

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Greg Wenzel & Jim Donlan

Guests Present: Greg Clark, Yvonne Clark, Denise Fauntleroy, Barbara Gajewski, Roger Labine, Diana Mehlhop, James Peace, Ian Shackelford, Mike Zukowski & Linda Hammer

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Jeff Pytlarz.

A quorum was verified by Jeff with seven board members present and a proxy from Joe LoMastro designating Jeff Pytlarz to vote in his stead.

1. President's Report: Comments deferred until general discussion under new business.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report
3. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt reported that the CLMP training session is to be held on May 3, 2017 at the Windsor Center in Iron River, MI. He urged all board members to attend.
4. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on October 18, 2016 was \$86,340.83; receipts were \$12,490.11 from memberships and contributions. Disbursements totaled \$6,748.77, which included boat washer parts and supplies, permits and CLMP Program, office supplies, accounting fees, boat washer and educator expense, and payroll taxes. Bank balance as of November 15, 2016 is \$92,082.17.
5. Membership Committee: The Annual Mass Mailing sent out 1,956 letters on Friday, October 28th. Of this amount:
 1. 1,506 (77%) were from our 3-year old Non-Member List
 - a. Of this population, 59 (4%) have been returned with no forwarding address; 26 (2%) were returned with a new forwarding address and these were re-mailed.
 - b. We received 35 (2.3%) new members to-date; \$2,100 to-date. Note that the cost of the entire mailing was approximately \$1,450.
 - c. Need to ask if we should get a new address listing from the Township
 2. 393 (20%) were 2016 members who had not renewed yet
 3. 57 (3%) were 2015 members that did not renew in 2016

Processed 163 renewals since last my last report in October for \$12,250 in donations. Total memberships for 2017 are at 170, 159 Class A and 11 Class B Total donations for 2017 are \$12,825.00. Three members responded to the new Volunteer section of our membership form. One noted their Lake Monitoring (Secchi readings) they already do. Two indicated interest in several of the volunteer options. We had 20 volunteers for the envelope stuffing party. Thanks to all, and again, a special thanks to Diana Mehlhop in helping to organize and run the event.

6. Education Committee: Denise Fauntleroy reported on a recent conference and the use of a new 'app'. She suggested the use of an app to inform people

about invasive species, how to clean boats, etc. She also provided year end numbers for the boat washers. She suggested that we use tablets with cameras to document invasive species and educate people. The last installment of the educational lucite blocks was received.

7. Many Waters: Barbara Gajewski reported on the status of various post treatment assessments:
 - a. Langford Lake: 3 more days of diving
 - b. Bass Lake: 254 plants pulled, 60 pounds wet weight
 - c. Thousand Island Lake: 9 plants removed
 - d. Morley Lake: None detected
 - e. Lindsley Lake: New detections
 - f. Fishhawk Lake : New detections
 - g. Note: Look at DNR permit requirements. They are changing.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. Motion was submitted by Ken Wendt with support from Greg Wenzel to accept Joe LoMastro's proxy and to approve the reports as given. The members in attendance voted to accept this proxy approve the reports by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Motion was submitted by Dan Straszewski with support from Greg Wenzel to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. Business Agenda Changes/ Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion was made by David Sherrill with support from Dan Straszewski to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS: Ian Shackleford reported that he will soon begin working on a new agreement and a new modification for ISCCW's 2017 RAC and GLRI (boat washing) funding and looks forward to receiving an invoice for 2016 work. The Forest Service conference room here in Watersmeet will no longer be available on the third Tuesday of the month in the morning. Other dates and times could work. The proposed Michigan & Wisconsin Realty Land Exchange Project, which included 218 acres of NF land near the Cisco Chain, has been canceled.
 - b. MDNR: James Peace reported on the re-infestation of Buckthorn.
 - c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported on a meeting held with the Wisconsin DNR on 11/14/2016. Major shift away from the use of herbicides in lakes. ("Probable, no permits to be issued.") Meeting was congenial.
 - d. LVD Tribe: Roger Labine reported that some funding may be available for the control of invasive species. He was thinking that hand-pulling, boat-washing, or some other like-minded educational opportunity would be appropriate. Ken Wendt quickly skimmed our current grants and it appeared that their use would be unlikely.
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business:
 - a. Options for moving our meeting place and or the date due to the unavailability of our current meeting place. Options include the new

Watersmeet Community Center, the basement of the Catholic Church, the Visitor Center, or changing the dates. Motion to move the meeting to the Visitor Center for the next three months (January, February, and March) by David Sherrill with support from Ken Wendt. Those present voted yes by voice vote and Jeff Pytlarz voted one proxy yes. Motion carried.

- b. The December board meeting. Discussion favored cancelling the December board meeting so a motion was entered by Ken Wendt with support from Daniel Straszewski to cancel the December meeting and suspend those sections of the ISCCW By-laws requiring a budget proposal in December. A question was proposed by Greg Wenzel regarding a more permanent solution (A permanent change to the By-laws). This action was deferred. The motion was put to a vote. It carried by a unanimous voice vote with one proxy also cast by Jeff Pytlarz in favor.

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am. Next meeting January 17, 2017 at the Visitor Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary