

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

Draft – September 15, 2015

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Arny Domanus, Larry Grems, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Stan Mlynarczyk, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Yvonne Stone, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Greg Wenzel, Steve Wilkinson

Guests Present: Barbara Gajewski, Yvonne Mlynarczyk, Christine Scott, Dave Lamoreaux, Ian Shackelford,

The meeting was called to order by ISCCW's new President, Mr. Jeff Pytlarz at 9:04 am.

Quorum was verified by Jeff Pytlarz.

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that the Michigan Waterfront Alliance is lobbying against the use of wake enhancing boats. These boats have been known to adversely affect shorelines and carry large amounts of water which could spread AIS from one lake to another. The 6th Annual Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference will be held October 22nd. Anybody wishing to carpool to the event please see Jeff Pytlarz or Ken Wendt. ISCCW has been invited to participate. Dave Lamoreaux added that permission has been obtained to place signage at Misery Bay to remind boaters to check for invasives and remove them before they leave the boat launch area.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on August 17, 2015 was \$92,862.95; receipts were \$381.00 consisting of \$175.00 from memberships and boat washing donations \$206.00; disbursements totaled \$9,675.55 which included, August payroll (net) of \$6,049.81 and various other expenses including accounting fees, MDNR filing fees, state and federal withholding payroll taxes and Many Waters LLC (\$1,755.72). This leaves a balance on September 14, 2015 of \$83,568.40. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present. Note: FY 2015 IRS Form 990 was filed.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that we have received preapproval on the preliminary proposal, submitted in conjunction with the Iron Co. Conservation District, for the MISGP Grant. The proposal's interesting mix of work was found to be favorable. Work has begun on the final proposal. Our RAC Grant for LVD is also being prepared with a due date of October 1.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop informed the group through her written report that ISCCW has 410 members paid up through 2015, 48 members paid up through 2016, 5 of which were renewing members, for a current total of 453 members. Total for dues and donations was \$33,990.00.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Christine Scott reported:
 - a. 1200 people were contacted in August bringing the total to 6000 for the season and 299 boats were washed bringing the total to 840 for the season.
 - b. The "Bio-Tour took place as planned with 26 persons attending. Pictures are available.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski updated the group on the current lakes being monitored. Moon Lake, Taylor Lake, Wisconsin River – no AIS to report. The marsh thistle seems to be down from last year. Morley Lake showed one location of about a dozen plants along the northwest bay. A buoy was placed.

8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. A motion to approve the reports was made by David Sherrill with support by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by David Sherrill with support by Ken Wendt. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. Business Agenda Changes / Approval
 - a. Motion to add an additional board member.
 - b. After discussion, motion to approve additional board member as allowed under ISCCW By-Laws was made by David Sherrill with support from Larry Gremms. Motion carried.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. Forest Service, Ian Shackleford reported:
 - i. The USFS continues snorkel-pulling EWM on Crooked Lake: we were there last September 14.
 - ii. A reminder that the USFS is accepting grant applications for the Gogebic County Resource Advisory Committee. (Due October 1st – approximately.) This funding may be used to control invasive species infestations. Projects must benefit National Forest land
 - iii. A lighter wash-down catch-pad from Jacquart Fabric Products. This will be made from a lightweight tarp material.
 - iv. There are two upcoming invasive species meetings. October 9 is the Western Peninsula Invasive Species Coalition (WePIC) here in Watersmeet. One item on the agenda is the Michigan invasive species grant opportunity. October 22 is the Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference. It is hoped that ISCCW will participate in the panel discussion: “Lessons from the Boat Launch: A Panel Discussion on AIS Education at Boat Washing Stations.”
 - v. September 25 is National Public Lands Day. The USFS is hosting a project working on the hiking trail O Kun De Kun Falls (US 45, north of Bruce Crossing).
 - vi. After the meeting today Mr. Shackleford is going to treat some nearby cattails using the herbicide-wipe method.
 - b. MDNR: No report.
 - c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel report good results on Clearwater Lake. Barb Gajewski has been out. Southern end of the Cisco Chain is not in good shape. Some complaints about algae blooms
 - d. LVD Tribe: No Report
 - e. Others:
 - Arny Domanus reported on didymosphenis geminata (“rock snot”) that is a microscopic algae that can form thick stifling blankets in lakes and stream.
 - i. Ken Wendt asked ISCCW to consider sending boat washers to the Iron County Conservation District if asked. Boat washers could be sent to an Iron County function as an instructional / informational tool.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Bass Lake: Barb Gajewski reported that the Aquatic Vegetation Assessment as required by the MDEQ has been completed. All previously known *M. farwellii* sites were visited. *M. farwellii* was found at only two sites. No EWM was documented rooted or floating. The water clarity is excellent. Secchi reading over twelve feet and hit bottom.

- b. Langford Lake: Barb Gajewski reported that the Aquatic Vegetation Assessment as required by the MDEQ has been completed. No EWM was documented rooted or floating during the survey. This work was completed under a USFS contract. This is last year of this contract and the monitoring work planned thus far. Consistent with the work over the last two years no *M. farwellii* was detected. A dialog must be established with the State of Michigan to determine a possible course of action with respect to *M. farwellii*.
- c. LVD
 - i. Most survey work is complete minus some open water portions.
 - ii. New locations of EWM found along the south shore.
 - iii. Diving efforts: Slaughter Bay, in front of village, Desolation Point, South Simpsons and Maple Grove: Approximately 247 pounds and 660 plants.
 - iv. DASH Efforts: Duck Point, Slaughter Bay, South Simpsons: 293 pounds
 - v. New EWM locations in Lobischer Creek, starting about 20 yards from the rice and heading west to the mouth of the Creek. Found ~12-15 plants. Able to hand pull from kayak about 4 of them since they were very small.

12. New Business:

- a. Signatories: New signatories needed to carry on banking business. Resolution to add David Sherrill and Jeff Pytlarz as official signatories to carry on ISCCW business and delete Ken Wendt as a signatory was offered by Steve Wilkinson with support from Dan Straszewski. By a show of hands 11 voted for and 0 voted against the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Request was made by Jeff Pytlarz to furnish all reports in written form suitable for electronic distribution.
- c. Proposed project from Barb Gajewski to look at the susceptibility of our lakes to different invasives. Possibly looking for lake profiles. Could factor into grant proposals
- d. Board member replacement:
Due to a vacancy on the board and in accordance with ISCCW by-laws, Jim Donlan was nominated for the vacant position by Ken Wendt. Dan Straszewski seconded the nomination. After discussion nominations were closed. Motion by Ken Wendt to vote on the nomination, Joe LoMastro gave support. Jim Donlan was voted in by a unanimous voice vote.

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. Next meeting October 20, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary