

Minutes
ISCCW BOARD MEETING April 16, 2019
USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Steve Wilkinson, David Sherrill, Greg Clark, Jim Donlan, Arny Domanus, and Dan Straszewski. Andy Kosseff, Charlie Schiltz, and Stan Mlynarczyk gave their proxy to Jeff Pytlarz.

Guests Present: Ian Shackleford (USFS), Diana Mehlhop, Barb Gajewski, and Dave Lamoreaux

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jeff Pytlarz. A quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: Jeff asked if anyone knew the exact wording of the change to the Bylaws, as discussed and approved at the last meeting. The change gives the Board more flexibility in scheduling dates for the Annual Meeting. No one in attendance knew the exact wording. Jeff plans to amend the March 19th minutes to add the exact wording.
2. Vice President's Report: None
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of March 19, 2019 was \$132,773.39. Receipts were as follows: USFS Grants, \$40,273.55; Memberships and Contributions, \$175.00; Interest, \$82.08. Total receipts were: \$40,530.63. Disbursements were as follows: Ice packs, \$475.00; Many Waters, LLC, \$213.32. Total Disbursements were \$688.32. Bank Balance as of April 16, 2019 is \$172,615.70. Pending grants: GLRI Participation Agreement 2018, \$4,586.80.
4. Finance Committee Report: None
5. Membership Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported in Gene Clark's absence: Since our last report on March 19, 2019, we processed 43 renewals and 1 new membership, for a total of 367 members. Of this total number, 17 are Class B (corporate, association) members. Contributions to-date total \$28,950.00. In March, a Reminder Mailing was sent to 150 un-renewed members. To-date, 40 folks have responded by renewing their membership and donating \$2,975.00.
6. Education Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported in Denise Fautleroy's absence:
 - a. Reservations are coming in for the "Who's Knocking at Your Door" program with MSU extension on May 9th at Gateway. There are 20+ reservations to-date.
 - b. The ice packs were picked up by an ISCCW member living near the supplier, thereby saving shipping costs.
 - c. CLMP Training will be held on May 8th in Dickinson County at Bay College West Campus: 2801 N US 2, Iron Mountain, MI.
 - d. Jeff will begin work on the power washers to get them operational for the season.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski: She is working on the contract with ISCCW.
8. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Arny Domanus; motion carried. Motion to approve the March 19 Meeting Minutes, as amended, was made by David Sherrill and seconded by Arny Domanus; motion carried.
9. Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by David Sherrill and seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion carried.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS Botanist, Ian Shackleford:
 - i. Thank you for the annual agreement reports, received from Jeff Pytlarz.
 - ii. Ian and Jeff submitted paperwork for Modification #2 to our existing agreement. It includes \$12,200, to be used for educator salary, boat washer salary, mileage, boat washer maintenance, and AIS educational supplies.
 - iii. Ian submitted a new DEQ aquatic nuisance control permit application. He is seeking a "Certificate of Coverage" for planned herbicide control of exotic honeysuckle, glossy buckthorn, reed canary grass, purple loosestrife, and a few other species in wetlands or near surface water.
 - iv. Ian is working on some repairs to the Hagerman Lake boat washing station.
 - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: Not present
 - c. CCROA representative (Jeff Pytlarz reported in Gene Clark's absence): On April 10, 2019, the town board of Land O' Lakes passed a resolution clearing the way to begin the process of establishing a Lake District for our 3 Wisconsin lakes. This resolution takes the place of obtaining signed petitions from 50% of the 179 Wisconsin properties. Next up will be sending out notifications to all affected property owners notifying them of a public meeting to take place this summer. The exact time of this meeting is yet to be determined.
 - d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present.
 - e. Other: Dave Lamoreaux had two items to discuss:

- i. The Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association met recently. Robbie Anderson (President) thanks ISCCW for their past and present help with grants and in-kind funding. However, their grant money is running out and they would like to spend \$20,000 or more on AIS initiatives this year. ISCCW has budgeted \$2,000 for LVD this year. Robbie is asking if ISCCW could possibly increase the budgeted amount to \$5,000? Jeff Pytlarz said he would add this item to the agenda for the next meeting in May.
 - ii. There was a meeting recently to discuss the wild rice situation on Lac Vieux Desert. There is a lack of wild rice reproduction in the lake. James (Jimmer) Williams, Chairman of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, would like to see the lake level dropped an additional 9" to aid reproduction. That could have an impact on the fishery, recreation and plant ecology.
11. Old Business:
 - a. By-Law Change: Jeff Pytlarz said he wants to only change the bylaws in reference to the annual meeting date. David Sherrill feels there should be additional changes to the by-laws related to lobbying and standing committee reports. Discussion ensued regarding whether additional changes should be made to the by-laws. David made a motion to create a committee to review the by-laws for possible changes. There was no second. The motion was dropped.
12. New Business:
 - a. Yearend contributions: David Sherrill pointed out that charities are concerned about losing contributions due to tax law changes. He suggested ISCCW make a yearend appeal for contributions, possibly through Minimum Required Distributions from IRA's. Some might be tax-free. Discussion ensued. It was felt it would be a good idea to add some language to our annual solicitation letter that goes out in October/November to address this suggestion.
 - b. Volunteerism: David Sherrill went to a conference recently that talked about dealing with volunteer fatigue. He shared some ideas from the conference. There should be more publication of accomplishments (possibly in the Globe or Border Bulletin). Articles could give recognition to those who volunteer and highlight the hours spent on volunteering. Perhaps Survey Monkey could be used to highlight the needs of the organization and ask folks to list their skills set. Discussion ensued. A couple ideas for articles were identified (one about getting the boat washer ready for the season and one about new boating and fishing regulations in MI). Jeff may ask Denise Fauntleroy to pursue this. The video prepared by Rob Houle (Media and Technology Specialist at Conserve School) is almost finished. The video will be a good tool to promote the organization.
13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:37am with a motion from David Sherrill, seconded by Jim Donlan; motion carried.
14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, May 21, 2019 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana Mehlhop for Eugene Clark, Secretary