

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Monday, May 14, 2018
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 628, Madison, WI 53707

Board members present: Anne Pearce, Mark Renz, Christa Schaefer, Diane Schauer and Patricia Trochlell

Board members present by telephone: Jeremy Chiamulera, Angelique Dahlberg and John Lunz

Also present: Tara Bergeson, Tom Boos, Willis Brown, Michele Jasik and Kelly Kearns

Absent: Mic Armstrong, Greg Bunker and Heidi Kennedy

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Trochlell moved to approve the agenda. Schauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Renz moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018 and Trochlell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Renz did not create a Treasurer's Report, however, he will create one and send it out to the board via email. The only expenses were Jasik's salary and Bergner for the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC). Jasik added that we are also getting income from Exhibitors and Sponsors for UMISC.

Old Business

5. **Calendar Updates** – Schaefer stated that she had sent out an updated calendar to the board. Schauer stated that when she was at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership meeting she had folks come up to her and ask why no one was controlling phragmites in Green Bay. Fortunately, she was able to pass them on the local group in Green Bay because they are working on controlling phragmites. She was wondering how we were going to staff the IPAW booth at Farm Technology Days. She would like some local folks who know what is going on in the area. Farm Technology Days takes place on July 10-12 with set up on the 9th in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Our booth will be next to Golden Sands RC&D. Jasik stated that she will put out a request for volunteers around the first of June. Kearns stated that she will try to get someone from DNR to staff the booth each of the three days. It would be great if some board members could help out. Schauer will be attending the Fond du Lac Master Gardener Garden Fair and Plant Sale on behalf of IPAW on May 19th. Jasik stated that the Annual Garden Fair that is held at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens has been canceled this year. Pearce stated that she believes the field day in Sheboygan will be held on September 19th. She is waiting for confirmation from the sponsor for this event.
6. **Newsletter** – Jasik stated that normally we have done newsletters in February, May, August and November. This year we did one in April. She stated that she has an article on burnet saxifrage from Ben Johnston, an article on Palmer Amaranth by Sam Marquardt, and an article about the woodland dunes and Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area from Jeni Klein. Jasik added that Jill Hapner of Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium (SEWISC) asked that I put a small article in the newsletter about their "Fighting Invasive Plants" signs. It was suggested that she or someone from SEWISC write the article. Other article suggestions were an article on early detection species, an article on how to properly report invasive species on roadways, an article on the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council and what they do, an article on the field days, and an article on what is going on with Armstrong's creation of a CISMA. Dahlberg was asked to write an article for the newsletter. Schauer will be writing the Vice President's notes. Articles are due to Jasik by June 15th for a July newsletter.
7. **Wisconsin Invasive Species Council (WISC) – Tara Bergeson** – Bergeson stated that the WISC has been influx due to so many vacant seats. Renz was just put on the council as of last week. They are in the process of getting their biannual goals updated for 2018-2020. Otherwise, they work on the Invader Crusader awards and Invasive Species Action Month (ISAM). Unfortunately, as of today's date, there is only one video that has been sent in for the contest and the deadline for

getting them in is May 16th. For obviously reasons, if there are no other videos, they will not put it up for a vote. They have about 12 new nominees and 7 old nominees for the Invader Crusader awards.

Lunz asked if IPAW has representation on the council. Bergeson stated that we do not and that she would pass on a vacancy if someone would be interested in it. She stated that anyone can come to their meetings because they are open to the public. She suggested that someone attend the September meeting to talk about IPAW. The next meeting will be held from 9 am-12 pm on June 6th prior to the Invader Crusader Award Ceremony at Olbrich Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin.

Schauer asked if the council was in a position to be able to ask legislation for more money for invasive species issues. Bergeson stated that yes they were. Tom Bressner is now on the council and he is a lobbyist. Kearns stated that the DNR received money from the sale of guns and they are planning on using it for CISMAs for invasive species control. The specifics are still being worked out.

New Business

8. **Betty Books** – Kearns stated that IPAW had purchased several Invasive Species of the Upper Midwest books. She thought we were out of them, but she found 7 boxes (140 books) in the DNR warehouse. Kearns stated that they are in the process of updating the book and that it will take 1 ½ to 2 years to complete it. The executive committee met and decided to put them back on the website for sale at the price of \$15 each for IPAW members and \$25 each for non-members. IPAW is giving several to Pearce to give as gifts at the IPAW field days. Board members are also welcome to take some if they would like to give any out to folks that they believe will use them.
9. **NCWSS** – Renz stated that IPAW has gotten together with NCWSS in the past to hold an invasive species session as a moneymaker for them and IPAW. NCWSS is having their annual meeting in December this year and they were wondering if we would be interested in creating an invasive session at this meeting. He stated that because of UMISC, he did not have the time, but if someone would like to step up and coordinate the content of a session, he would be happy to give them the contact information. It was decided that due to having UMISC in October this year, IPAW would pass. It was suggested that the invitation be given to SEWISC because they are in the area.
10. **Invader Crusader Awards for 2019** – Schauer stated that at a previous board meeting, it was suggested we take look at past IPAW board members and determine if they should be nominated for an Invader Crusader award. She said that due to time, this was not done this year, but she would like to start working on this for the 2019 Invader Crusader awards. Kearns stated that Lunz did write one up for Jill Hapner and Jim Reinartz. Lunz and Kearns volunteered to help Schauer to work on next year's nominations.
11. **2019 CISMA Meeting** – Schauer stated that she met with Tim Campbell to discuss the 2019 AIS/CISMA meeting. The meeting will be held sometime either at the end of March or the beginning of April. They are thinking of switching things around by having the CISMA meeting before the AIS meeting. Schauer suggested that we invite the local master gardeners as a way to attract the possibility of creating a new CISMA in that area. Kearns asked if we could set aside time to have a session on CISMA coordination. It was suggested that we possibly have concurrent sessions, one for creating a CISMA and the other for a topic that current CISMAs would be interested in.
12. **IPAW Brochure** – Jasik stated that she had sent out an email to the folks that said they were interested in looking over the IPAW brochure before we get it reprinted. Trochlell stated that the only thing that bothered her about the brochure is the fact that we ask what an invasive plant is, but we do not answer that question. Jasik stated that Dahlberg also brought up the fact that we have a statistic from 2015 of the amount of money that is spent on invasive species, which we may wish to update at some point. Jasik will look into the price of printing brochures.

Committee Reports

13. **CISMA** – Kearns stated that the central Wisconsin CISMA is continuing to move forward.
14. **Website** – Schaefer stated that the website committee folks met with Scott Huelsman today to discuss the transition to the new website. We have purchased a template and we now have to

map the content from our current website to the new one. We will be meeting again next week to start working on this. Willis Brown offered to help out.

15. **Field Days** – Pearce stated that IPAW’s first field day of the summer, which is May 24th in Barron, Wisconsin is all worked out. The agenda and the site visits are both all set. We just need to get folks to attend. Jasik stated that we currently have 5 folks registered. It was suggested that Pearce contact the local master gardener groups to let them know about the field day. It was also recommended that because they will be working with chervil issues, townships and highway folks should also be invited.

Pearce stated that as she mentioned previously, the Sheboygan field day is all set for September 19th. They will be having it at a Holland Hall with a site visit to Amsterdam Dunes. They are waiting just waiting to hear back from the lunch sponsor for the confirmation of the date.

For the field day in Rhinelander, she is having difficulties with the CISMA. The folks at Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition do not want to charge a \$20 registration fee and they do not want Rosie Page to spend time looking for a sponsor. For the field day with Central Sands RC&D, they were all excited about having the event, but she is having difficulties with getting them to commit to a date or getting help with it. Pearce was instructed to simply move on if she is not getting the cooperation she needs.

16. **Nominating** – Schaefer stated that we are still waiting on the SOPs to be finished before we bring on new board members. Schauer stated that Kari Hagenow of The Nature Conservancy and Door County Invasive Species Team expressed an interest in being on the IPAW board and she had asked her to provide IPAW with a bio and letter of interest. Kearns will contact the interested folks.

17. **UMISC – NASIMA 2018** – Schaefer stated that at the IPAW executive committee meeting, Renz described the background of how IPAW and UMISC came together. Due to the lack of time, he did not reiterate this to the entire board, but if anyone is interested, please let Renz know. Belle Bergner asked if she could have some paid help at UMISC to handle her managerial tasks. It was suggested that Jasik might be a good candidate. Jasik will speak with Bergner about this.

18. **Invasive Species Action Month** – Jasik stated that she is working on creating a blurb for Facebook about new invasives to watch out for each day of the month of June. She has created a few and Kearns has looked them over but Jasik wanted to make sure that this is something the board would like her to do. Jasik will also periodically post emails on the listserve for folks to see our Facebook page for new invasives to watch out for.

Adjourn – Schauer moved to adjourn and Trochlell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.