

MINUTES OF ISCCW MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2007 – USFS DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING

Meeting called to order by President Will Buergey at 9 a.m.

Persons Present: Will Buergey, Steve Wilkinson, Joe LoMastro, Fred Duerkop, Jim & Kathy Floriano, Helen Hayhurst, Delores Sewell, Chuck Sethness, Dave Gunderson, Bob Evans, Diana Mehlhop, Tom Church, Jim Reiels, Bob Zelinsky, Jack Erhart, Barb Gajewski

Minutes of September 18, 2007 meeting approved.

Will Buergey announced that **Tom Wheeler** was resigning for personal reasons from ISCCW board of directors effective immediately. **Dave Gunderson** from Marion Lake offered to serve in his place. Approved unanimously.

Steve Wilkinson presented the **Treasurer's report**, dated 9/30/07. Included were receipts of \$4875 and expenditures of \$465, and a balance of \$4410. Bob Zelinsky moved/Jack Erhart seconded payment of \$2000 to the Township as its share of the 2007 matching grant. Approved.

It was reported that the grant money from the National Fish and Wildlife and the Township must be expended during the current fiscal year. Steve Wilkinson moved/Joe LoMastro seconded payment of \$750 to the IRS as payment for the cost of the 501(c) 3 application. Approved. After these two payments balance is \$1660. Chuck Sethness moved/Joe LoMastro seconded approval of Treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

Fred Duerkop reported that cost of liability insurance to indemnify board members is estimated at \$1250 for one million dollar coverage with a \$1000 deductible. Action on insurance coverage was postponed until the spring of 2008.

Jim Floriano gave the Education Committee report. He indicated that the committee is finishing work on **paper place mats** to distribute to local restaurants next spring. 5000 mats will be ordered. Local restaurants have indicated their willingness to use them. The mats will help publicize the efforts of the ISCCW "Lakeguards" to combat the increase of aquatic nuisance problems in the 302 lakes in Watersmeet Township. Local bait shops have agreed to distribute **labels for bait buckets**. Jim also reported on a discussion with Vilas County concerning placement of **buckets at boat landings** for fishermen to collect weeds they encountered while fishing. He indicated that has not been an effective program. In conversations with **Ted Ritter (Vilas County)** it was suggested that printing messages on grocery bags, book marks at libraries, and filler ads in local papers are quite effective. Jim also reported that Alan Piel is working on a **website** for ISCCW. The website will be contain a wide variety of educational information and minutes of various committees. It was the consensus of the group that the website should include names of lakes where invasive problems have been identified. The website can be accessed at either ISCCW.org or Lakeguards.org

Vilas County is hosting an end of the year meeting to report on achievements for 2007. The meeting is at Boulder Junction, 8 a.m., November 1st.

The **Finance Committee** reported that pre-proposals for grants must be submitted by the end of October to such agencies as the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Other sources to explore include Nature Conservancy, Cabela and possibly other corporate donors. A meeting to work on the application for the Fish and Wildlife grant will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 22 at the Forest Service District Headquarters in Watersmeet.

Diana Mehlhop's **Membership Committee** indicated that we have 27 members enrolled in ISCCW and also several donations. She reported that she is gathering printing bids for a township-wide resident mailing. The board recommended sending these membership application letters to all 2500 taxpayers in the Township. The Board approved spending up to \$1250 of our current funds on this mailing. If our current funds are not sufficient to cover the cost of the entire mailing, Duck Lake offered to loan ISCCW up to \$1000 for this mailing. Repayment would be made when membership funds are received.

Barb Gajewski reported that new infestation of Eurasian milfoil has been found on the Wisconsin side of Big Lake and that curly leaf pondweed has been found on Fish Hawk Lake. She suggested that it might be a good time to have a joint meeting of officials from Wisconsin and Michigan to discuss how to deal with infestations on borderline lakes. Likewise it was suggested that a dialogue with watercraft rental agencies would be most desirable so they increase their efforts to carefully inspect their rentals for weed and zebra mussel contaminants.

Discussion of a meeting with the new DNR Conservation Officer Brian Bacon and Steve Drake of the USFS to explore legal options to help stop the spread of invasives was postponed.

Jack Erhart indicated that there was no **Coordinator report**. Jack indicated that he would continue to serve through December 31, 2007 as coordinator, but has submitted his resignation as of the end of 2007. He suggested that the board might want to decide whether the position is really needed in the future. Will Buergey thanked Jack, Barb Gajewski, and Delores Sewell for their outstanding work in serving the ISCCW.

Tom Church reported on the **WUPCWMA meeting** which provided an update on the cooperative efforts being undertaken in the western UP to address the aquatic nuisances. A committee including Barb Gajewski, Will Buergey, Tom Church, Jack Erhart, Kully Rohlen and Chuck Sethness will meet to explore funding for development of management plans for the CISCO chain and Pomeroy lakes, as well as exploring funding sources. The committee will meet October 22 at 9 a.m. at the USFS district office.

There was no old business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Reiels, (very temporary) *secretary*