

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
DNR Headquarters, 101 S Webster Street, GEF II, Room 628, Madison, Wisconsin

Board Members present: Greg Bunker, Diane Schauer, Patricia Trochlell and Christa Wollenzien

Board Members present by telephone: Mic Armstrong, Tom Boos, Willis Brown, Jerry Doll, and Mark Feider

Also present: Michele Jasik, Kelly Kearns, and Mark Renz

Absent: Jeremy Chiamulera, Greg Cleereman and Jamie Nuthals

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of agenda** – Doll moved to approve the agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting for September 16, 2014. Bunker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
3. **Approval of minutes** – Wollenzien moved to approve the Minutes of July 31, 2014 and Trochlell seconded the motion. Bunker abstained because he was not at the meeting on July 31, 2014. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's report** – Brown stated due to an accident, he was unable to provide a treasurer's report. However, not much has changed with the IPAW account and the conference account has been taking in lots of money because of the conference coming up. Boos suggested that we hold off on any motions until the receipt of a Treasurer's report.

Old Business

5. **Review of Action Items from July Board Meeting**

If not here, it means the action has been completed since the July meeting minutes.

- Kearns** is going to write up the history of IPAW for the website and perhaps a newsletter after the field season.
- Kearns** is going to set up coordination with CISMA representatives.
- Wollenzien** will write up the membership plan.
- All** will have more time to devote to the website in the fall.
- Renz** is going to write up an article on an updated version of the GLEDN app.

6. **Website Revision** – Boos stated that we have received a copy of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network's (MIPN's) "Code of Conduct" that they have implemented on their Listserve. The "Code of Conduct" basically states that the Listserve was created as a means to share information on invasive plants with a broad group of people with an interest in the topic. That posts should be specifically related to invasive plants or closely related topics. The group is a private group and that the posts will be moderated at MIPN's discretion. Posts deemed inappropriate will not be transmitted to the group. Anyone sending inappropriate posts will be removed from the group at MIPN's discretion. Boos believes that IPAW should also implement a similar "Code of Conduct" on our Listserve. Jasik will be the moderator of these posts.

There was discussion as to if the Board members could be allowed to post without having to go through the approval process. Renz stated that MIPN allows their board members to post without having to be approved, so it is doable.

- Jasik** is to put a similar "Code of Conduct" on the IPAW's Listserve and change the listserv so that she moderates all postings and allow the board members to post directly to the listserv. Jasik will get assistance from MIPN staff if needed.

7. **Newsletter** – We have the following suggestions for the November newsletter:

- Tony Summers will write an update on the Wisconsin First Detector Network (WIFDN);
- Boos** will ask Bernie Williams to write up something on hunting best management practices and have **Kearns** look it over;
- Mike Yanny is going to write up a summary of Where Ecology Meets Economy;
- Trochlell** is going to write up an article on a phragmites project;

- Jon Motquin is going to write up an article on phragmites in north western Wisconsin along Green Bay;
 - Laura MacFarland is going to write up an article on AIS Bridge Snapshot Day;
 - Schauer has already submitted an article about not dumping plants in our waterways;
 - Jasik, Kearns, Doll,** and **Schauer** will write up an article about UMISC.
- 8. Possible Candidates for the Board** – Boos stated that we have Cody MacDonald, Tony Summers and John Lunz interested in being on the IPAW Board. Renz stated that Steve Bertjens, the state biologist from NRCS has agreed to be on the IPAW Board.
- Renz** will ask Steve Bertjens for a brief bio of himself.
- There was discussion as to identifying gaps in the Board and filling those gaps. Boos stated that we have been filling those gaps and that at this point he believes the board needs people who will take on responsibilities rather than simply filling a specific niche with people who are not very active. Boos asked if we could have all of the bios and have a vote before our next board meeting and preferably prior to UMISC on the new candidates for the board.
- 9. President Position** – There was discussion as to the possible candidates for the President position.
- Kearns** will ask Jill Hapner, Executive Director of the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium (SEWISC) if she would be interested.
 - Trochlell** will also ask recently retired Gary Birch who handled the Biological/Ecological issues for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation if he would be interested.
- There was discussion as to how many Board members are allowed in IPAW. The SOPs state that we can have up to 19 board members. Wollenzien stated she believes it would be best to choose someone from the current board to become President rather than asking a new board member. Boos stated that he has not had anyone say that they wanted the President position and besides, Doll became president on his first day and it worked out great. Doll stated that he would be happy to share his experiences as President with any of these people who may be interested. Wollenzien volunteered to be the President of IPAW. Renz recommended that we wait until we can employ all of the board members for a vote on the matter.
- Wollenzien** will submit her bio and a brief statement as to why she would like to be President.
- Boos asked if the board can vote on this prior to our next board meeting and preferably before UMISC.
- Boos also stated that he would like to remain on the IPAW Board as long as he is able.
- 10. Letter to WDNR Supporting Budget Initiative** – Boos stated that a letter has been written to Cathy Stepp of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encouraging the DNR to support invasive terrestrial and wetland plants when it comes to their budget. The DNR is going to have a budget meeting on September 23-24 and we should send out the letter shortly thereafter. Boos would like to have the CISMAs also sign this letter. There was discussion as to how to do this logistically.
- Kearns** will inform the CISMAs that this request from IPAW will be coming shortly.
 - Jasik,** with the help of **Boos,** will send out an email thereafter to the CISMAs asking for their support and the supporting CISMAs will also be listed on this letter.

New Business

- 11. Strategic Planning - Legislative Outreach** – Feider stated that he has spoken to Dan Collins from the League of Conservation Voters and that Dan is headed for a meeting with Jennifer Giegerich in which he would like to discuss the invasive species issue focusing on economic impact including both animals and plants. Feider asked IPAW to identify grass roots organizations on this issue. A list was provided for Feider. Kearns asked that if he passes the list on to her that she would be able to provide him with the correct person to contact at each of these organizations. There was discussion as to whether or not this initiative should be announced and volunteers organized to speak about this topic. Boos thought that the groups should know this is happening.

Feider asked that some IPAW members could meet with Dan Collins sometime within two weeks after October 12th. Schauer volunteered to meet with him. It was stressed that we are not trying to change legislation, just pushing to keep funding for invasive species.

Schauer spoke with Dan Bahr of the Wisconsin Counties Association and he has put together an issues paper stating that 1) they fully support what the state of Wisconsin is asking for and 2) they are going to ask for an additional \$38,000 per county to go towards terrestrial and wetland invasive species issues. Bahr said that he was going to speak with the Department of Transportation with regard to health and human safety issues and Schauer gave him a pamphlet on wild parsnip that shows the burns one can receive from it. Bahr stated that he is going to try to get a line item designated for invasive species control.

Schauer stated that Golden Sands RC&D is having an outing and they are taking county legislators and Cathy Stepp out on a pontoon boat on a lake this is a success story on erosion water milfoil control. Schauer has spoken to Amy Thorstenson, the Executive Director for Golden Sands RC&D and they are going to pitch giving money directly to the counties, not just DNR, to fight invasive species. Thorstenson is also friends with someone from the League of Conservation Voters and she will try to bring invasive species to their attention also.

12. **Increasing Program Assistant Hours** – Boos stated that since he has left the Presidency of IPAW, he would like to increase Jasik's hours up to 15 hours per week to help out. The motion was approved.

Future Events and Other Announcements

13. **UMISC** – Renz stated that as of today there are 540 people registered for UMISC and they are expecting 600 or more. Renz stated that we have 2 10-foot tables available for the CISMAs to utilize in the exhibition area. Jasik said that she is thinking of creating a poster for behind the CISMA's table that has IPAW on an umbrella with all of the CISMA's logos under the umbrella and raindrops of invasive species on it – representing IPAW being the umbrella organization for the CISMAs. Renz stated that sponsors have less than 5 minutes to introduce themselves. There was discussion as to who would be attending UMISC. Boos is still unsure if he will be attending. Doll stated that he would introduce IPAW if Boos does not attend the meeting.

- Jasik** is to send out an email to all of the board members asking if they are planning on attending UMISC and if not, why.

Jasik stated that Belle Bergner has asked her to work at UMISC in exchange for a free registration. She asked if IPAW would be willing to pay a portion of her hotel bill. Schauer moved to pay for Jasik's hotel bill if she cannot get a free room through Bergner. Bunker seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Carpooling to UMISC was discussed.

- Jasik** is to post a call out on IPAW's Listserve as to who would like to carpool to UMISC.

14. Any Other Business

Wollenzien stated that she had created and sent a letter on behalf of IPAW to Jill Hapner of Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium for their NFWF proposal to continue the roadside survey data deliver to Walworth and Waukesha Counties.

15. **Possible dates for next board meeting** – The meeting date and location is yet to be determined.
 - Jasik** will send a doodle request for dates sometime in the last 3 weeks of November.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.