

September 18, 2007 - ISCCW Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Will Buergey at 1:00 pm.

President's report:

1. Will asked the members for their thoughts on contacting Army Corps of Engineers for help with Bass Lake. John Skogerboe has requested the ISCCW submit possible projects for the Corps.
2. Bass Lake would like to form a lake association. Will contacted Arny Domanus to provide information to Ed Garner who wants to help start an association. Ed has not responded to Arny as of today's meeting. Bob Evans was also contacted asking for help in forming an association. Bob gave the contact information to Will.
3. An end of year report from Michigan Sea Grant was received. The ISCCW was praised for its work at the boat landings etc. with CBCW and its education projects. Delores Sewell was complimented on her work at the landings, resorts and gas stations.
4. Will would like to see lake associations volunteer to monitor their boat landings. A discussion was held on how to encourage more volunteers.
5. Alan Piel has been working on the website for ISCCW. Tom Wheeler suggested a name change as the ISCCW is difficult to use. One suggested name was "Lake Guard". However, since the organization is registered as a non-profit corporation in Mi. and the federal 501 (c) 3 paperwork is almost finished with the ISCCW title, it was decided to proceed with the original title. Tom will investigate changing the name. The address for the website is ISCCW.org.

The minutes from August 28 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Income - \$4325.00
Disbursements 43.05 (web site fee)
Balance \$4281.95

Diana Mehlhop will design and send a certificate for charter members to businesses and resorts. Discussion was held in regard to small cards for individual charter members. A clean boats, clean waters license plate will be given to charter members.

Education Committee Report – Jim Floriano, Chairman

1. The education committee met and discussed the following items.
 - a. They will canvas restaurants to see who would use our place mats.
 - b. Labels have been obtained from Dean Challed to be put on bait containers.
 - c. They will be promoting Clean Boats and Clean Waters training.
 - d. They are investigating joining with the Forest Service in a "Clean Sweep" day. The lake people pick a day for boaters to check the lake for invasive species. The FS personal will be available to identify plants etc.
 - e. There was more discussion on what info the web site should contain. We will investigate posting Minutes of meetings available to Directors only and the officers names will be posted. There will be no individual email addresses published, but we will explore the ability for the general public to leave messages at the website.
 - f. Kathy Floriano, secretary, will send the minutes of the meetings to those who request them.
 - g. The next meeting for the Education Committee will be Oct. 8, 2007 at 8 am. Meeting place to be determined.

Finance Committee Report - Acting Chairman, Ken Wendt

1. They are looking for grants. Tom Church, Jack Erhart and Tom Wheeler will assist in writing the applications.
2. Some grants require 501 (c) 3 status.
3. Ken Wendt is drafting a fund raising letter. Ken is also editing a list of township property owners for a mass mailing.

Membership Committee – Diana Mehlhop

1. There are currently 25 members. 3 donations below the membership level have been received from resorts and 1 from a business.
2. Diana will help with the mailing of the request for funds letter.

Coordinators Report – Jack Erhart

1. John Skogerboe will meet with Dean Challed and representatives of lakes currently invaded with curly leaf pondweed, Oct. 8.
2. Jack will present information about the ISCCW program to members of the Western UP Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area Oct. 9, 9:00 AM at the Ottawa National Forest Visitor's Center in Watersmeet.
3. More grant information from the National Fish and Wildlife Assn. should be arriving this week.
4. Clearwater Lake was treated for EWM on Sept. 15, 2007.
5. Arny Domanus gave a report on the Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting held Sept. 8 at Hagerman Lake. 40 people attended and Clean Boats and Clean Waters license plates were distributed.
6. Jack read the statistics compiled by Barb Gajewski from our CBCW efforts.
 - a. 1541 boat owners contacted.
 - b. 364 boats were inspected.
 - c. Comparing 2006 information with 2007 information, there are bigger boats with larger engines.
 - d. 18 lakes were surveyed for ewm and curly leaf pondweed. 3 lakes were found having curly leaf pondweed. 5 lakes are currently infected with ewm. No new infections of ewm were found.

Old business:

1. Lake treatment receipts were given to Jack Erhart for consideration of refunds to Langford Lake, Duck Lake and Clearwater Lake.

New business:

1. The next ISCCW meeting will be held Oct. 16 at 9:00 AM, location to be determined. (Note the change in time due to winter bowling league members.)
2. Announcements:
 - A. Brian Bacon is the new DNR officer for Gogebic County. Bob Evans will send further info to Will.
 - B. Fred Duerkop suggested investigating "police" powers for the primary educators to issue tickets for boaters transporting invasive species.
 - C. Tom Wheeler suggested a permanent office space for storage of office equipment and usage – possibly an empty space in the township buildings.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Bozdech, secretary