

## ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Arny Domanus, Jim Donlan, Larry Grems, Joe LoMastro, Margaret Marrs, Jeff Pytlarz, Yvonne Stone, Ken Wendt, Greg Wenzel, Robert Zelinski

Board Members Represented by Proxy: Stanley Mlynarczyk, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski, Steve Wilkinson

Guests Present: Bill Artwich, Frank Becker, Karen Domanus, Denise Fautleroy, Barb Gajewski, Dave Lamoreaux, Jim Marrs, Diana Mehlhop, Jim Novitski, Jackie Novitski, Ian Shackelford

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

1. President's Report - Jeff Pytlarz reported:
  - a. ISCCW received a \$15,000.00 check from Watersmeet Township
2. Vice-President's Report - Eugene Clark reported:
  - a. Eugene was elected as a Director to the Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association (CCROA) on May 8, 2017
3. Treasurer's Report - In David Sherrill's absence, Jeff Pytlarz read the Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Our bank balance on April 18, 2017 was \$123,783.23. Receipts totaled \$1,805.00 from memberships and contributions. Disbursements totaled \$363.20, which included a lake permit (\$200.00), lake survey ad (\$103.20) and Hahn Printing (\$60.00). Our bank balance as of May 16, 2017 is \$125,225.03. There is a pending MISGP Grant payment of \$21,371.84.
  - b. It was noted that some items were missing from the Treasurer's report due to the Treasurer's absence.
4. Finance Committee - Ken Wendt reported:
  - a. The CLMP training on May 3, 2017 at the Windsor Center in Iron River was well attended and a huge success. Ken introduced Jim Novitski, who was his co-coordinator. Sixty plus people were in attendance. The ISCCW Board previously approved \$300.00 for miscellaneous expenses and \$300.00 for 12 secchi disks. \$199.74 was spent on miscellaneous expenses and \$250.00 was spent on 10 secchi disks, a total of \$449.74.
  - b. The 2016 MISGP reimbursement has been approved. We are hopeful for payment in June.
  - c. In previous action (2013) the ISCCW Board had approved a four (4) year 10% Matching Funds Grant to the Lac Vieux Desert Lake Associations, up to \$2,500.00 per year of their expenditures for 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017, along with other in-kind matching funds to assist in securing their WDNR Four Year Grant. Total ISCCW funding for LVDLA's 2016 activities were as follows: (2016 Grant Funds highlighted)

In- Kind:                   \$1,650.00 – Many Waters Spring Survey  
                                  5,885.00 – WDNR value of ISCCW boat washing equipment  
                                  1,777.00 – WDNR value of boat washing labor  
Matching Funds:       **1,944.92** – 10% of Many Waters AIS Costs (\$19,449.22)  
                                  \$11,256.92 – Total of ISCCW in-kind and matching funds to LVDLA

5. Membership Committee – Eugene Clark reported:
  - a. Eugene reported that he processed 25 renewals/new members since his last report in April for \$1,880.00 in donations. There were 23 family renewals, 1 organization renewal, and 1 new member. Total memberships for 2017 are at 392: 372 Class A and 20 Class B. Total donations for 2017 are \$29,855.00. New members total 71 for \$4,325.00 in donations to-date. This strong response is due to the 128 renewal reminder letters mailed in March, which generated to-date 51 renewals for \$4,130. There are now 78 members from 2016 that have not yet renewed.
  - b. Eugene will start work on getting updated mailing lists for future mailings.
6. Education Committee – Denise Fauntleroy reported:
  - a. Denise introduced Larry Thomason, our new boat washer.
  - b. Denise attended the Michigan Lake & Stream Associations Conference on April 21 and 22. Overall it was a good experience. She attended several seminars. One highlighted watersheds; one talked about the critical role of local units of government; one was a stewardship program on shorelines.
  - c. The CLMP training session on May 3 went well.
  - d. Boat washing and inspection has begun. It started earlier than normal.
  - e. Cindy (of Cindy Covers It) has retired but her son will help out with the work on the awning.
  - f. Denise would like to have a bigger presence in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades this year. The theme will be “Protecting Our Waters for Future Generations”. She is looking for multi-generation families who are willing to walk in the parade. Ken volunteered his trailer for a float if someone wants to build one.
  - g. Denise is working with students from SOAR and Watersmeet to complete the LVD RAC Grant Shoreline ID survey of forest service property on the Michigan side of LVD.
7. Many Waters LLC – Many Waters reported:
  - a. A stakeholders meeting regarding EWM management on LVD was held in April. We discussed 2016 efforts, 2017 proposed efforts, funding, including the recent RAC award for 2017 and 2018. ISCCW president has a copy of the meeting minutes.
  - b. In attempt to utilized remaining funding under the Langford RAC, which expired on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we searched for EWM on Langford Lake last week. We found a few EWM plants on Langford Lake and they are being genetically analyzed for hybrid watermilfoil.
  - c. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we completed spring turn over phosphorous sampling on the Cisco Chain of Lakes. Fifteen lakes total were sampled.
  - d. We are working on obtaining a MDEQ permit for the use of DASH on LVD. We have been advised from the MDEQ that we need to renew the landowner permission

agreements for this. All proposed work at this point will take place in Slaughter Bay. We have received permission from the tribe, Ian is working on the USFS permission, Dave Lamoreaux is working on the Michigan side around Misery Bay and Rob Andersen is working on permissions from Desolation Point. We cannot use DASH in Michigan until after July 15<sup>th</sup>.

