

Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership Director Meeting
Thursday January 18 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Iron River Library

In Person: Mike Golas, Vicki Browne, Tom Madden, Diane Kut, Debi Twardowski, Sally Davis

Via ZOOM: Laurie Netzow, Dave Keller

Absent: Mike Bukovitz

Minutes from 11/15/2023 Reviewed. Motion to approve by Tom M, seconded by Diane K. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 31, 2023: \$20,980

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107 membership envelopes returned for \$2255; plus additional recent envelopes for \$705 to be deposited. Tom M reports that membership returns have been robust and generous.

There was no motion regarding the Treasurer's Report.

Membership renewal update

Special membership invitation to Runkle and Smoky Lakes:

Reply via email from Runkle Lake indicated some reticence to join. Later in the meeting Vicki B hypothesized that this reticence might be coming from a suggestion that Runkle Lake might benefit from a shoreline project done in conjunction with Jo & Erick's visit. The email communication with Smoky Lake did not get a reply; however, Loris D may still have forwarded the newsletter and membership form to property owners on Smoky Lake.

ACTION: Diane K will connect with some property owners she knows on Runkle Lake to see if they got the newsletter and membership form.

Tom M mentioned that several lake associations that have been members in the past did not send paperwork last year and have not sent paperwork this year. Diane K suggested that perhaps we need to send a special targeted letter to lake association presidents. The discussion indicated that perhaps lake associations cannot make decisions about membership without a meeting, and those may not happen until the summer. We will wait and see what develops.

Old Business

Jan 10 Mtg w/Kevin Isaacson re business practices: Kevin was pleased with the level of detail and processes of the partnership. He gave no real feedback, but did agree to complete the partnership's IRS 990 postcard for free as it is a simple process.

ACTION: Mike G will make sure Kevin has the necessary information to complete the 990 postcard (EIN, name, address, incorporation date of the partnership).

2024 Activities

April 7-13 "National Water Week" (Vicki, Diane, Jen R-F)

Sponsoring Forest Park School Grades 3-5 activity at Crystal Falls Library: Wednesday April 10

Sponsoring Family Night at West Iron Library: 4:00 – 5:30 Thursday April 11

Jen R-F currently coping with family medical issues and therefore out of communication. We will revisit progress at the February directors' meeting.

ACTION: Diane K and Vicki B will meet prior to February directors' meeting to advance plans for these activities.

CLMP training in Iron County May 18, 2024

The two top contenders for location: Stambaugh Township Hall (no food, good space, low cost) and Fortune Lake Camp (food, good space, itemized costs). The choice is Fortune Lake Camp because it will require less work, even though it will have a significant cost. The partnership will provide coffeecake and afternoon snacks for the event.

FLBC has a sound system. We have a projector, laptop and screen. If we decide to have give-aways, they must be called 'door prizes' and not a 'raffle'.

We discussed how registration will be handled. Once we have an agenda/schedule for the day from Jo/Erick we can have participants reply via email to the partnership's email address. In this way Sally D will be collecting that information. Sally D will also send follow-up confirmation to participants so we will have an accurate count for lunch and supplies.

ACTION: Vicki B will write the press release that will appear in the Reporter and will communicate with WIKB for an on-air announcement once details are finalized.

Fortune Lake Costs		Estimate	
Dining Room	\$75/hour	\$600.00	8 hours
Taco Bar Lunch	\$13/person	\$780.00	60 people
Set Up Fee		\$30.00	
Coffeecake/Snack	\$3/person	\$180.00	
Door Prizes	\$30/Secchi	\$100.00	
	TOTAL:	\$1,690.00	

Motion to approve a not-more-than \$2000 budget for the CLMP training day by Sally D.

Seconded by Laurie N. (One director had left the meeting) 6 Aye/1 Nay

ACTION: Mike G will share information with Jo & Erick and also share the probable cost for this event. Jo has indicated that there may be funds available to help us defray costs. We also need to know how registration is handled ...most likely by us. We need to know if Jo & Erick are handling publicity, or at least where they are going to publicize the event. Will they inform local universities? We need an agenda with protocol training times so that we can include it with our outreach for the event.

ACTION: Diane K will communicate with Fortune Lake Camp to secure the site and let them know we do want coffee, taco bar lunch, the dining room and set-up of tables/chairs.

Jo and Erick visit

After some discussion the prevailing thought is that the most effective events are the ones to pursue. It makes sense for Jo/Erick's visit to continue the CLMP theme since we are hosting training in May. It also makes sense that visits to lakes should be open to all and focus on a CLMP protocols like Score the Shore or Aquatic Plant Mapping. We can gather information at the May training for lakes that would like a visit in July/August.

Lakes that would like a visit already: Stanley, Swan, Mary, and one other that we could not recall at the meeting. This would seem to indicate that our time would be 3 days (possibly 4 depending on the CLMP training and a shoreline project).

It was also mentioned that the library event was very effective, so an evening event should be part of our planning.

If a shoreline project can be pulled together, it will be at Ice Lake (rather than Runkle Lake because Runkle does not seem to have the drive to move it forward at this time). Mike G believes a project would have no cost and need no manpower from the city, but then where would the materials and equipment come from? It seems more likely that a project would be possible Summer 2025.

ACTION: Mike G will continue to pursue a meeting with City Manager Rachel Andreski regarding a shoreline project at Ice Lake. Hopefully Erick will provide a sketch of what a shoreline project might look like.

Annual Membership meeting and election of directors

Celebration of the Partnership's 10 year anniversary of incorporation

Acknowledged, but not discussed at this meeting.

Framework for an "Annual Operating Plan/Budget" (Tom, Mike, Deb, Dave)

Debi T has created a draft spreadsheet, but work on this is in progress. Details at the next meeting.

Application form for financial support of aquatic invasive species treatments is available on our website. Directors are invited to look at the form on ICLSP website and make suggestions.

ACTION: Sally D will add a request for a lake map showing areas and density of AIS.

There was a discussion about who can file a request for financial support. General consensus, anyone, even if they are a director or not part of a lake association.

Student Director status re: Forest Park and West Iron.

It is most likely too late to have a student join us this year. We will continue to update the description of a student director in anticipation of next year.

ACTION: Vicki will update the description so it speaks of 'preferred' and not 'required' characteristics.

Lake and stream information materials/packets for libraries, realtors, schools and others

ACTION: Diane K and Vicki B will pursue this in the spring.

New Business

3 openings on the Iron County Parks and Recreation Commission. See Jan 10, 2024 email on this.

ACTION: Diane K will send Iron County Recreation Plan to Debi T who is possibly interested in pursuing one of these openings. I believe his email is hinchdan@hotmail.com, but Mike G would be able to confirm.

Succession Planning

Tom M will be stepping down as treasurer as of August 31, 2024 for personal reasons. We also need 3-4 more directors and a vice president.

Next board meetings: February 15, March 21, April 28. At Iron River Library. 10:00AM.