

MINUTES
ISCCW BOARD MEETING May 15, 2018
FOREST SERVICE VISITOR CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Greg Clark, Jim Donlan, Dan Straszewski, Eugene Clark, Ken Wendt, Arny Domanus, Larry Gremms and Stan Mlynarczyk. Board Members represented by proxy: not needed.

Guests Present: Denise Fauntleroy, Bruce Johnson, David Lamoreaux, Larry Thomasson, Mike Golas, James Peace, Barb Gajewski and Ian Shackelford.

Meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: We may need to add 2 new Board Members soon, so ideas are welcome.
2. Vice President's Report: None.
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of April 17, 2018 is \$144,720.09. Receipts: Memberships and contributions of \$2,575.00. Disbursements were as follows: Insurance, \$542.00, Many Waters LLC, \$185.00, Lac Vieux Desert Association, 10% match, \$1,781.86. Total Disbursements were \$2,509.66. Bank Balance as of May 15, 2018 is \$144,785.43.
4. Finance Committee Report by Ken Wendt: Michigan announced a \$3.6 million grant program for 2019 for projects up to three years in duration. Ken made available information on type of projects acceptable and preliminary forms. He is asking that we all consider what projects we might want to include for funding. Any one, or companion group of ISCCW, who is interested must fill out the preliminary form and return to Ken no later than May 25th. Based on interest, Ken will put together a preliminary proposal on behalf of ISCCW and its' members. Denise will be putting together a request for a continuing 2019 Invasive Species Conference program and other qualifying education & training projects.
5. Membership Committee Report: Membership activity since the last report on April 17: We processed a total of 17 memberships, one of which was an existing member for 2018 and wanted his check to remain for 2018 membership. So membership totals increased by 16, with this month's contributions totaling \$1,275.00. Of the 16 members processed, there was one new member, bringing total new members to 68, contributing \$14,475.00. Total proceeds to-date are \$45,091.55. Total memberships for 2018 are 411: 394 Class A and 17 Class B. Non-Member Donors remain at 23. One renewing member asked about volunteering for Secchi disk reading, they are on Norwood Lake, also known as Boot Lake (Sherry & Kerry Blass). Someone should contact them about this interest. There are now 65 un-renewed members from 2017. Blass contact information sent to Denise.
6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy's report:
 - a. I attended 1 day of the WI Lakes Convention in Stevens Point on April 18th. I participated in the WI SWIMS Program workshop. Thanks to Barb for identifying a problem with our entries for 2017 that were resolved with the help of the presenters.
 - b. Filming with the Conserve School has begun on the ISCCW documentary. Thanks to Jeff and Ken for being our first victims!
 - c. Our registration for the 2018 MI Landing Blitz has been submitted. Boat Inspectors will participate in 5 of the available days between June 30-July 8th.
 - d. Our Season Start-Up Meeting on May 4th went well. The highlight of the meeting was our conversation with MI and WI Game Wardens. They shared many good insights as well as some great stories.
 - e. Tablet for Thunder Bay has been purchased and is being formatted this week.
 - f. New hats have been ordered for the Boat Inspectors from Rossi Wear in Hurley.
 - g. The coupon card for our Annual Mailing this Fall is being finalized. Nordines, Road Side Grill, Rogers Bar and the Casino have agreed to participate.
 - h. Coaster sample is ready for viewing. We should discuss how these will be used. (1,000/\$461). There was concern that there may not be much value in this promotion. They will review it again.
 - i. Fish Tapes are getting low...contacted Quality Plus Printing for new pricing. Looking at ordering 1,000.
 - j. Our contact at Watersmeet School is on leave...I'll have to re-establish a new contact.
 - k. 2 programs are scheduled this summer in conjunction with LOLA for a children's Art & Science presentation.
 - l. Ads for the Scuba Scholarship are due out in the next weeks (Ottawa Shopper and Border Bulletin). Information about the scholarship has been turned into the Watersmeet School. I did OK info going out in the Conserve School e-newsletter and that has generated 1 application. The value of this program was discussed. It was also discussed if we should put this information on our Facebook site, as for many young people, Facebook is becoming a major conduit in how they get information.
 - m. Denise should work with Stan to get some of her data on our website.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski:

- a. GLIFWC completed a series of AIS survey across Michigan and Wisconsin, several ISCCW lakes were included. Summary of the results were passed around by Barb Gajewski.
- b. Langford Lake MDEQ permit has been applied for.
- c. Other items to be covered under old business.
8. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Larry Grems and seconded by Gene Clark; motion carried. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Larry Grems and seconded by Ken Wendt; motion carried.
9. Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Gene Clark and seconded by Arny Domanus; motion carried.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS Botanist, Ian Shackleford reported:
 - i. Ian apologized for the handling of the Lac Vieux Desert RAC grant. After the annual LVD stakeholders meeting he learned we cannot accept EWM control work on the Wisconsin side of the lake as match. Therefore there is up to \$35,519 available (RAC grant plus ISCCW match) for control of EWM in LVD on just the Michigan side in 2018, and the agreement expires 3/31/2019.
 - ii. We completed a new agreement with Many Waters for EWM control in Crooked Lake. District Ranger Tony Holland and Many Waters will mail letters to Crooked Lake landowners.
 - iii. The Ottawa National Forest invasive plant crew started this week; Ian will teach them manual EWM snorkel-pulling.
 - iv. The Hagerman Lake and Lake Gogebic boat washers will be de-winterized and running soon.
 - v. Ian will attend the WePIC meeting tomorrow.
 - vi. Please watch out for garlic mustard, will begin blooming soon.
 - vii. Ian mentioned a discovery by Barb Gajewski, that Watersmeet Township landowner information is now available online at the Gogebic County Equalization GIS web site.
 - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: He re-iterated the Michigan Grant funding discussed by Ken above. He also confirmed that the CLMP funding is gone, but there is still lobbying to continue it.
 - c. CCROA representative, Eugene Clark: Nothing to report.
 - d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present. Ken commented that it has been difficult to get a sustained level of commitment on programs that the LVD Tribe initially supports, but then wanes. We will continue to work with them on programs.
 - e. Other: None
11. Old Business:
 - a. Langford Lake: Jim Dolan confirmed the permit is in for 5-20 acres. PLM has been chosen for the applications.
 - b. Bass Lake: Dan Straszewski mentioned they are still having problems to get 100% of signatures for work on the lake. Though John Neumann has verbally said all have approved, we still need signed documents. Jeff will be at a Watersmeet Township meeting to request a resolution on Bass Lake.
 - c. Annual Meeting Committee: Denise is now a committee of one. She is moving forward with the raffles; overall progress has been somewhat slow.
 - d. Conference July 23rd at George Young, Ken Wendt and Mike Golas (head of Iron County Lakes & Streams):
 - i. A great agenda is in place, with activities and speakers. Ken reviewed the agenda.
 - ii. Mike says we need to advertise this program, promote it. There is some concern about the fee to attend, but it is felt it is a very low cost and worth it.
 - iii. Other activities separate from the program can also be enjoyed.
12. New Business:
 - a. Executive Summary (Barb Gajewski):
 - i. University of Montana has a grant to study the genetic impact on AIS after treatment on Michigan lakes, which could include Langford, Bass, Thousand Island, Duck, and others. She would like to participate with this group on this study. Gene Clark motioned to approve Barb's participation in the study; Dan Straszewski seconded; motion carried.
 - b. LVD: Barb has some money for work on this lake for this year and 2019.
 - c. All non-Board Members were asked to leave, so the Board could have a private discussion about renewing Denise Fauntleroy's contract with ISCCW. It was widely agreed that Denise's performance has been great, and it is far beyond her education duties. She manages the boat washers, handles media/advertising, promotional material, public relations. It was agreed to:
 - i. Expand her job title and job description; increase her billable hours to 1,200hrs per year and wage to \$17.00/hr.
13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:34am with a motion from Arny Domanus, seconded by Larry Grems; motion carried.
14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, June 19, 2018 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted, Eugene Clark, Secretary