting: The general membership meeting went smoothly. 49 proxies were received and 19 members were present representing an additional 15 votes. Margaret Marrs, David Sherrill, and Daniel Straszewski were re-elected to two year terms along with three new members, who are Yvonne Stone, Larry Grems, and Stan Mlynarczyk. Although our By-Laws call for a minimum of nine (9) board members, to maintain the current 15 member board ISCCW will need 3 more board members. Steve Wilkinson and Greg Wenzel have agreed to continue to serve for the remainder of this year.

12. New Business:

- A. Thank You to Outgoing Officers: Recognition of a service and of a job well done by the current officers was made and a hearty thank you given.
- B. Seating of New Board Members: Yvonne Stone, Larry Grems, and Stan Mlynarczyk were introduced, welcomed, and formally seated as ISCCW Board Members.
- C. Election of Officers:

- Secretary: David Sherrill nominated Dan Straszewski for the position of Secretary with support given by Larry Grems. Dan Straszewski accepted the nomination. Steve Wilkinson moved that the nominations be closed with support from Will Buergey. By voice vote, nominations were closed. Dan Straszewski was elected Secretary by unanimous voice vote.
- Treasurer: Steve Wilkinson nominated David Sherrill for the position of Treasurer with support from Jeff Pytlarz. David Sherrill accepted the nomination. Joe LoMastro moved nominations be closed with support from Will Buergey. By voice vote, nominations were closed. David Sherrill was elected Treasurer by unanimous voice vote.
- Vice-President: Will Buergey nominated Eugene Clark for the position of Vice-President with support from Joe LoMastro. Larry Grems moved that nominations be closed with support from Steve Wilkinson. By voice vote, nominations were closed. Eugene Clark was elected Vice-President by unanimous voice vote.
- President: Margaret Marrs nominated Jeff Pytlarz for the position of President with support from Steve Wilkinson. Joe LoMastro moved that nominations be closed with support from Steve Wilkinson. By voice vote, nominations were closed. Jeff Pytlarz was elected President by unanimous voice vote.

13. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 15, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary