

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Arny Domanus, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson,

Guests Present: Ruth Bozdech, Barbara Gajewski, Allan Hocking, Linda Hammer, Holly Jennings, Dave Lamoreaux, Diana Mehlhop, James Peace

The meeting was called to order by ISCCW's president, Jeff Pytlarz at 9:03 am.

A quorum was verified by Jeff

1. President's Report: Jeff reported that the Bass Lake permit application has been completed. Rooms have been reserved for the upcoming ML&SA conference. The advertisement for the biologist's work to be completed this season under the MISGP was answered by another qualified source. We will forward a job description to the interested party.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on March 22, 2016 was \$114,154.75; receipts were \$2670.00. Disbursements totaled \$1,692.90. Disbursements included workman's compensation insurance (\$1,107.00) and boat wash signs (\$585.90). This leaves a balance on April 19, 2016 of \$115,131.85. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt informed the group that we are still awaiting news regarding the RAC Grant Program
5. Membership Committee Report: Eugene Clark informed the board that we now have a total of 381 members and 3 non-member donors donating a total of \$29,460.00.
6. Education Committee: Jeff Pytlarz reported that we have hired a third boat washer by the name of Ted Boksa. Washers are ready and we will have coverage at boat landings beginning at Thunder Bay on LVD on opening day May 7th. No word on coverage needed for the Tribe's spear-fishing. We remain ready.
7. Many Waters: No Report
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. There was a motion to approve the March reports by Ken Wendt with support given by Joe LoMastro. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. There was a motion to approve the March minutes as amended by Ken Wendt 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
9. Business Agenda:

- a. There was a motion to approve the agenda as written by David Sherrill with support from Joe LoMastro. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Public Comments:

- a. USFS: Holly Jennings updated the group regarding GLRI Funding. An acting ranger (Mary Rassmussen) is currently in place at the Forest Service office.
- b. MDNR: James Peace reported that there is now more of a focus on terrestrial invasives particularly the emerald ash borer. He stated that he appreciated the work of the ISCCW. Ken Wendt informed him about the monies available for fighting all invasive species through the MISGP.
- c. CCROA: No Report.
- d. LVD Tribe: No Report.
- e. Ken Wendt reported on the WePIC Meeting. He talked about an invasive species referred to as "jumping worms" This an aggressive species that destroys the soil's top layer(s). Literature was handed out and the group was asked to report any sightings to the Forest Service.

11. Old Business:

- a. Jeff Pytlarz repeated that the scope of work to be completed under the MISGP has been finished and submitted for bid. Also that the Bass Lake treatment permit application has been completed.

12. New Business:

- a. Money is needed by the education committee to redo display boards and replenish supplies of educational items. Approximately \$200 is needed. Motion was made by Ken Wendt to make \$300 available from the budget for this purpose. Support was given by Arny Domanus. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Jeff Pytlarz was handed a check for \$20,000 from Supervisor Mike Rogers, with \$15,000 coming from Township funds and \$5,000 coming from the LVD Tribe 2% funds.
- c. Ken Wendt reported that at the upcoming ML&SA conference Jim Novitski and he will discuss with MSU and Jean Roth several educational opportunities for the CBCW and CLMP programs to be brought to the Western UP area. These would be sponsored by ISCCW and The Iron Conservation District, under our DNR Grant program, and would count towards the grant requirements for education. Authority was given to Ken to possibly offer limited funding to defray costs associated with have training sessions relocated to our area.

13. Motion to adjourn by Joe LoMastro with a second by David Sherrill. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 am. Next meeting May 17, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary