

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2017

USFS Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Jim Donlan, Larry Grems, Joe LoMastro, Margret Marrs, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Yvonne Stone, Daniel Straszewski, Ken Wendt, Steve Wilkinson

Guests Present: Greg Clark, Yvonne Clark, Denise Fauntleroy, Barb Gajewski, Dave Lamoraux, Jim Marrs, Ian Shackelford & Larry Thomason

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Jeff Pytlarz. A quorum was verified by Jeff

1. President's Report: Thanks to Jen Ricker for her work on the MISGP grant. \$2,600.80 is due from USFS from the 2016 Participating Agreement.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Our bank balance on May 16, 2017 was \$125,225.03; receipts were \$40,891.59 and are attributed to memberships, township commitment (\$15,000), and MISGP grant (\$25,371.84). Disbursements totaled \$11,147.73 (\$450.00 insurance, \$1,944.92 to LVD Association, \$146.25 lake survey newspaper ad, \$777.22 Many Waters, \$1,306.48 educator & boat washer mileage, \$5,425.83 payroll & taxes and \$100.00 accounting services. Our balance as of June 20, 2017 is \$154,968.89 with \$2,500.80 due from the F/S.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt gave a strong thank you to Jen Ricker for all her time and effort. Shore line program will take place on July 28th and run from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. There is reimbursement for registration costs for ISCCW members.
5. Membership Committee: Eugene Clark reported that 9 renewals/new members were processed since the last report for \$500.00 in donations. There were 6 family renewals, 1 organization and 2 new members. Total membership for 2017 stands at 401 (380 Class A and 21 Class B members). Total donations for 2017 are \$30,355.00. New members since last report total 73 for \$4,400.00 in donations to-date. Our 128 renewal reminder letters mailed in March generated 58 renewals for \$4,555.00 in donations. There are now 70 members from 2016 who have not yet renewed. The process of updating the mass mailing list has begun. The list from Vilas Co. has been received and we are waiting for the list from the Watersmeet Twp. Assessor.
6. Education Committee: Denise Fauntleroy reported 652 contacts and 254 boat washes. The numbers are down slightly, probably due to weather. Larry Grems requested that magnetic signs be considered for boat washing vehicles. This topic was deferred until a new agenda item could be added and discussed later under new business. Denise also reported on her presence at the Ontonagon Kids Fishing Derby and plans for the Landing Blitz. A flyer went out seeking volunteer families for the 4th of July parade. She also inquired about the possibility of boat washing at Crooked Lake. Ian Shackelford will check on this.
7. Many Waters: Barb Gajewski updated the group as to its current efforts concerning treatments, surveys, and permits.
8. Business Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as amended (add item "c. Magnetic Vehicle Signs" under new business) by David Sherrill and supported by Steve Wilkinson. Motion to approve the agenda passed by unanimous voice vote.
9. Approval of Reports and the Minutes:
 - a. Motion offered by Ken Wendt to accept the reports with support from David Sherrill. Motion to approve the reports passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Motion offered to approve the minutes as amended by David Sherrill with support from Margaret Marrs. Ken Wendt asked that the monies spent on LVD be clarified. The suggested correction was accepted and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
10. Public Comments
- a. USFS Ian Shackelford reported:
 - I. Thank you for all your work with spring Eurasian watermilfoil treatments, including two lakes with National Forest land (Duck and Langford).
 - II. Thank you for participating in the Ontonagon fishing derby.
 - III. I am preparing to bring people to Crooked Lake on 6/21/17, to snorkel and remove Eurasian watermilfoil.
 - IV. We received a report of zebra mussels from Paint Lake (Iron County). Fisheries Biologist Holly Jennings and local homeowner Scott Zupanc will investigate.
 - V. I approved your final invoice for work under our old agreement for \$2,600.80. \$99.78 was left unused from that agreement. I have a “de-obligation” form to release the funds.
 - VI. On 5/30/2017 the Ottawa NF released an Environmental Assessment for the “Forest-wide Designated Motorized Use Project.” Ian passed around a map showing proposed changes in Watersmeet Township. Among other changes, Langford Lake Campground would be opened to OHVs. This project would open up more roads to OHVs and passenger vehicles, and close some roads as well. More information is available on our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49931>.
 - b. MDNR: No report.
 - c. CCROA: Barb Gajewski reported that 10 acres treated on Big Lake by June 1. PLM did the treatment.
 - d. LVD Tribe: No report.
11. Old Business: The shoreline workshop scheduled for July 28, 2017 at this point has only 12 people registered. Ken Wendt will monitor the registrations hoping for many more. Organizing plans are in the final stages with facilities at the Casino in Watersmeet.
12. New Business:
- a. It was suggested by Jeff Pytlarz that the planned terrestrial work on LVD be re-examined due to the difficulty in obtaining volunteers and the harshness of the terrain. He will meet with Rob Anderson of the LVD Association for his thoughts and report back.
 - b. The annual meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Watersmeet pavilion. Letters will be sent out to the membership along with proxy forms for those who cannot attend. Directors up for election/re-election are: Jim Donlan, Larry Grem, Stan Mlynarczyk, David Sherrill, Yvonne Stone, Steve Wilkinson & Dan Straszewski. Jim Marrs and Greg Clark have been nominated to fill the vacancies of Margaret Marrs and Greg Wenzel.
 - c. Larry Grem proposed buying magnetic signs for the educator and boat wash operator’s vehicles to draw more attention to ISCCW. The cost for 8 signs would be \$160.00. Ken Wendt cautioned that inexpensive signs may have poor magnetic properties and tend to fall off when moving. Larry moved that we purchase the signs with support from Margaret Marrs. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. David Sherrill spoke about the prominence of yellow iris.
13. Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 AM. Next meeting will be July 18, 2017 at 10:00 at the F/S Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary