

**MINUTES**  
**ISCCW BOARD MEETING July 17, 2018**  
**FOREST SERVICE VISITOR CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN**

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Greg Clark, Gene Clark, Jim Donlan, , Ken Wendt, Arny Domanus, Larry Grems, Yvonne Stone, Joe LoMastro, Jim Marrs, Steve Wilkinson, David Sherrill and Stan Mlynarczyk. Dan Straszewski gave his proxy vote to Gene Clark.

Guests Present: Denise Fauntleroy, Larry Thomason, Barb Gajewski, Diana Mehlhop, Ruth Bozdech, Dave Lamoreaux and Ian Shackelford.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: Jeff will pick up the new boat power washer this Friday, and then will drive down one of the older ones in need of repair to Green Bay. He mentioned that Ken Wendt has sign-up forms for the George Young Conference.
2. Vice President's Report: None
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of June 19, 2018 is \$138,853.93. Receipts: Memberships and contributions of \$590.39; Lake reimbursement treatment, \$3,043.43; and interest, \$52.94. Total receipts: \$3,686.76. Disbursements were as follows: Salaries, \$5,772.30; Mileage, \$899.26; Boat Washer #4, \$9,899.00; Many Waters LLC, \$828.98; PLM-Langford Lake, \$10,884.86; PR Taxes, \$800.97; Boat washer parts & gas, \$599.08; Printing, \$422.00; Acctg & Tax Filing Prep, \$250; Scholarship, \$172.34. Total Disbursements were \$30,528.79. Bank Balance as of July 17, 2018 is \$112,011.90.  
Notes: Approved grants, MISGP \$37,225.00. Pending Grants: RAC Langford & LVD, \$25,238.08; GLRI Part. Agt. 2017, \$2,288.09; 2018, \$24,700.00.
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken reported that, as of this date, we have not heard anything on acceptance or rejection of our three partner (CCROA; ICL&SP; ISCCW) MISGP 2018 Pre-Proposal application for \$110,700.00 filed in June. The final payment from the 2016/17 MISGP has arrived at ICBCD and Jennifer Ricker will send our portion in the next few day, just under \$38,000.
5. Membership Committee Report: Gene Clark reports: Membership activity since the last report on June 19: We processed a total of 5 memberships, with this month's contributions totaling \$125.00. Total proceeds to-date are \$45,566.55. Total memberships for 2018 are 420: 398 Class A and 17 Class B. Non-Member Donors remain at 23. There are now 57 un-renewed members from 2017. The letter for the Annual Meeting on August 4th with a Proxy Form was emailed to 351 members and post mailed to 63 members. Also being prepared are: the Meeting Agenda, Declaration of Attendance and Proxy Ratification Report, Membership Report and the Annual Membership List. Jeff has 11 proxies at this date. Mrs. Tuttle on Big Lake has sold her property and wants to be removed from list.
6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy's report:
  - a. Boat Numbers for June: Inspected-881; Power Washed-340; People Contacted-1757
  - b. Special thanks to Larry Thomason for covering my shift at Ottawa Visitors Center and Ted Boksa for covering the Watersmeet 4th of July Parade. Ted, his wife, Mary Ann and 7 of his 8 children participated in the July 4th Parade in LOL...big shout out to them.
  - c. Annual Lake Meetings have started and will run through the 1st week in September.
  - d. Attended the Ottawa Visitors Center Historic Days...about 150 visited this event.
  - e. July 10th program at LOLA was a success. 15 children from 6 to 13 attended. We discussed native fish, played a game that highlighted the effects of an invasive fish on a native population and ended with a painting project that was led by the summer intern at LOLA. This program will repeat in August.
  - f. ISCCW Annual Meeting mailing went out last week.
  - g. The new order of Fish Tapes have arrived.
  - h. Request for New Tires for the boat trailer. Jeff Pytlarz said he would handle this.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski:
  - a. Thousand Island, Morley, and Langford Lake were treated the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Langford Lake genetics sampling and MYFA monitoring is completed. Plant samples for testing were shipped to Grand Valley State. One historical MYFA site, we detected MYFA.
  - c. LVD early season survey is done. Diving efforts continue. Water clarity took an extreme decline last week.
  - d. No AIS plants detected on County Line and Allen Lakes.
  - e. Western Upper Peninsula Health Dept. is monitoring local beaches for E. coli and coliform bacteria.
8. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Ken Wendt and seconded by David Sherrill; motion carried. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by David Sherrill and seconded by Joe LoMastro; motion carried.

9. Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ken Wendt and seconded by Joe LoMastro; motion carried.
10. Public Comments:
  - a. USFS Botanist, Ian Shackleford reported: We snorkeled a second time in Crooked Lake on July 5, pulling Eurasian watermilfoil near the shore on both sides of the boat launch; thanks to Greg and Yvonne Clark for their help. Our next snorkel will likely be August 16. The Lake Gogebic Improvement Association and their invasive species work were featured on a recent episode of the TV 6 Discovering program. The US Forest Service is currently accepting public comments on our East Branch Ontonagon River Restoration Project. The project includes removing Lower Dam (a 40-acre impoundment near Kenton) and building a new temporary sea lamprey barrier downstream. Purple loosestrife is starting to bloom in some areas, please watch for that invasive plant along lake shores and road ditches. Sue Trull and I are looking forward to the conference on Monday.
  - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: Not present; No report
  - c. CCROA representative, Eugene Clark commented on 2 topics:
    - i. SAD: There will be the first of two Watersmeet Township Meetings to discuss creating a Special Assessment District for all riparian owners on the Michigan side of the Cisco Chain zoned L1 & L2. The decision to form a SAD is driven by three concerns: 1) AIS has spread on the chain, now on 7 lakes, 2) increasing administrative burden to get 100% sign off on any AIS abatement activities on all lakes, and 3) solve the "free rider" issue. All of these property owners have received written notification of the meeting. The meeting will be held this Friday, July 20th, at 4pm. A second meeting will be held sometime in August, yet to be scheduled. There are some 575 property owners on the Michigan side. The Wisconsin property owners will be addressed next year, some 140 property owners.
    - ii. The Dam: The CCROA has withdrawn its offer to buy the dam from UPPCO. This decision is based largely on the requirement UPPCO (or any successor to UPPCO) has to maintain the dam and maintain lake water levels to keep the channels open for navigation. The CCROA had collected several hundred thousand dollars for the purchase and the operation of the dam, keeping those funds in a separate account. The people who contributed to this fund have 4 ways to treat their funds: 1) ask for a refund, 2) leave the funds with CCROA in the unrestricted fund, 3) leave the funds with CCROA and designate a fund (walleye, AIS, ...), or 4) have the funds transferred to ISCCW for AIS activities. To date, some 30% of the people responded, with a few designating the ISCCW for the funds, some \$1,500.
  - d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present; No report
  - e. Other:
    - i. Greg Clark mentioned that Watersmeet Township is looking at re-writing the Short- Term House Rental requirements. It is in early drafting stage. Greg & Yvonne and Joe LoMastro volunteered to be on an 8 person citizens' committee. Next Planning Commission meeting is August 8, 6:30pm.
    - ii. Ken Wendt noted an increase in our real estate tax bill, due to what the Superintendent told him was an "error of mis-understanding" in increasing the School Debt Retirement millage from 3 pts to 5pts.
11. Old Business:
  - a. Langford Lake: Barb Gajewski – Langford Lake discussed above.
  - b. Bass Lake: Barb Gajewski – Bass Lake: No change from last month.
  - c. Annual Meeting Committee: Denise – Postcards sent to all ISCCW members inviting them to our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - d. Conference July 23<sup>rd</sup> at George Young: Ken Wendt – looks like we will have between 70-85 people at this conference, a good showing. Jeff needs to report our count to the Conference Center.
  - e. Dive Scholarship. Noah Miller signed up for an August class. Jeff said that Jeff Manhardt also asked for the scholarship, citing his shallow water diving experience. Gene Clark motioned to accept Jeff Manhardt as a candidate; David Sherrill seconded; motion carried.
12. New Business:
  - a. Jim Marrs mentioned the Conserve School's speaker on the impact on northern Wisconsin from global warming who said that by 2039 we could lose the walleye population as lakes warm up. He asked if there was anything the ISCCW should do. David Sherrill said we would have to look at our charter. The item was tabled.
13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:56am with a motion from Jeff Pytlarz, seconded by Larry Grems; motion carried.
14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, August 21, 2018 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted, Eugene Clark, Secretary