

MINUTES OF ISCCW BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Ottawa Visitor Center

Officers Present: President Will Buergey, Treasurer Steve Wilkinson

Directors Present: Army Domanus, Fred Duerkop, Jim Floriano, Dave Gunderson, Diana Mehlhop, Ken Wendt and Bob Zelinski

Guests Present: Kathy Floriano, Bob Evans, Tom Church, Randall Wollenhaup, Tony Zoars, Bob Cascarano, Jane Cascarano, Barb Gajewski

Diana Mehlhop assumed duties of acting secretary for the day.

Will Buergey gave the **President's Report**:

Will gave a report on the DEQ Aquatic Invasive Species Meeting in East Lansing on March 5th. The meeting was attended by Will Buergey of the ISCCW and also Kully Rohlen of the CCROA. Ken Huddleston, a member of the ISCCW who lives near Lansing, also attended. The focus of the meeting was on how to increase funding for invasive species. They made contact with many DNR people. The DNR is trying to keep up a database of invasive plants. They were told that the best way to treat invasive species is to first treat the small infestations and then work towards the large infestations. Will, Kully and Ken each attended one of the breakout sessions which dealt with "Funding", "Education & Outreach" and "Rapid Response".

A grant was awarded to the ISCCW from the Boat US Foundation for \$4,000. Some of it will be used for signage at the boat landings.

The grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation is in its final stage. If we receive it, it will be awarded in mid-May.

The IRS has not yet approved our 501(c)(3) application. They are requiring us to revise our Articles of Incorporation. Much of what is in our Bylaws has to be moved to the Articles of Incorporation. A lawyer from Ironwood (Dave McDonald) is working with Ken Wendt and Will Buergey to make the necessary revisions. Once completed, the ISCCW will have to notify the membership through a mailing. A notification letter and proxy will have to be sent to each member. Members will also have to receive a copy of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation although we may be able to direct the members to our website, where they can view those items. A special meeting must also take place to vote on the proposed changes. It was suggested we change the date of the Annual Membership Meeting from June 17, 2008 to May 24, 2008 to vote on the changes and escalate the approval of our 501(c)(3) status. The lawyer charges \$150/hour and has asked for a retainer of \$2,000.

Carol Swinehart of Michigan Sea Grant is asking how much material we need from them. Tom Church added that the Forest Service, WI DNR and GLIFWIC can also provide additional material.

Will inquired as to who should enter into contracts with sub-contractors such as Barb Gajewski. The Board agreed that the Officers can do this.

Will asked Jim Floriano if the Education/PR Committee would oversee the activities of the soon-to-be-hired Educators. Jim agreed to do this.

A contract with the Township has been established that outlines what the ISCCW will do for the Township, since the Township has committed money to the ISCCW.

Ken found an insurance company in Crystal Falls who gave a quote on indemnity insurance. He received a quote for \$450 from Westbend/NSI which provides a \$1,000,000 umbrella with a \$1,000 deductible per occasion. Bob Zelinski moved and Steve Wilkinson seconded the motion to purchase the \$1,000,000 liability insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Church asked for information about the Langford Lake treatment. Bob Evans said that according to John Skogerboe of the US Army Corp of Engineers, last years treatment was not successful even though eleven tons of chemical were applied. Another treatment will be applied in spring.

Shirley Hibbeln from Bass Lake is organizing a Lake Association on Bass Lake. They are hoping to do a milfoil weevil treatment in spring.

The **Minutes of February 19** had one correction. A line on the Education Committee report should say "Persons wishing to volunteer services at boat landings should contact Will Buergey" (not Chuck Sethness). Steve Wilkinson moved and Jim Floriano seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Wilkinson gave the **Treasurer's Report**. On February 18, he reported a balance of \$14,096. There was income of \$285 (membership receipts) and \$4,498 (remainder funds from the Township). Disbursements consisted of \$264 (printer), \$640 (expenses for DEQ seminar), \$1,289 (21,500 placemats), \$2,000 (retainer fee) and \$450 (liability insurance). Ending balance was \$14,236.

Jim Floriano gave the **Education/PR Committee Report**:

The website had 3,500 hits.

Barb Wilkinson plans to write articles for area newspapers. One went out in April.

New articles are being posted on the website.

21,500 placemats were ordered that advertise the ISCCW. These will be distributed to area restaurants.

New purchases are being delayed until the ISCCW gets the tax exempt status.

A poster was created with the help of Alan Piel and the Forest Service. Arny Domanus will display it at the Michigan Lakes & Streams meeting in April.

Diana Mehlhop designed business cards to advertise the ISCCW and their website address. The business cards will be displayed along with the poster. (Ken Wendt suggested a brochure be developed in the future.)

On-water training with Barb Gajewski and CBCW training is being organized.

The next meeting of the Education/PR Committee is Monday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jim & Kathy Floriano.

The **Finance Committee** had nothing new to report that hadn't already been discussed.

Diana Mehlhop gave the **Membership Report**. We have 179 members (168 Class A and 11 Class B). We also have 5 non-member donors. Total donation dollars collected for 2007/2008 is \$19,182.50. 103 of the 179 members are Charter Members. The Township wide mailing completed in October, 2007 brought in 148 new members and \$13,512.50. Will Buergey handed over paperwork for 6 additional members and donations totaling \$360.

Old Business

Fred Duerkop asked if anything more had been done to secure office space for the ISCCW. He volunteered to work on that.

New Business

Will suggested a meeting be scheduled for the Officers (plus Diana Mehlhop and Ken Wendt), to work out the final version of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Forest Service Headquarters. The draft copies will be e-mailed to the Board for review and approval. Once approved, a mailing will be done to get the information to the membership.

Steve Wilkinson moved and Arny Domanus seconded the motion to have a Special Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. (location to be determined). The purpose of the meeting will be to (1.) vote on the revisions to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and (2.) serve as our Annual Membership Meeting. Ken Wendt will look into securing room 400 at the Casino for the meeting location. The Town Hall is another possibility.

Ken Wendt moved and Steve Wilkinson seconded the motion to hire Jacobs, McDonald & Silc as our attorney and to pay the \$2,000 retainer fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about the purchase of the portable boat washing equipment. The equipment is now being manufactured in North Carolina instead of Minnesota and the shipping cost has gone up to \$1,400 (the equipment weighs 950 pounds). The unit costs ~\$6,300. Steve Wilkinson moved and Bob Zelinski seconded the motion to table the decision until the next meeting.

Diana Mehlhop asked the Board if they were in favor of a second township wide mailing to seek new members. The mailing would go to ~ 1825 property owners and cost ~ \$1,200. Due to the success of the first mailing, the Board was in favor of a second mailing. Ken Wendt will write two letters. One will go to

existing members and a second to potential members. Ken will secure a disk containing the names and addresses. Diana will print the labels, get printing quotes and coordinate the mailing. It was determined the mailing should go out in early June.

The WUPCWPMMA is now listing the ISCCW as a member in their mailings.

Bob Evans reported that the CWPMA is having an annual meeting on June 4th at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The speaker will be a contractor who applies milfoil weevils.

The next Board meeting of the ISCCW is scheduled for May 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the US Forest Service Headquarters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diana Mehlhop
Acting Secretary