- e. There was discussion about who owns the island in Bass Lake? Nobody seems to know. Jeff will request a search for ownership from the county. Barb will start a dialog with DEQ to determine what effect this has on getting permission to treat Bass Lake.
  - f. There was discussion regarding spring mapping and submitting updated maps to MDEQ for Duck Lake. Duck lake residents will be responsible for completing the pre-treatment mapping and generating a map. Since Jeff's MiWaters account is not working properly, Barb Gajewski will use her access to upload the map into MiWaters.
  - g. The 2017 Many Waters/ISCCW Service Contract is ready to be signed, and includes \$6,000.00 of available funds to Many Waters for non-grant work.
  - h. Clarification on which grants will be billed in 2017 and for what work. All RAC LVD will be billed to the ISCCW separately. All RAC Langford will be billed to the ISCCW separately. It was determined that due to the complications and un-timely reimbursements under the MISGP program that items relating to Langford Lake will be billed under the current RAC grant. All MISGP work will be billed to the ISCCW separately and all general non-grant specific items will be billed to the ISCCW separately.
8. Approval of Reports and the Minutes:
- a. Motion offered to approve all reports by Arny Domanus. Seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. Motion offered to approve the Minutes by Joe LoMastro. Seconded by Larry Grems. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
9. Business Agenda Changes and Approval of Agenda
- a. Motion offered to approve the agenda by Ken Wendt. Seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
10. Public Comments:
- a. USFS - Ian Shackleford reported:
    - i. Please be on the lookout for the terrestrial invasive plant garlic mustard. There are many known sites in Gogebic County, in hardwood forest as well as home landscaping. Please report sites to Ian Shackleford.
    - ii. The Ottawa's new summer invasive plant crew started this week; they do a lot of terrestrial invasive plant control but also some snorkel-pulling of EW Milfoil.
    - iii. Would ISCCW please send a boat washer to the Ontonagon fishing derby on June 10?

- iv. District Ranger Tony Holland signed a LVD Lake Association landowner agreement for DASH in Slaughter Bay. Thank you for controlling EW Milfoil on the NF bottomland there.
- v. We need a final invoice from ISCCW for your work in January, under our old agreement. \$2,700.48 remains in that agreement.
- b. MDNR: No report.
- c. CCROA: Greg Wenzel reported:
  - i. Five people from CCROA went to the CLMP training program
  - ii. CCROA received \$13,069.68 from the Bond Falls Implementation Team (BFIT) Grant.
  - iii. Thank you to Eugene Clark for accepting the position on the CCROA Board. He will be the liaison between CCROA and ISCCW in the future.
  - iv. Greg announced that he will no longer be president of CCROA after July. Bob McGuffin will be his successor.
  - v. CCROA is doing a door-hanger project that will be distributed to all 600 properties on the Cisco Chain. The emphasis will be on shoreline preservation. Each door-hanger will include a permission form, which when signed and returned, will give permission for hand-pulling, DASH or chemical treatment of EWM.
- d. LVD Tribe: No report.
- e. Other:
  - i. Denise brought up the Library Programs in Land O' Lakes and Phelps. She said they have been poorly attended in the past. She suggested they be dropped and more effort be spent in the programs with SOAR and Watersmeet students.
  - ii. Army Domanus announced the Ottawa Interpretive Association is looking to hire one employee to work Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you know anyone who is interested, contact Army.
  - iii. Ken Wendt shared a letter from the DEQ about products with copper algaecides for use in water ways. There have been some compliance issues regarding their use in Michigan. He has a copy of the letter if anyone is interested in reading more.
  - iv. Ken Wendt provided literature from MTA on proposed Michigan legislation involving short-term rentals. Two bills are being introduced in the House and Senate that would preempt local zoning by allowing vacation and short-term rentals in all residential zones.

#### 11. Old Business:

- a. Status of Bids for General Lake Treatments
  - i. Ken reported that four bids have been received to treat up to 6 lakes. The bids came from PLM, Clark, Clean Lakes Midwest and Cason & Associates. There was discussion about the extra paperwork required by the MISGP if ISCCW does not choose the lowest bid. The amount of paperwork required for the MISGP is substantial, increasing work load to board members already having full plates with the current paperwork. The comparative bids for treatments based on general pricing was:
    - Lowest – PLM
    - Second Lowest – Clark

Second Highest – Clean Lakes Midwest  
Highest – Cason & Associates

A motion was made by Greg Wenzel to accept the bid from PLM. Ken Wendt seconded. All approved with one “nay” vote.

New Business:

b. Shoreline Workshop

- i. This workshop will be held in Watersmeet (location to be determined) on Friday, July 28 from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm. The registration costs \$40 if you register before July 6 or \$60 if you register on or after July 7. Erick Elgin will be the presenter and the class is offered by Michigan State University Extension. The workshop is designed to educate local government officials and lakefront property owners about the benefits of maintaining shorelines in a natural state and to teach about tools and resources for property owners to plan and protect natural shorelines and for local governments to plan for and regulate natural shorelines. Greg Wenzel described CCROA’s efforts to bring this workshop to Watersmeet. It was first hoped that CCROA could get financial help from BFIT but the request was denied. CCROA then decided that any CCROA member who signed up for this class, would get reimbursed by CCROA. Since natural shorelines is also an important issue to ISCCW, Greg asked if ISCCW would either promote or fund this initiative? After discussion, it was decided ISCCW will help with communication and allot \$2,000.00 to the initiative. The first 50 people who sign up, will be reimbursed \$40 if they attended. A motion was offered by Ken Wendt. Joe LoMastro seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. Duck Lake Treatment – Duck Lake will use PLM for their chemical treatment work this year.

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am. Next meeting to be held on June 20, 2017 at 10:00 am at the USFS District Office.

Minutes recorded by Diana Mehlhop for Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary