

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Joe LoMastro, Ken Wendt, Yvonne Stone, Arny Domanus, Eugene Clark, Jim Donlan, Greg Wenzel, Steve Wilkinson, Margaret Marrs.

Guests Present: Ted Boksa, Jim Novitski, Denise Fauntleroy, Ian Shackelford, Jen Ricker, Dave Newman, Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich.

A quorum being verified; meeting was called to order at 9:05 by President Jeff Pytlarz

1. **President's Report:** Jeff's report to be postponed until the Finance Committee report.
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Eugene Clark reported that he is still investigating the purchase of a new printer. He has researched several options and would like to take suggestions from any members. There is no rush since the present printer has enough ink to last into 2017.
3. **Membership Committee Report:** This is the final membership report for 2016. One business renewal and one donor have been processed since the last report in July for \$150.00 in donations. One other member donation of \$25.00 was also processed. Total memberships for 2016 stand at 397 with 5 non-member donors. Total donations for 2016 are \$30, 545.00. We have 64 un-renewed members to date, two of whom are deceased. First 2017 report: Processed 6 renewal memberships one of which was an organization for a total of \$550.00. In October we will be sending out our mass mailing for both soliciting of new members and renewal of existing members. This will consist of our approximately 400 members and our data base of names for a total of 2000 letters. Cost of supplies and printing will be approximately \$600.00 and \$940.00 for stamps. Suggestion was made to farm out the printing and mailing but it was decided that we can do it ourselves as in the past with volunteers. A suggestion was made by Denise Fauntleroy to add a volunteer section to the renewal form. That will be discussed under new business.
4. **Finance Committee Report:** Ken Wendt reported that the September 9th deadline for submittal of the data of our estimated 2016 MISGP funding was completed on time. ISCCW has an estimated \$24,404 in expenditures and \$13,469 in supporting match funds. We have also been able to contribute an additional \$24,679 in match funds to the overall total of the two-year match requirements for the combined data submittal for our WePIC Multifaceted Invasive Management Project. Between the three grant partners (ISCCW, IBCD, and Sylvania) we have accumulated a total of \$123,930 in match funds. This will be enough for the total two year requirements of the grant and has demonstrated to the Michigan DNR the commitment of our various partners in this endeavor. Ken added that he will now work with Treasurer Sherrill to gather the detail support data required to be filed by the end of October so that we can receive funds due us. Ken further reported that additional good news was received from Liza Klaus of the Public and Administrative Affairs Office of the USFS Ottawa National Forest. Our Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) grant request presented on September 10th was approved in its entirety. We will receive \$15,470 in 2017 and \$13, 771 in 2018 to offset costs for work we will do on Lac Vieux Desert in those years.

5. **Treasurer Report:** Report given by Ken Wendt in David Sherrill's absence. Bank balance as of 8/16/16 was \$103,550.40 with receipts of \$831.00 and disbursements of \$9,823.26; which included accounting services, Many Waters contract work, salaries and employment taxes, conference expenses, postage and boat washer fuel. Bank balance as of 9/19/16 was \$94, 558.14. Work is currently in progress on invoicing the Forest Service for GLRI funding reimbursement.
6. **Education Committee Report:** Denise Fauntleroy reported that as of the end of August 4057 contacts were made and 1054 boats were washed. 182 days on location at boat landings. She also reported that she has registered for a class on line through MSU Extension entitled "Introduction to Lakes" which will run from October 4th until November 16th. In addition, she will be assisting with the planning and operation of the CLMP Program scheduled for May 3, 2017. Denise presented designs for license envelopes to be given out at Tackle Box and there was discussion about price and coverage to be brought up at the next meeting. Denise will be planning a morning coffee with fishing guides in the area to discuss ways in which they and ISCCW can work together in the fight against AIS. This will be held during the winter. The addition of an awning for the sign trailer was discussed with an estimated price of \$340 to \$400. There was no resolution at that time. Finally, Denise will be developing a children's program that will incorporate science and the arts to teach 4th graders about invasive species and best practices with recreational equipment.
7. **Many Waters Biologist Report: Lac Vieux Desert:** Mid/late season survey is wrapping up. A few locations of EWM have been re-located in Lobischer Creek. Overall, there appears to be less EWM in Lobischer Creek this year than last year. A survey of Misery Bay in shallow water turned up no new locations of EWM. Diving is still on-going. **Fish Hawk Lake:** No EWM was detected within Fish Hawk Lake, however several locations were found at the entrance in the vicinity of the rocks that are marked with a white jug. **Thousand Island Lake:** Mid/late season survey wrapped up in August. Two days of diving and two days of DASH have been completed. Two days of diving pulled roughly 236 plants weighing about 69 pounds. Two days of DASH pulled 160 pounds. **Langford Lake:** 19 locations of EWM were located. Most locations were small, isolated areas consisting of fewer than 10 plants, some with just one or two plants. There are locations south of the island that require discussion on how to proceed due to their size and density. **Bass Lake:** 20 locations of EWM were located during the last survey. All locations were small consisting of 6 or fewer plants but an area west of the island had the highest frequency of occurrence. AVAS is complete. **Clearwater Lake:** Mid season survey is complete. No EWM was located at the time of the survey. AVAS is complete. **Record Lake:** No AIS to report. **Crooked Lake:** A survey of the first bay turned up 11 locations of EWM one of which was directly at the end of the cement slab for the public boat launch. **Duck Lake:** A short survey was done due to building wind. 5 locations of EWM were found all in the southwest end of the lake. Most locations were single plants with two at one location.
8. **Approval of Reports and Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson to approve the reports with a second from Joe LoMastro. Motion carried unanimously. Changes to the minutes were read by Ken Wendt. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Greg Wenzel and seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Business Agenda Changes/ Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended to include item B. Educator Contract Extension, and item C. Recording System Purchase. A motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Arny Domanus, second by Joe LoMastro. Approved unanimously.

10. **Public Comments:**

A. USFS: Ian Shackelford thanked ISCCW for organizing the Clean Boats Clean Waters training session and providing the boat wash data for this year. \$38,170.48 remains in the GLRI agreement with ISCCW expiring 1/31/17. The last invoice was on 1/22/16. \$20,163.11 remains in the two agreements for Langford Lake. \$10,161.11 expires 5/14/17. The remaining \$10,000 expires 3/31/19. On 8/24/16 the RAC committee recommended \$132, 175 for seven different projects. The award for ISCCW includes \$29, 241 for work on Lac Vieux Desert in 2017 and 2018. This fall and winter we will be working on one or two new agreements between USFS and ISCCW to deliver the new RAC and GLRI funding. He suggested modifying the existing RAC agreement expiring 3/31/19 for Langford Lake to include Lac Vieux Desert. We will know if more RAC funding will be available when congress passes the new budget. Snorkeling was done on Crooked Lake on 8/23 to pull EWM. September 1 snorkeling and scuba diving was done on Bass Lake to pull EWM by Dan Straszewski, Bill Artwich and Jim Wood. New, lighter wash mats are on order. Proposed changes in use fees for certain Forest Service properties have been made. Public comment is welcomed. 9/24 is National Public Lands Day. Ian is hosting a volunteer event at Moosehead Lake killing exotic honeysuckle bushes beginning at 9:00 AM.

B. MDNR: No Report

C. CCROA: On 8/28/16 a milfoil dive on Thousand Island Lake was done by Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich and CCROA divers followed by a dive by Barb and Bill using DASH. CCROA has found volunteers to do CLMP Secchi Disc readings on all lake in the chain next year. CCROA is scheduling a meeting with WI-DNR in October or November to finalize lake management plans for Wisconsin lakes and strategies for EWM management on Big Lake. CCROA was awarded a \$10,000 RAC grant. Compliments to Denise Fauntleroy for the AIS article in the border bulletin. Thanks to Jen Ricker for all the hard work on the MISGP grant. ISCCW boat washer reported dead fish at Cisco landing. They were actually Walleyes that did not survive planting that recently took place.

D. LVD Tribal: No Report

E. OTHERS: Dave Newman reported that the Watersmeet Planning Commission is in the process of recommending the elimination of the current township short term rentals ordinance. That could seriously affect lake quality and property values. He asked for lake property owners to attend the next PC meeting on October 12th at 6:30 at the Forest Service district office and to voice their opinion. ISCCW, by consensus of the board, agreed to send out e-mails to that effect to all our members.

11. **Old Business**

A. Langford & Bass Lakes: Reported earlier by Many Waters. Treatment options will be discussed at the next meeting.

B. CLMP Seminar: As reported earlier by CCROA, they have enlisted volunteers to do Secchi Disc readings on the lakes of the Cisco Chain. Many Waters has agreed to take phosphate samples for CCROA. As voted last month, ISCCW will subsidize the first year cost of new lakes in our program area joining CLMP (Secchi Disk & registration cost). Ken

Wendt moved to allocate up to \$300 for the purchase of 12 Secchi disks from Jim Novitski. Second by Arny Domanus. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business

A. Membership Application Changes: It was suggested by the educator that our member application form include lines for volunteer options. It was agreed that Eugene Clark will propose specific changes at the next meeting for board approval.

B. Educator Contract Extension: Proposal was made by Jeff Pytlarz to extend the educator contract to year-round rather than May through October to allow the educator to formulate programs during the off season for the following year. The educator will provide an estimate of time required at the next meeting and the cost is to be included in the proposed budget for next year. A motion was made to proceed with that arrangement by Joe LoMastro seconded by Greg Wenzel. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Recording System Purchase: It was proposed by Ken Wendt that ISCCW purchase a digital recording system for use at the board meetings to aid in the transcription of the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Greg Wenzel to do so with a second from Margaret Marrs. Motion carried unanimously. It was decided to ask Dan Straszewski to research such equipment and report at the next meeting.

13. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

14. **Next Board Meeting to be October 18, 2016**