

MINUTES
ISCCW BOARD MEETING November 14, 2017
USFS District Office, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Dave Sherrill, Ken Wendt, Eugene Clark, Jim Donlan, Jim Marrs, Joe LoMastro, Steve Wilkinson, Arny Domanus and Dan Straszewski. Guests Presents: Denise Fauntleroy, Barb Gajewski, Diana Mehlhop, Alex Beaver, Dave Lamoreaux.

Meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: Jeff read the Joe Jania, Jr. letter that described his father's love of the Northwoods. Joe Sr. had recently passed and the Jania Family designated the ISCCW as the charity for any memorial donations. To-date we received 17 donations totaling ~\$1,400.
2. Vice President's Report: None.
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of October 17, 2017 of \$88,596.29. Receipts: Membership and contributions of \$268.80 and Interest of \$67.94. Disbursements were as follows: Payroll & Employment Taxes \$3,666.35; Many Waters, LLC-Contract Services \$4,022.09; Office Supplies of 102.96; Boat Washer Fuel and Parts \$148.03; and Postage \$981.61. Total Disbursements were \$8,971.04. The Bank Balance as of October 17, 2017 is \$79,962.09.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken reported that there are no working grants for 2018 with the CCROA. He also needed the paperwork on the LVD RAC grant and the MIDNR grants. David Sherrill said he has gotten these papers out; Ken needs to see these papers. Also need to get the paperwork on the participating agreement.
5. Membership Committee Report: These figures differ from what was reported in the meeting as the Joe Jania donations have been reclassified as "Donations", and not as "New Members". Eugene reported this membership activity since the last report in October: processed 1 family renewal for \$25.00 and 1 new member for \$25.00. Processed a donation in memory of Dick Stone for \$20.00 and four donations for Joe Jania for \$190.00. Total memberships for 2018 are 12: 12 Class A and 0 Class B. Total donations for 2018 are \$585.00. The memorial donations are for Joe Jania, who maintained a residence in the Town of Watersmeet while living in Indiana. His wife and family designated the ISCCW to receive memorial contributions at Joe's wake. We sent a letter to Sandra Jania offering our condolences and thanks. A letter of thanks will also be sent to Joe Jania, Jr. We completed our Annual Mass Mailing this past Friday, November 10th. We mailed 2,270 letters at a cost of \$1,871, just over our budget of \$1,540 due to the larger mailing size. Again, thanks to the 21 folks who volunteered. They are: Eugene & Susan Clark, Denise Fauntleroy, Diana & Dick Mehlhop, Jeff Pytlarz, Joe LoMastro, Steve Wilkinson, Jim Marrs, Jim Donlan, Pat Hilbrich, Will & Jody Buergey, David & Marcia Gunderson, John Oliver, Corinne & Fred Duerkop, Al & Sue Anderson, Mary Congdon.
6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy, ISCCW Educator, provided year-end activity figures: 3,150 boats inspected, 1,444 boats washed, 6,663 people contacted, Denise held 30 educational events. These figures were in line with last year.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report. Barb Gajewski reported:
 - a. Submitted MISGP reporting to WePIC, which was due at the end of October.
 - b. Working to finalized MDEQ treatment records which include Langford Lake, Bass Lake, Duck Lake and Thousand Island Lake. Will work with Cason and PLM on what will be needed to complete this.
 - c. The purple loosestrife on Thousand Island Lake was mainly hand pulled instead of treated. The Iron County Conservation District had mechanical issues and by the time they were resolved, the prime window for treatment had passed. Will have to attempt again next year to treat.
 - d. MDNR TES permit reporting for *M. farwellii* in Bass and Langford Lake is due at the end of the year.
 - e. 2018 treatments to consider at this time include Bass Lake and Langford Lake. Langford Lake possible herbicide treatment. Bass Lake possible herbicide or DASH treatment.
 - f. The DEQ will require that written permissions be submitted at the time of when applications are made. Any questions regarding this please consult directly with the DEQ.
 - g. LVD – RAC: Did not find any EWM directly adjacent to Rice, but did find the closest plant known to occur near the rice in Rice Bay. Did find bareberry along the USFS adjacent to Slaughter Bay. Will combine diving efforts from the RAC funds and WDNR funds into one report, which will be the WDNR ACEI annual grant reporting for LVD.

- h. Duck Lake will not be looking to submit a MDEQ-ANC permit in 2018. They will dive and hand pull.
- 8. Motion to approve the minutes as revised after corrections are made and sent to the board was made by David Sherrill and seconded by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- 9. Motion to approve the Agenda by David Sherrill and seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion carried.
- 10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS Wildlife Biologist, Alex Beaver, reported the following:
 - i. 2017 invoices being worked on by Ian.
 - ii. Ian and Mark Fedora will then work on modifying the agreement with ISCCW for 2018, expecting funds of \$24,700.
 - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: Not present.
 - c. CCROA: Eugene Clark reported that Bob McGuffin of the CCROA is appreciative to the ISCCW for their collaborative help with grants and our work on the Cisco chain and looks forward to building on our successes and moving forward with our shared mission. Jeff has responded with Bob on the status of all the grants we have with the CCROA (there are none), information about 2018 activities and when we will begin the process of renewing the grants.
 - d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present.
 - e. Other. None.
- 11. Old Business:
 - a. LVD Commitment Letter: Two letters need to be sent to the LVD association. One for ISCCW's commitment for 2018 and 2019 of up to \$2000 for the spring survey voted on and passed at the October meeting and one for the accounting of the 2017 commitment.
- 12. New Business:
 - a. 2018 Budget – Jeff requested that all committee chairs provide planned expenditures for 2018 to Jeff before the meeting in January so that a draft budget can be created and discussed at the January meeting.
 - b. WePIC Meeting – it was not as well-attended as planned. The Western Peninsula Invasives Coalition has some 30 associations as members and serves Iron, Baraga, Onton and Gogebic Counties. It was decided that a steering committee should be established to make it a more effective organization. One arm will be focused on grant writing, helping associations identify and apply for grants. The other arm should focus on their field operations. We need 2 volunteers from the ISCCW to be on these committees. Greg Clark has been approached. Ken said he would participate. Gene Clark offered to help where needed and Jeff will stand in until another volunteer comes forward.
 - c. Next Board Meeting – a motion was approved not to have a December meeting.
- 13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am with a motion from Dave Sherrill, seconded by Dan Straszewski. Motion carried.
- 14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, January 16, 2018 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M. (Note: no meeting is scheduled for December.)**

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Eugene Clark
Secretary