

2010 ANNUAL ISCCW MEETING - 2 PM, August 7, 2010

Approved August 6, 2011

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

1. Will welcomed the members and introduced the officers and board members. Those present were: Will Buergey, Ruth Bozdech, Steve Wilkinson, Bill Rehling, Joe LoMastro, Dean Challed, Bob Zelinski and Ken Wendt. Will also introduced Delores Sewell (Lead Educator) and Joe LoMastro (Head of Maintenance). Will explained some of the requirements of the ISCCW by-laws.
 - a. An annual meeting must be held.
 - b. Monthly meetings of the board are held a minimum of 10 times a year
 - c. The budget and annual operating plan, prepared by the board, must be submitted for ratification by the membership at the annual meeting.
2. Membership Committee Declaration of Attendance – Diana Mehlhop presented the Declaration of Members in Attendance/Proxies/Quorum requirements (25 members are required for a quorum at the annual meeting)
 - a. 44 Proxies were returned. All count towards the quorum.
 - b. There were no abstentions – all proxies will count in any membership votes.
 - c. 20 members were in attendance in addition to the 44 proxies, thereby meeting the quorum number required by the by-laws.
 - d. The calendar year for memberships is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.
 - e. There are 294 members at this time, and membership has increased each year since we formed the ISCCW.
 - f. Income from memberships paid thru 12/31/10 is \$27,550.
 - g. Diana also thanked the following for in-kind donations:
 - i. Frank Kuchevar representing Watersmeet Township – office space in the old town hall
 - ii. Ken Wendt – storing the boat/trailer washer over the winter months
 - iii. Forest Service - use of the conference room in the FS building for monthly meetings
 - iv. Alan Piel - webmaster services.
3. Treasurer's Report - Steve Wilkinson stated the present balance is \$29,634.00.
4. Education Committee Report – Bill Rehling reported several projects we are working on. A fish measuring tape will be available next spring. Another project underway is advertising in papers for people to bring unknown weeds they find to the Forest Service Office biologist, Scott Pearson for identification. The radio ads on WRJO have been running, the web site is being maintained and the coloring contest is ongoing. Bill announced he would be happy to guide anyone to Bass Lake, following the meeting, if they would like to see a severe infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil.
 - a. Questions from the members:
 - i. What are the available treatments for EWM? Answer – The chemicals we use are either Navigate or Navitrol. Hand pulling and weevils are also being used. The cost of weevils is \$1.20 each for a weevil and size of a sesame seed, which makes using them very expensive. Navigate is approximately \$3.00 per pound.

- ii. Will there be another workshop held for weed identification? Answer – None are currently scheduled but we can add some sessions if there is sufficient interest.
 - iii. Is there any hope of getting the DNR to raise the fishing license fee or boat registration fees to help combat invasive species? Answer – No. The question was raised at a planning meeting in Lansing and the response was many excuses on why they could not raise the fees. Frank Kuchevar reported he had talked to Rep. Lahti and Sen. Prussi asking the DNR to move their focus from the Great Lakes to the inland lakes.
- 5. Finance Committee Report – Ken Wendt
 - a. The National Fish and Wildlife grant is completed. The ISCCW should receive the final payment in a few weeks after we complete the grant completion report.
 - b. The request for a grant from the LVD is still on hold but will be addressed soon.
- 6. Bass Lake Committee - Ken Wendt

There will be a meeting Aug. 19 in the FS conference room hoping to get more people involved. Bill Artwich, surveyor, reported it does not look like EWM has spread in the outlet. Bill said he would have a final report and map of the infestation in Bass Lake next week.
- 7. New Business:
 - a. Election of Directors: The following directors have been suggested by the board and have agreed to serve another 2 year term: Arny Domanus, Joe LoMastro, Ken Wendt and Bob Zelinski. Former director Jim Floriano has also been suggested and agreed to serve. Steve moved to nominate all listed and accept the nominations, second by William Charaf and approved unanimously. According to the by-laws, President Will Buergey is to serve on the board for a term of 1 year after his term as President expires.
 - b. A motion to ratify the director-approved budget for 2010 was made by Steve Wilkinson, seconded by Ken Wendt. The motion carried.
 - c. The membership ratified the board of director's recommendation that the ISCCW annual dues remain the same: \$25.00 for individual memberships and \$125.00 for lake associations and businesses.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Steve Wilkinson presented a gift from the board of directors to Will Buergey for his outstanding leadership the past 3 years.

Ken announced as a point of interest, there are 302 lakes in Watersmeet Township.

Will said the next annual meeting will be the 1st Sat. in August, August 6, 2011.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken, second by Ruth and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, Secretary