

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

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USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Gene Clark, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Margaret Marrs, Jeff Pytlarz, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt,

Guests Present: Greg & Yvonne Clark, Barbara Gajewski, Cathy Higley, Linda Hammer, Dave Lamoreaux, Diana Mehlhop, James Peace, Christine Scott, Ian Shackelford,

The meeting was called to order by ISCCW's president, Jeff Pytlarz, at 9:01 am.

There was no quorum.

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that the Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference on October 22nd in Marquette was a success and, for the most part, informative. A large portion of the program dealt with terrestrial invasive species. Christine Scott aided by Larry Grems gave a well received program on boat washing.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on October 19, 2015 was \$80,077.00; receipts were \$8291.67 consisting of \$8075.00 from memberships, fish tape and boat washing donations \$216.67; disbursements totaled \$4,688.52 which included November payroll of \$1403.47 and various other expenses including accounting fees, (\$40.00), state and federal withholding payroll taxes (\$1635.94), washer parts (\$40.53), Conference Fees (\$40.00) and Many Waters LLC (\$1528.58). This leaves a balance on November 16, 2015 of \$83,680.15. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that two grants that were in process have been completed and submitted on time. The RAC grant focused on LVD and the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) grant focused on many of our general activities. We should have some feedback by early spring in time to prepare our work schedule for 2016. Many thanks to Barb Gajewski and Jen Ricker for their many hours of help in getting these done in a timely manner.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop informed the group that ISCCW has 410 members paid up through 2015 contributing \$31,500 and 159 members paid up through 2016 contributing \$10,715. 115 renewing members were subtracted from the total for a current total of 454 members.
 - a. Thanks to Eugene Clark for writing the membership letter. Also thanks to David Sherrill for purchasing the stamps. Thanks also go out to Rose Backhaus, Lois Bates, and Mary Congdon for the help in assembling the mailing. 329 letters were sent at a cost of \$192.08.
 - b. Diana stated that she would like to have a discussion about combining our two mass mailings and to do it in November. This would make things easier for her successor.
Discussion was deferred until the later.

6. Education/PR Committee Report: Christine Scott offered the idea of a volunteer e-mail list. As items needing attention arise an e-mail list with willing volunteers could be referred to as a resource list
 - a. She also mentioned the idea of a volunteer newsletter that would keep the group informed.
7. Many Waters/Biologists Report: Barb Gajewski updated the group:
 - a. Many Waters worked on various grants in the previous month.
 - b. New Michigan DEQ permit system. MDEQ wants all reports submitted electronically. Deadlines for submittals have been extended due to the system not being fully functional.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes: By acclamation these reports will be entered into the records.
9. Business Agenda: Item added to discuss dropping December meeting.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. Forest Service Ian Shackleford reported: Thank you for your Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee grant application. This winter Ian Shackleford will work on invasive species agreement modifications (to share new GLRI funding for AIS prevention), planning 2016 projects, and reporting 2015 work. ISCCW has \$21,643.15 remaining undelivered under our GLRI AIS prevention agreement; please submit an invoice for remaining 2015 work (July onward). Leftover funds can be used in 2016. ISCCW has another \$10,000 remaining under their Langford Lake RAC grant, but please let the Lake Association use up their RAC grant first (it expires sooner). The Langford Lake Association should pay ISCCW for work in 2015, and plan for work in 2016, including one year of an aquatic plant grid survey.
 - b. MDNR: James Peace reported that the MDNR is looking for better more uniform signage.
 - c. CCROA: No report
 - d. LVD Tribe: No Report
 - a. Others: Cathy Higley, the Invasive Species Coordinator from Vilas County updated the group on some of her organizations efforts and passed around some information. Ken Wendt informed her about the recent efforts regarding EDNA.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Jeff Pytlarz read through the preliminary budget, clarifying some items and identifying the impact of future grants where applicable.
 - i. The group discussed the combining of the two mass mailings into one mailing which would be done in November. The discussion ironed out some of the details regarding the mailings.
 - ii. Ken Wendt spent some time detailing the "LVD" RAC grant that has been submitted including the primary objectives. Examples included the removal of invasive species within 100 feet of the shoreline on all Forest Service land shoreline of LVD in Michigan.
 - iii. In the MISGP grant, Ken reported that the ISCCW and its WePIC partners are committing contacting 45,000 people, surveys (monitoring) of 650 land acres, wash 4000 boats, ATV trails and other terrestrial management objectives, lake monitoring, and "control" of 30 lakes. Over 2016 and 2017 this grant would

provide ISCCW with \$22,800 in personnel costs, \$33,500 in contract services and treatment costs and \$2400 for permits. ISCCW would provide an additional \$39,300 in matching funds.

12. New Business:

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am. Next meeting January 19, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary