

MINUTES
ISCCW BOARD MEETING February 20, 2018
ONF VISITOR CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Greg Clark, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Dan Straszewski and Steve Wilkinson.

Board Members represented by proxy: Eugene Clark (Jeff is proxy holder), Arny Domanus (Greg is proxy holder) and Stan Mlynarczyk (Jeff is proxy holder).

Guests Present: Yvonne Clark, Denise Fauntleroy, Barb Gajewski, Diana Mehlhop and Ian Shackelford.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported:
 - a. The SAM registration has been renewed.
 - b. Jeff read correspondence from Catherine Higley, Lake Conservation Specialist of the Vilas County Land + Water Conservation Department. They hope to hold a WI DNR grant for Healthy Lakes in 2019-2020. This would allow reimbursement to WI landowners who want to improve their shorelines through fish sticks, native plantings, storm water diversions, storm water infiltration pits/trenches, or rain gardens. Catherine asked that we share the message with the WI border lakes.
2. Vice President's Report: None.
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of January 16, 2018 of \$95,356.78. Receipts: Membership and contributions of \$10,885.00. Disbursements were as follows: Many Waters, LLC-Contract Services \$532.40; Accounting Services \$305.00. Total disbursements were \$837.40. The Bank Balance as of February 20, 2018 is \$105,404.38.
4. Finance Committee Report: None.
5. Membership Committee Report: In Eugene Clark's absence, Jeff read Eugene's report: Since the last report on January 16th, Eugene processed 17 family renewals and 3 new family members. Total proceeds processed in this period are \$1,833.55. Total proceeds to-date are \$40,791.55. One donation for \$48.55 was a corporate matching donation from a person who contributed in December. Total memberships for 2018 are 359 (344 Class A and 15 Class B). Non-Member Donors are 23. New Members total 65, contributing \$14,200. There are now 114 un-renewed members from 2017. Another mailing was returned with no forwarding address.
6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy, ISCCW Educator, reported:
 - a. Denise has been in contact with Dr. Valerie Talsma, the Science Teacher at Watersmeet School, to identify possible shared interests. There is a Science Fair on March 6th and they could use some volunteer judges.
 - b. There is an effort underway to prepare a presentation for the Michigan Lake & Stream Associations Conference in 2019. Conserve School may help put the presentation together (still tentative). It will include interviews with current and past board members.
 - c. Denise is working on some handouts, which include coasters and/or a handout containing coupons to area businesses.
 - d. Denise met with Jim Marrs to discuss the Annual Meeting on August 4th at 2:00pm. They are tossing around some ideas that include raffle tickets, beer, hotdogs, and door prizes. They may have to fill out a contract with Watersmeet Township to have the event at the Pavilion.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report. Barb Gajewski reported:
 - a. LVDLA was awarded a grant by the state of Wisconsin for EWM abatement and boater education on Lac Vieux Desert for 2018.
 - b. Barb is working on permits for Bass & Langford Lakes. There is a change in the permitting process that may require permissions to be on file at time of submission instead of at time of treatment.
8. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried.
9. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dan Straszewski and seconded by Greg Clark. Motion carried.

10. Motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by David Sherrill. Motion carried.
11. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS Botanist, Ian Shackelford reported:
 - i. Thanks to Mark Fedora for preparing the new USFS-ISCCW agreement modification while Ian was gone. The modification was completed on 12/19/2017, and obligates \$24,700 for AIS prevention expenses.
 - ii. Ian has been working with David Sherrill on invoices for 2017 expenses.
 - iii. We need to prepare two annual agreement reports, summarizing work under the two agreements in 2017. Reports are due 3/31/2018. Ian will continue working with Jeff Pytlarz.
 - iv. This is the time of year when National Forests adjacent to a Great Lake get to submit proposals for GLRI funding. I'm planning on requesting \$25,000 to help with your AIS prevention expenses in 2019.
 - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: Not present. No report.
 - c. CCROA representative, Eugene Clark: Not present. No report. Joe LoMastro asked about the status of the Special Assessment District (SAD). Jeff Pytlarz said the SAD has been approved by the Village and is now advancing to the public notice and hearing phase.
 - d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present. No report.
 - e. Many Waters, Barb Gajewski: Barb asked if there was any update on boat washing discharge standards from the DNR. Consensus of those present was "no".
12. Old Business:
 - a. Scuba Scholarship: There was follow up discussion about offering a scuba scholarship. ISCCW would pay for scuba certification and the individual would then perform 20 hours of volunteer work. Denise checked on what the cost might be and found a class offered in Minocqua for \$350. Discussion today centered on concerns about liability. There was a motion put forth by Steve Wilkinson to pursue the scholarship at a future meeting consulting an attorney in the meantime. It was seconded by Dan Straszewski. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: David Sherrill - no; Jeff Pytlarz - yes; Greg Clark - yes; Jim Donlan - yes; Dan Straszewski - yes; Steve Wilkinson - yes; Joe LoMastro - no; Eugene Clark - yes; Stan Mlynarczyk - yes; Arny Domanus - yes. Motion carried.
13. New Business:
 - a. Denise announced that ISCCW will be one of the sponsors of the Western UP AIS Conference. It will be an all-day event held on July 23, 2018. They are looking for participants from our area to round off the discussion panel. More information to come as the conference takes shape. It will be held at the George Young Recreation Center in Gaastra.
 - b. Ian Shackelford requested additional funding for Crooked Lake. He stated: "At the October 2017 meeting, ISCCW kindly offered \$2,000 as match for an agreement between the USFS and Many Waters for control of EW milfoil in Crooked. Lake. The Forest Service snorkelers are not enough to control the deep-water patches. The Forest Service has up to \$10,000 of "stewardship" funding available. Would ISCCW be willing to contribute an additional \$500? \$2,500 from ISCCW + \$10,000 USFS = \$12,500. Agreements require a minimum of 20% match. $\$2,500 / \$12,500 = 20\%$. Alternatively the Forest Service could reduce its contribution to \$8,000. $\$2,000 / \$10,000 = 20\%$." A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson to increase the original \$2,000 commitment for work on Crooked Lake to \$2,500. Joe LoMastro seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. David Sherrill passed around information about a new invasive species called the Bloody Red Shrimp. It has been found in Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior.
14. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:49am with a motion from Joe LoMastro, seconded by Jim Donlan. Motion carried.
15. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, March 20, 2018 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Diana Mehlhop
Acting Secretary for Eugene Clark