

## ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2013 - Approved

### OTTAWA FOREST VISITOR CENTER, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Ken Wendt, Arny Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist, Bill Rehling, Jim Floriano, Will Buergey, Robert Zelinski, and Margaret Marrs

Visitors: Greg Wenzel (CCROA), Diana Mehlhop (ISCCW Membership), Barb Gajewski (ISCCW Biologist), Bill Artwich (ISCCW Biologist), Daniel Straszewski (Bass Lake), Jim Donlan (Langford Lake), Dave Merk (MDNR - Parks and Rec.), George Beck (LVD), Linda Hammer (CCROA), Ian Shackleford (USFS), David Sherrill.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Ken Wendt at 9:03 A.M.

1. President's Report: In the absence of Dudley Pierce, no report was given. Mr. Pierce is hospitalized and well wishes are sent his way.
2. Vice-President's Report: Mr. Ken Wendt reported correspondence with Lori Sargent of MDNR regarding the Endangered Species Permit for Langford Lake. Barb Gajewski and Ian Shackleford also have copies. Lisa Huberty, MDNR, requested more documentation before finalizing the treatment permit for Langford Lake. Jim Reiels volunteered time to color scan all the documents necessary and Ken emailed them to Ms. Huberty. Mr. Wendt also reported that, as expected, the February approved labor rates for ISCCW 2013 employees had increased costs and that the 2013 budget had been amended as authorized at the February Board Meeting. A copy of the amended budget is in today's handout packet.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ken Wendt reported in Steve Wilkinson absence. Previous bank balance of \$93,637.22; a disbursement of \$258.40 to Barb Gajewski for services rendered; membership receipts in the amount of \$3,025.00; plus electronic deposit of \$1,094.60 from a RAC grant; totals a 3/19/13 bank balance of \$97,498.42. More membership receipts and donations were received today which they will be accounted for at the April meeting with an up to date Treasurers report. *(Report update with actual numbers)*
4. Finance Committee Report: Ken Wendt stated that he and Ian Shackleford (USFS) are in discussion concerning the proposed USFS contract of \$42,775 for AIS projects over the next two years which includes previously authorized dollars and \$32,000.00 of new grants.
5. Membership Committee Report: Diana Mehlhop stated that, in early March, she mailed out letters to those who have not yet renewed their 2013 membership and received ten renewals totaling \$950.00, plus several more today. She asked to be on the Agenda under New Business to discuss the efficacy of a township wide mass mailing by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. Education/PR Committee Report:

- Bob Turnquist reported the Committee met as a group with Education/Coordinator candidate, Christine Scott. Jeff Pytlarz gave the Board a report on her resume which he felt had a good record of assets necessary to the position. Jeff continued with resume particulars for the candidate for LVD Special Educator, Jessica Samuelson. Bob Turnquist also stated that Will Buergey was writing detailed specifics for event scheduling; boat washing scheduling and other education/coordination needs to be given to the people who are hired.
- Jeff Pytlarz stated he was in contact with Ted Ritter and that there will be a Clean Boats Clean Waters Training Session for LVD and it would be held at St. Albert's Church, LOL, in their Community Room on April 24, at 10 A.M.
- Next meeting of the Ed/PR Committee will be April 30, 2013.

7. Biologist Reports: Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich reported on the beginning of their 2013 work. Barb Gajewski had questions regarding the budget for Bass Lake. She also wondered if, given the authority the Watersmeet Township gave ISCCW to do Langford Lake surveying and treatment, could the same be done on behalf of Bass Lake for the 2014 season. Barb is planning her pre-season work. Ken Wendt stated we would address those issues on the April agenda.

8. Approval of February 20, 2013 Minutes: Arny Domanus moved that the minutes be approved and filed as amended, Will Buergey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Public Comments:

- USFS: Ian Shackleford shared good news and bad news. His good news was that \$42,775 of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding is available to continue funding boater education and boat washing by ISCCW. This includes \$32,000 of new funding together with the \$10,775 of unused funding from our 2012 agreement. He said he and Ken were working on the plan to budget the amount over the 2013-2014 years. The bad news was a new issue with the Langford Lake funding. For the Forest Service to contribute funding to the whole-lake fluridone treatment, the treatment must be consistent with the 2005 "Ottawa National Forest Non-Native Invasive Plant Control Project" Environmental Assessment. This winter Ian and other staff with the Forest Service evaluated the likely effects of a fluridone treatment in Langford Lake, and another rare plant in the lake came to our attention. American shoregrass (*Littorella uniflora*) is a Regional Forester Sensitive Plant, and the 2005 document assumed we would not apply herbicide to such plants. Ian reported that the \$12,500 Langford Lake RAC grant to treat EWM, and the \$10,000 ISCCW grant, cannot be used for the Langford Lake fluridone treatment. The funding can be used for surveys, reports, and follow-up 2,4-D treatments in the coming years. Ian also brought up the topic of hand-

removal of Eurasian watermilfoil, typically by snorkeler and SCUBA divers. For several years the Forest Service used these methods to control small EWM infestations in Crooked Lake, Thousand Island Lake, and Lac Vieux Desert. Last year it came to Ian's attention that such work requires a "Joint Permit" from the State DEQ and Army Corp of Engineers, and written landowner permission. Ian is working on permit applications for Crooked Lake and Lac Vieux Desert. Mr. Artwich stated that he saw a 1,000 sq. ft permit for \$50.00. Bill added he also found out a "whole lake" permit is \$500.00. Ian is applying for a 2,000 sq. ft permit for his work this summer on Crooked Lake and expects to receive it in a week or so. (Editor's Note: 1 acre foot of water is 43,560 sq. ft with water 1 foot deep.) Greg Wenzel asked, with riparian permission on the Cisco Chain of Lakes and CCROA permission, can a \$50.00 permit work. Ian responded a map must be included of the area to be pulled and the riparian permissions.

- MIDNR: Dave Merk of MDNR introduced himself and said he was present to take notes for William Doan (MDNR - Parks & Recreation Manager, Porcupine Mtn., Wilderness State Park).
- Other:
  - i. Ken Wendt reported that he accompanied three of the ED/PR Committee Board Members to the Meeting of the DNR's Joint Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Eastern and Western UP held in Marquette on March 18. He said Sara LaSage and Eric Bacon spoke by phone conference. The general observation was that discussions talked around issues, with great ideas, mandates from government entities, but no action items. There are no government monies, and nothing concrete forthcoming. Jeff Pytlarz said funding questions were dodged, but it was interesting to meet department heads. Ken took this opportunity to publically thank the MDNR and MDEQ employees who have given us support, as well as the elected Legislators who are working on changing legislation, also to help the AIS fight.
  - ii. Greg Wenzel observed that when he and Barb Gajewski attended a EWM/CLP forum in Rhinelander, he saw what Wisconsin is doing versus what Michigan hopes to do but has no funds to do. He said Michigan is far behind Wisconsin and Minnesota. Michigan representatives showed a pie chart designating where resource monies were allocated, and the bulk was going to the dredging of Lake Michigan harbors and bays, i.e., approximately \$11.8 million going to AIS.
  - iii. On another note, Greg Wenzel reported that CCROA was receiving a grant of \$10,000 from the Bonds Falls Implementation Team and a grant of \$20,000 from Wisconsin Rapid Intervention. He feels that the Chain is in a better position for increased treatment.
  - iv. Arny Domanus announced a Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Conference on April 26-27 at the Doubletree Inn Riverfront in Bay City, Michigan. Barb Gajewski suggested it may be time to do an ISCCW presentation in 2014, since Will Buergey did

one a couple of years ago. Arny also announced a Conference for Overview of Divers' Assisted Harvesting to Control AIS.

v. Barb Gajewski reported that at this date, she had no additional report for Bass Lake.

10. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda: Diana Mehlhop requested addition to New Business (Item A.) regarding a 2013 membership mass mailing. Jeff Pytlarz requested discussion of employee compensation for attending the April 24 CBCW training in Eagle River. Jeff Pytlarz moved agenda amendment, Will Buergey seconded, motion passed.

#### 11. Old Business:

- Langford Lake Permit/Treatment Update: Ken Wendt reported he was in contact with Lisa Huberty and has forwarded copies of the additional documents requested for the permit, the DNR Threatened/Endangered Species Permit and the resolution passed by the Watersmeet Township Board. Ken received the PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. Risk/Benefit Basis documents for a follow-up letter to residents. Ken said that after the Fluridone treatment the following restrictions are recommended (1) wait one day for swimming; (2) wait thirty days to water lawn or agricultural areas; (3) no recommended restrictions to water for livestock at any time. Barb Gajewski stated that the Langford Lake pre-treatment survey needs only be in spots where *M. Farwellii* is known to be. Barb, also, stated the need for Langford Lake water samplings after treatment with fluridone, i.e. 5 water samples to be taken at 24 hours and 48 hours after treatment, from the TOP and BOTTOM, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, 30<sup>th</sup> day, and 60<sup>th</sup> day. Those samples are to be sent to SePRO in North Carolina for analysis. The Langford Lake Riparians Association President will have designated riparian owners responsible for those samplings. Barb volunteered to exhibit how to use a pump to take the samples. Ian Shackelford said Langford Riparians can use USFS' Van Dorn sampler. Ian Shackelford said the Forest Service is preparing a contract to continue the summer point-intercept surveys of Langford Lake, but asked who will do the DEQ-required spring pre-treatment survey. ISCCW authorized Barb to oversee this task. A question was asked if a boat siphon pump could be used, and the answer was yes.
- LVD Lake Update: Bill Artwich attended a Stakeholders' Meeting on LVD. Onterra put together a plan requesting three surveys; a whole lake survey which ISCCW will participate in, a mid-season survey with Barb and Bill hired by LVDLA, and a late season survey. Any hand pulling to be done will be done by divers using suction devices. Wisconsin does not require riparian permission but does require a permit. GLIFWC will start their portion by doing Misery Bay. A suction harvester costs \$150.00/hour.
- Summer Employment Update/Hiring: Jeff Pytlarz talked to Rob Anderson and got a verification of LVD's commitment for the special educator, an amount of \$3,740 will be available to cover this expense. Jeff moved that we hire Christine Scott to fill the

position of Education/Coordinator with a second by Arny Domanus, motion passed. Jeff moved that we hire Jessica Samuelson to fill the position of Special Educator for LVD with a second by Bob Turnquist, motion passed. (If the hire for LVD Special Educator should have to leave in early fall, the hire for ISCCW Educator/Coordinator will fill in the position until the end of the contract). Jeff made a motion to re-employ Dennis Bolton, Frank Puffer, and Marv Schwinn as boat washers with second by Will Buergey, motion passed. Will Buergey made a motion to have Jeff Pytlarz interview and hire the best candidate for the fourth boat washer with second by Joe LoMastro, motion passed. Ken reminded the ED/PR members that federal and state W-4's need to be filled out as well as the required state "new hire" forms.

12. New Business:

- 2013 Membership Mass Mailing---Diana Mehlhop stated that every year ISCCW has done a Township wide mass mailing in June. In 2012 there was a 4% return with \$4,155.00 in donations (reflecting a 300% return in monies donated versus the mailing costs). Diana asked should we do a township wide mailing for 2013. She stated that she projected a cost of approximately \$1,400.00 for this project. Discussion followed. Joe LoMastro moved that ISCCW do a township wide mass mailing for 2013 with second by Bob Turnquist, motion passed.
- Employee Compensation for CBCW Training Session: Jeff Pytlarz asked that since educators and boat washers needed to be present at the April 24 CBCW training session at St. Albert's Church in Land O'Lakes, should they be paid for their time. Discussion showed a general feeling that they should. Jeff made a motion for all ISCCW employees attending the training to be paid for 2 hours at their contracted rate with second by Joe LoMastro, motion passed.

13. Adjournment: Ken Wendt moved that the meeting be adjourned with second by Margaret Marris, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

The next Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the USFS Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Marris  
Acting Secretary