

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

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

Guests Present: Barbara Gajewski, Dave Lamoreaux, Diana Mehlhop, Bill Rehling, Will Buergey, Linda Hammer

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

Quorum was verified by Jeff Pytlarz.

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that the Michigan Inland Lakes Conference will be held 4/28/2016-4/30/2016. More information will be forwarded as it becomes available. He also reported that the Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference is on 10/22/2015. Several board members will be attending. If anyone is interested in going please contact Jeff Pytlarz. Also, the WePIC meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended and informative.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on September 15, 2015 was \$83,568.40; receipts were \$10,048.28 consisting of \$25.00 from memberships, \$319.05 from boat wash and fish tape contributions and \$9704.23 reimbursement from the Forest Service; disbursements totaled \$13,539.68 which included September and October payroll (net) of \$8,075.99, Many Waters LLC of \$4288.22 and various other expenses including accounting fees, state and federal withholding and payroll taxes, postage, washer fuel and t-shirts. This leaves a balance on October 19, 2015 of \$80,077.00. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that work continues on the Michigan DNR grant. This application is proceeding on time. Work also continues on the RAC grant. The focus of the grant is LVD. Work is proceeding in a timely manner.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop informed the group that that ISCCW has 410 members paid through 2015, 48 members paid through 2016, renewing member were (-5), for a current total of 453 members. Total for dues and donations was \$33,990.00.
  - a. Eugene Clark and Diana Mehlhop met once to start the transition of membership duties to Eugene. Diana will support this effort as needed.
  - b. Work was also started on the renewal mailing which should be completed in early November. Eugene is currently working on the letter. Thanks go to David Sherrill for purchasing and delivering the stamps.
6. Education/PR Committee Report:

- a. 102 boats were washed and 448 people were contacted during October. The power washers have been serviced and stored for next year. Thank you to Ken Wendt for providing the storage space again this year. The water discharge report and boat wash data have been completed and sent to Ian Shackelford as requested.
  - b. A price has been obtained for Coozies @ \$450 per 1000 to be used as handouts for next year's boat washing operation.
  - c. Stan Mlynarczyk is working on the website.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski updated the group:
- a. No AIS to report on Crystal, Beatons, County Line, Dinner, and Long Lakes.
  - b. Dinner Lake and Beatons Lake had excellent water clarity.
  - c. Crystal Lake had pretty poor water clarity and conditions were not the best. Approximately 1 foot visibility into the water. It would be beneficial to repeat the survey in 2016 when conditions are more ideal.
  - d. Three plants at 2 locations were found on Crooked Lake and the GPS coordinates were given to Ian Shackelford with the USFS.
  - e. Scattered plants in the usual areas were located in Thousand Island Lake. No substantial increases. Treatment areas looked good. Overall. It looked better than 2014.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
- a. A motion to approve the reports was made by David Sherrill with support by Ken Wendt. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Larry Grems with support from Joe LoMastro. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. Business Agenda Changes / Approval
- a. Motion to discuss/add reimbursement for Larry Grems for conference registration fee.
  - b. After discussion agenda was amended to discuss reimbursement for Larry Grems. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
10. Public Comments:
- a. Ian Shackelford's report was read into the record:
    - i. Lisa Klaus has agreed to accept RAC grant applications until the end of October. Ian is willing to review draft applications before you submit.
    - ii. Ian and the remaining FS crew snorkeled in Crooked Lake on October 6<sup>th</sup>, pulling EWM, including the remaining plant found by Bill Artwich. To limit the time in the cold water they brought waders and walked along the shore. They found several EWM plants they had missed during their earlier visits when they were in canoes. The Forest Service has funding for aquatic herbicide application in 2016. Ian hopes to get the same good results as were had on Thousand Island Lake.
    - iii. The USFS recently winterized the Lake Gogebic portable boat washer and the Hagerman Lake boat washing station.
  - b. MDNR: No report.
  - c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported that buoys were pulled a week ago from the Cisco Chain. They would have liked to keep them in longer but

people like to put their boats away for the season. Greg thanked the ISCCW for all the time spent covering the boat landings with the washers.

d. LVD Tribe: No Report

a. Others:

- a. Arny Domanus provided information on Bat Week. Information was circulated regarding a presentation on bats and the construction of bat houses at the Ottawa Visitor Center on October 31, 2015.
- b. Ken Wendt reminded the group about the Iron County Conservation District Open House at the Windsor Center.
- c. Jeff Pytlarz told the group that preliminary budgets were due by the next meeting

11.Old Business: None

12.New Business:

- a. Motion by Margaret Marris to allow the dissolved oxygen (DO) meter to be used by people (organizations) outside of Watersmeet. Support was given by Larry Grems. Motion was amended to limit the use of the DO meter to the areas within WePic and that users be properly trained. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Ken Wendt to reimburse Larry Grems for the upcoming conference (Fee). Support by Greg Wenzel. Some discussion as to the necessity of this motion since conference fees are a budgeted expense and normally should be covered for reimbursement. Motion carried.

13.Motion to adjourn by Arny Domanus, second by Greg Wenzel. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM. Next meeting November 17, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary