

## **Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership Directors Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022**

Present: Mike Golas, Tom Madden, Debi Twardowski, Mike Bukovitz

Via Zoom: Diane Kut, Judy and Dennis Kufahl

Absent: Dave Ukleja, Jim Novitski, Sally Davis, Joy DeNicola, Callista Bortolameolli

Guests in Attendance via Zoom: Denise Fauntleroy (ISCCW)

Notes on Zoom: We seemed to have solved our “volume” issues thanks to use of a remote microphone, but might still be having some issues with connectivity.

Mike Golas opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Room 8 of the West Iron County High School in Iron River.

### **Treasurer’s Report and Membership:**

Membership renewal rate is ahead of last year (166 renewals) and, with generous member donations, the bank balance is \$24,570.15. (After the meeting, Tom wrote a check to Mike Golas in the amount of \$199.54 to cover DocuCopies charges for printing the dues forms and the accompanying newsletter that were sent out in December). Shared summer 2021 event costs with ISCCW will soon be reconciled.

Motion by Tom, second by Diane to rescind choice of North Country Web Design to develop a website. Discussed and approved.

Membership: Tom will check dues forms to confirm that there were no special requests related to lake association organizations. Diane will be following up with Runkle Lake to assess any opportunities for our joint cooperation. Tom will give Diane a key for our post office box so that at least two people have access.

### **Elections:**

The slate of directors for election and/or re-election submitted with the dues payment form was approved by vote of the renewing and new members.

It was observed that our October annual board meeting, where board officers were elected, would carry those positions to our next annual board meeting (Fall 2022 or earlier?)

### **Old Business:**

- A. Website development: Because of delay of school day today due to weather, students were unable to attend. Deb reported students and teacher are now enthusiastically involved.
- B. Spring-Summer events: Brief discussion about how many more events we want to develop resulted in a conclusion that we are not at a point to limit ourselves to only the currently committed projects. Discussion followed on several events which various directors are pursuing and which will be brought forward for final authorization or rejecting at a future meeting. ISCCW intends to participate with us, except the Fortune Lake water skiing/education event. Iron-Baraga Conservation District probably will be a major participant in the Fortune Lake event. (Afterwards Diane explored some details about sponsorship which led Mike G and Diane to conclude that we should be the sole sponsor as this should better suit such matters as insurance, etc.) Mike Golas will check with WRISC to invite their cooperation while realizing our sponsored events will not take place in their area. Mike G will ask Jo and Erick if they can extend their visit with us to include July 30, for the Fortune Lake event. (Request made and they are considering that option).

- a. Motion: ? Second: ? To establish a budget of up to \$1,700 as our share of costs for spring and summer events. HELP: MY NOTES ARE NOT COMPLETE ON THIS POINT.

New Business:

- A. Subsidizing participation in the annual MLSA Conference of May 6-7: Motion by Judy, second by Tom to subsidize only registration and lodging and only for directors at the subject conference, along with an obligation for attendees to pass on information gained at the conference to LSP members and board. Discussed and approved.
- B. Funding CLMP at orphan lakes: Motion by Diane, second by Tom to budget \$300 for such funding. Jim Fogarty and Dorian Howe have committed to doing Secchi readings at Fire Lake. Other candidates are needed in time for March 1 registration for some measurement parameters.
- C. Update on statements made to the Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee regarding management of invasive species not only at county owned parks but also at other county lakes since this is a community-wide matter and not a burden owned only by specific lake associations.
- D. Grant proposals for the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program are now being taken by Jen Ricker at the Conservation District. Give Jen your ideas ASAP. Due March 15!!
- E. Other:
  - a. Progress with Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance on determining the “value” of our streams and lakes. Mike B reports this long term project is developing nicely now that the ICECA is firmly engaged and buys into the concepts.
  - b. With the discovery of EWM in Lake Mary last summer, Tom Madden will keep us posted regarding the process they have begun to assess and plan for control and management.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.