

September 16, 2008 ISCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 9AM USFS CONF. RM.

Officers present: President Will Buergey, Vice President Chuck Sethness, Treasurer Steve Wilkinson, Secretary Ruth Bozdech

Directors present: Dave Gunderson, Fred Duerkop, Diana Mehlhop, Dean Challed, Jim Floriano, Ken Wendt, Joe LoMastro

Guests: Kathy Floriano, Bob Evans, Bob Turnquist, Barb Gajewski

President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Will Buergey

1. Will commended Diana Mehlhop for all her work preparing the letters to prospective members. He stated she did an excellent job as always.
2. Will gave a report on the Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting held Sept. 6. Twenty two different lake associations were present. Rudy brought the power washer for display and demonstration. Delores had visual aids and pamphlets for distribution. Steve Tinti gave a presentation on riparian rights etc. Steve is a lawyer from Crystal Lake specializing in land/riparian rights. Eric Bacon from DEQ in Lansing gave a presentation on the activities of his department. Rep. Michael Lahti attended the meeting. Will was able to visit with Rep. Lahti and explain some of the problems in the UP concerning EWM control in hopes Rep. Lahti would designate funds for invasive species from the \$279 million budgeted to the DNR or from the new fiscal budget. Will said Iron County is very interested in starting a program similar to the ISCCW. We will give them any help they need.
3. Will also gave a report on the WUPCWPMA meeting held Sept. 9 at the old town hall. DEQ gave the same presentation as at the meeting Sept. 6. The report on the Bass Lake weevil planting was not good. Shirley Hibbeln had reported to Will there was no evidence of reproduction. Environmental Science will send a written report to Shirley in the near future. Iron Lake in Dickenson County had a very successful reproduction of weevils. The Forest Service will pay for publishing new pamphlets for 2009 promoting clean boats, clean waters.
4. Will has had difficulty contacting The National Fish and Wildlife about receiving the grant monies. Contact was finally made and Will was assured the funds were coming.
5. Will's general feeling from all the meetings was Michigan made a mistake when they split DEQ from DNR.
6. Fred Duerkop interjected he has contacted DNR requesting fund for EWM treatment instead of building new boat landings.

AUGUST MINUTES: The following corrections were made to the August 19 minutes. Under Membership Committee, the following names should be added to the volunteers who helped with the mailing: Marsha Gunderson and Dick Mehlhop. A motion was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Fred Duerkop to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Wilkinson

1. Cash balance Aug. 18	\$10360.00
Receipts	4455.00
Disbursements	4266.00
Cash balance Sept. 15	10549.00

EDUCATION REPORT: Jim Floriano

1. Jim will be ordering new placemats with the new information on them as requested by the BoatUS Foundation. The first order will be for 30,000 place mats. They go very quickly at the local restaurants.
2. Jim thanked Delores Sewell for her help at the on water training sites.
3. New educational articles will be appearing in papers soon.
4. Jim is investigating highway road signs similar to the ones put up by Plum Lake. Ken Wendt offered to take the information to the County Road Commission once Jim has the plans.
5. The education group is working on next year's budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ken Wendt

1. Ken is working on the renewal letter to ISCCW members. He is also working on the letter asking for donations or memberships from area businesses.
2. Ken reported the 2% request from the tribe was denied. Most of the 2% money was given to the school with the township receiving a minimum.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Diana Mehlhop

1. There are 258 members, 241 Class A (Individual/Family) and 17 Class B(Organization /Business)
2. The next mailing will go out in October. At that time renewal letters will be sent to existing members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ruth Bozdech reported Jim Donlan will store the power/washer in his garage on Beaton's Lake for the winter. Will will contact Jim later in the month.
2. Barb Gajewski is finishing her report on lake surveys. Using the work sheets from the boat landings, she found the following lakes had the most traffic between lakes: North and South Twin Lakes, Black Oak Lake, Dinner Lake, Duck Lake, Moon Lake, Lake View Desert, Langford Lake, Clearwater Lake, and Crooked Lake.
3. Hand pulling will be done on Langford Lake next summer at the request of Corps of Engineers.
4. Scuba diving has helped on Duck Lake but large colonies are still appearing.
5. The species list on Clearwater Lake is still consistent with the Corps of Engineers survey.
6. Barb surveyed 270 locations and found EWM in approximately 30% of the lake.
7. Chuck Sethness asked if EWM is on top of the water at this time of year. Barb said yes and now is a good time to look for it as it will be greener than most of the other foliage and it also starts to fragment during September.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marian Bybee of Land of Lakes has volunteered to help with tax work after Roy Porterfield moves from the area. She has done taxes for many years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Wendt, seconded by Dave Gunderson at 9:59. The motion was approved.

The next board meeting will be Oct. 21 at 9AM in the USFS Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Bozdech, Secretary