

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Gene Clark, Arny Domanus, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Stan Mlynarczyk, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Bob Zelinski

Guests Present: Denise Fauntleroy, Barbara Gajewski, Mike Golas, Cathy Higley, Pat Hilbrich, Holly Jennings, Roger Labine

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

A quorum was verified by Jeff

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reminded the group about the Iron Conservation District tree sale fundraiser.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on February 16, 2016 was \$113,808.68; receipts were \$475.00. Disbursements included bank charges (for checks) of \$128.93. This leaves a balance in March of \$114,154.75. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt updated the group on our current grant status and informed the group that all required contract work must be put up for bid. Also, he noted that there are some changes needed in the annual budget. These items will be identified and discussed later.
5. Membership Committee Report: Eugene Clark informed the group that that ISCCW has 335 total members including 316 Individual/Family members and 19 Organization/Business members. A written report was distributed to board members via e-mail. Total donations are \$25,890.00. In March we mailed 121 letters to prior members who have not yet renewed.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported Denise Fauntleroy has been hired as our new Education/Coordinator. We still need one more boat washer.
 - a. Acrylic blocks with invasive species encased inside will be available for educational purposes. These are good tools for the boat washers. Cost varies from \$18 to \$25 each.
 - b. Spear fishing could be early because of early ice out. Roger Labine was asked to keep ISCCW informed as to when a boat washer might be needed. In addition, the catch and release season for bass will begin earlier in Michigan this year, May 1st.
7. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. There was a motion to approve the March reports by David Sherrill with support given by Steve Wilkinson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. There was a motion to approve the March minutes by David Sherrill with support from Steve Wilkinson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - c. There was a motion to accept the notes from the February meeting into the record for informational purposes (due to a lack of quorum) by Ken Wendt with a second provided by David Sherrill. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. Many Waters/ Biologists Reports: Barb Gajewski informed the group about being up to date with MiWaters and that Many Waters should not be directly filing for permits or filing reports, as has been done in the past. The account holder (ISCCW) shall be doing that in the future.

9. Business Agenda:

- a. Ken Wendt asked that the board voice a commitment toward an educational requirement as identified in one of our grants. David Sherrill moved that this item be added to our agenda under old business and that the revised agenda be approved. Joe LoMastro provided support. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Public Comments:

- a. USFS: Holly Jennings identified herself as standing in for Ian Shackleford.
- b. MDNR: No report.
- c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel provided a written report read by Mr. Clark. 1) We are working with folks at WI DNR to try to coordinate a EWM treatment on Big Lake. Barb will have the latest info on that process and may be able to expand on it. (I am meeting with Barb & Bill tomorrow to discuss it further) 2) Palmer Bay boat landing on Big Lake will be staffed this summer with a CBCW ambassador through a Wisconsin Grant. 3) All projects under the MI grant award will be completed. 4) We have increased our participation in the CLMP program to seven lakes in 2016: Thousand Island, Lindsley, Cisco, Morley, Big, Poor, and Clearwater Lakes.
- d. LVD Tribe: Roger Labine reported that the Tribe has received a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to address three issues: the fish hatchery, invasive species, and wild rice. Roger will be looking to have additional people trained with respect to invasive species. Also the Tribe is proposing two permanent boat washing stations. One by the boat landing at the Pow-Pow grounds (LVD) and one in the RV Park near the casino. This money award from the EPA is currently scheduled to be an annual occurrence. It was noted that to be effective, at least 140 degree F water is required. Ken Wendt inquired as to how the ISCCW might coordinate with the Tribe in order to avoid wasteful duplication of efforts in AIS identification, mapping, treatment, etc.
- e. Cathy Higley reported that the WDNR is revising their administrative code. Currently they are trying to scope out the changes. Work is continuing on the purple loosestrife beetle program. The Wisconsin Lakes Convention is being held from 3/30-4/2 2016.
- f. Mike Golas asked if there was any interest in a training session for the methodologies pertinent to CLMP monitoring requirements. It was done last year via webinar and was fairly well received. If interested contact Mike or Jim Novitski.
- g. Ken Wendt stated that in our big grant that there is a large portion of funds slated for education. A multi-subject conference, or group meeting, regarding invasive species could potentially reach a large audience. It could also bring many of the smaller groups together and reach a large number of people by providing easier access to information.

11. Old Business:

- a. Jeff Pytlarz clarified the budget and made some adjustments as discussed in February and required with the MISGP grant approval. USFS participation is in place for two years in the amount of \$35,470 requiring a match of \$23,808. LVD Tribe and Township contributions were also identified. Langford Lake costs were adjusted upward. The annual balance was then adjusted accordingly.
 - i. Motion to approve the budget as amended was offered by Ken Wendt. Support was given by Joe LoMastro. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
 - ii. Motion to commit to this tri-county educational effort by Ken Wendt with a second by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried. (Unanimous voice vote).

12. New Business:

- a. The Michigan Lakes and Streams Conference is coming up. Jeff Pytlarz asked for feedback as to our level of involvement. It was decided to participate through individual board members but we would not sponsor any advertising and/or display booth this year.
13. Motion to adjourn by Joe LoMastro with a second by David Sherrill. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:19. Next meeting April 19, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary