

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Jim Donlan, Larry Grems, Joe LoMastro, Margaret Marrs, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson, Bob Zelinski

Guests Present: Ted Boksa, Ruth Bozdech, Denise Fauntleroy, Barbara Gajewski, Mike Golas, Pat Hilbrich, Roger Labine, Dave Lamoreaux, Diana Mehlhop, Jim Novitski, Hal Petrimoulx and Mike Zukowski

The meeting was called to order by ISCCW's president, Jeff Pytlarz at 9:02 am.

A quorum was verified by Jeff

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reserved his comments for later.
2. Vice-President's Report: Gene Clark reserved his comments on the conference for later.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on April 19, 2016 was \$115,131.85; receipts were \$21,837.15 (including \$15,000 from the Township and \$5,000 from the Tribe). There were no disbursements. A written report with more details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt informed the group that the MDNR is inviting comments regarding the invasive species list. Also pursuant to the Canadian and United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement a near shore framework agreement has been drafted and is available for a 60- day review. See Ken Wendt for contact information.
5. Membership Committee Report: Eugene Clark informed verbally and via e-mail regarding the membership status. The committee processed 7 renewals and 1 donor since the last meeting for \$460.00 in donations. Total membership renewals for 2016 are at 388 and there are 4 non-member donors. Total donations are at \$29,920.00. We still have 72 un-renewed members to date, 2 of which are deceased.
6. Education Committee: Larry Grems reported that all boat washers are in place and operational. Larry asked for clarification regarding budget items. Last meeting the board approved an additional \$300 for educational materials which should leave the committee with approximately \$800 for the balance of this year. Larry Grems would like to propose securing some high-visibility vests for the boat washers and would also like to add to the agenda (New Business) a discussion about possible action on a graduated pay schedule for the boat washers. Denise Fauntleroy will do some more work identifying what is available in our inventory
 - a. Denise Fauntleroy reported 9 days of operation, 342 people contacted, 161 boats inspected, and 77 boats power washed. She also suggested printing coasters and fishing license envelopes featuring aquatic invasive species as a way to reach more people. Barb Gajewski

suggested that hemostats might be a good give-away item. New signs identifying the boat washers are in use. Denise Fauntleroy is looking for a 4-foot storage/shelving unit for the education committee office. Anybody that has one available please contact her.

- b. The Ontonagon fishing tournament will be attended by our educator and one boat washer.
7. Many Waters: Barb Gajewski reported that the first round of water quality sampling on Langford Lake is complete. She attended the LVD Stakeholders meeting. It was well attended. She also commented on upcoming control efforts (DASH and diving), educational efforts, sampling, and lake preservation (phosphates etc.). Barb has the Lake Guards underwater camera. She has not heard anything back yet regarding the permit on endangered species. ISCCW should probably contact the MDNR.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. There was a motion to approve the reports by Ken Wendt with support given by Dave Sherrill. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. There was a motion to approve the April minutes as amended by Ken Wendt with support from Dave Sherrill. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. Business Agenda:
 - a. There was a motion to add the question of boat washer pay to the agenda under New Business and to approve the agenda as amended was made by Joe LoMastro with support from Ken Wendt. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS: There was no forest service representative present. Jeff Pytlarz reported that Tony Holland is the new district ranger. The Whitefish Lake Bike Trail has been approved and that the RAC committee meeting is scheduled for August 24th.
 - b. MDNR: No Report
 - c. CCROA: No Report.
 - d. LVD Tribe: Roger Labine reported that the LVD Tribe is looking for three supervisors for the youth groups. They are trying to make the wild rice program and the invasive species programs year-round. They are incorporating novel technologies including robotics.
 - e. Ken Wendt reported on the convention. He noted that all power-point programs are available on the internet at <http://michiganlakes.msu.edu/convention>.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Jeff Pytlarz stated Many Waters was the sole respondent to the published bid requests for the 2016 MISGP work. All other parties who showed initial interest declined to bid. We are awaiting the bid process review and approval from DNR. Given that a review of the bid(s) and any vote would be out of order at this time, Jeff Pytlarz asked for a show of support for the planned work as to allow preliminary efforts to proceed. A consensus was gained through a show of hands. In 2016 ISCCW will be expanding its efforts regarding sampling, surveys, and the number of lakes under study.

- b. Ken Wendt mentioned that the AIS Landing Blitz is coming up on July 1-10.
- c. Clean Boats, Clean Waters: There will be a CBCW seminar in Watersmeet on August 18th with an instructor (Beth Clawson) from MSU Extension. LVD Casino will provide a room and a luncheon for this event. Iron, Baraga, Gogebic, Ontonagon and Dickinson counties will be involved. ISCCW along with the Iron Conservation District are the program sponsors. It is important that we get great participation if we hope to secure a local CLMP training conference next year. The target audience are all lake organizations and people who want to learn how to properly clean and/ or inspect watercraft. Ken Wendt made a motion to proceed on this project with support from Dave Sherrill. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. New Business:

- a. Boat Washer Pay Increase: Discussion involved the possibility of a graduated pay schedule for those boat washers that accrue multiple year seniority in service to ISCCW. The pay graduation would help ISCCW in retaining qualified boat washing help and possibly improve service by providing experienced people in that position. It would cost us more but the increase was determined to be worth the benefit obtained. Motion presented by Ken Wendt with support from Dan Straszewski to increase the hourly wage of \$12.50 by \$0.25 per hour per year after the first full year of service and over the following four years to a cap of \$13.50. This change would be effective this year for boat wash employees with at least one year of service. We currently have two people that would qualify. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

13. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32 am. Next meeting June 21, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary