

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Monday, November 14, 2016
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 628, Madison, WI 53707

Board Members present: Willis Brown, Angelique Dahlberg, Christa Schaefer and Patricia Trochlell

Board Members Present by Telephone: Greg Bunker, Jerry Doll, John Lunz and Diane Schauer

Also present: Michele Jasik, Kelly Kearns and Mark Renz

Absent: Mic Armstrong, Thomas Boos, Mark Feider, Jeremy Chiamulera, Jamie Nuthals and Tony Summers

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Brown moved to approve the agenda and Trochlell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Brown moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2016 and Doll seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Brown reported that after expenses and income, there is a balance of \$13,685.56 in the IPAW account and \$30,164.80 in the conference account. Jasik questioned the expense titled "Green Teacher" she stated that IPAW purchased these books and therefore she thought that it should be taken out of the IPAW account and not the UMISC account. Trochlell moved to approve the Treasurer's report once the "Green Teacher" correction has been made. Dahlberg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

5. **CISMA** – Schaefer stated that Kearns had set up a fall meeting with the CISMAs and asked if anyone wanted to report on it. Schauer stated that the meeting was done in part to communicate with the CISMAs that we were planning on having a meeting at UMISC for those who would be attending.
6. **Membership** – The membership committee is to meet to determine how CISMAs can help IPAW out and whether or not we need to charge them a membership fee. Dahlberg asked how CISMAs become IPAW members. Jasik explained that this is what the membership committee is supposed to decide and come back to the board with. Dahlberg volunteered to be on the membership committee.
 - ❑ **Jasik** will set up a Membership Committee meeting prior to the next IPAW Board meeting.
7. **Legislative/Government Relations** – Lunz stated that Barb Agnew of The Friends of the Monarch Trail on the Milwaukee County Grounds can meet on a Monday and asked the legislative committee what Mondays work for them to attend this meeting. Several dates were discussed and John will try to set something up with Barb. John asked that the board come up with questions for Barb and email them to him. He would like to possibly give a copy of these questions to Barb so she can look them over prior to their meeting.
 - ❑ **Lunz** will set up a meeting with Barb Agnew of The Friends of the Monarch Trail.
 - ❑ **All** should email their questions for Barb to Lunz.Schauer stated that she is still looking for the notes from a prior committee meeting that Feider was to send out. Lunz will follow-up with Feider to see if he has his notes.
8. **Grant** – Jasik had tried a couple of times but has unsuccessfully in reaching Eric Forward for feedback on why IPAW was not asked to write up a full proposal for the PTI grant. She will continue to work on that.
 - ❑ **Jasik** will speak with Eric Forward prior to the next meeting.

Schaefer stated that she would like someone on the board to take charge of the grant committee. Dahlberg stated that she would not like to take charge of the grant committee, however, she would like to be on it.

Schaefer stated that the committee should meet soon to determine if there are other grants we could apply for. Jasik stated her husband believes that we could have a good chance at a grant

through USDA-NRCS. He has been on the technical review committee and he has seen lesser grants get funding.

9. **Website** – Schaefer stated that Jasik is doing a good job of keeping up with the website.

Old Business

10. **Possible New Board Members** – Schaefer stated that Trochlell has contacted Heidi Kennedy and that Kennedy is interested in becoming a board member. Trochlell stated that Kennedy is an attorney that has a background in environmental/natural resource issues. Kennedy currently works for a consulting firm and had worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the past.

Brown stated that he spoke to Jack Kussmaul, also a retired attorney, and he is too busy to be a board member at this time.

Renz suggested that IPAW look into Chris Gaetzke or Kathy Stahl from the Lower Chippewa Invasive Species Partnership who would be interested.

- ❑ **Kearns** will ask if Chris Gaetzke and Kathy Stahl if either of them are interested in joining the IPAW board.

Renz also suggested Marjy Brzeskiewicz from US Fish and Wildlife.

- ❑ **Renz** will ask if Brzeskiewicz she would be interested in joining the IPAW board.

There was discussion as to how many board members we wanted on the IPAW board. Schaefer stated that she did not believe that mattered, she is more interested in getting board members that will help out.

- ❑ **Schaefer** will have a list of board members for the next meeting of where they are located and what their specialties are.

11. Education/Conference Displays

Where Ecology Meets Economy – Lunz stated that SEWISC and Johnson's Nursery are both interested in continuing to have this meeting again next year, however, they need sponsors and attendees.

2016 Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) – Renz stated that Belle Bergner is still in the process of getting together a breakdown of finances from the event. He thanked Brown for all of his work in the finance area of this conference. Renz stated that the two places that are being considered for the 2018 conference are Saint Paul, MN or Rochester, MN. IPAW thanked Renz for all of his work for being co-chair of the conference.

Kearns stated that the Midwest Invasive Species Network now has a new coordinator. Clair Ryan has accepted the position and will start in December. Ryan did attend UMISC.

There was discussion as to how many new IPAW members resulted from UMISC. Jasik stated that there were ten this year.

Wisconsin Garden Expo – February 10-12, 2017, Madison – Schaefer stated that she wanted to remind everyone about this upcoming event because we will need volunteers for the IPAW booth.

Wisconsin Wetlands Association's 2017 Wetland Science Conference – February 28-March 2, 2017, Stevens Point – Schaefer asked the board if we should attend this. It was decided that IPAW would. Trochlell will be attending this conference and has volunteered to staff the IPAW booth.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – July 11-13, 2017 – Kewaunee County – Doll stated that UW Extension is having to scale back and consolidate the free exhibits in the Education Station Conservation Tent. He is not sure what that means for IPAW, but will keep working on that. Meanwhile, we have commitment from the Door County Invasive Species Team and Brown County Extension to help with the booth at this event.

Wild Ones 21st Annual Conference – January 28, 2017, Oshkosh – Schaefer stated that IPAW also received a letter from the Wild Ones for their conference and would like to know if IPAW would like to exhibit at this event. It was decided that IPAW would. Lunz stated that he normally attends this meeting and he would be willing to work the IPAW booth.

Kearns stated that we need to get non-board members to staff the IPAW booth.

Iowa Invasive Species Conference – March 28-29, 2017 – Renz stated that MIPN is having a conference in Iowa and if IPAW would like to be a sponsor that would be great.

The Prairie Enthusiasts Annual Conference – March 4, 2017 – Brown stated that PTE is also having their annual conference in Galena, Illinois in early March.

St. Croix Summit – Dahlberg stated that the St. Croix Summit generally takes place around Earth Day. The conference is dedicated to presenting information about the health of the St. Croix River and its watershed. She thought that IPAW may be interested in attending this event. Schaefer suggested that perhaps IPAW could be there with their umbrella poster and some flyers as we have at other events.

Renz asked if IPAW was interested in doing some field days as we have in the past. There was discussion of possibly having the CISMAs provide the space and the volunteers while IPAW provide the financial support to conduct field days in different areas of the state. Renz stated that WIFDN might also be able to provide some support at these events.

- Renz** will write up a brief outline of what it would look like and the costs and pass it on to IPAW to see if any CISMAs would be interested.

12. **Telephone Conference Line** – Jasik will try this out with one of the upcoming committee meetings.

New Business

13. **February Newsletter – Articles Due January 20, 2017**

The following ideas were discussed for the February newsletter:

- Invasives in the winter months – what is doable and what is not
- New invasives to look out for
- Really early spring blooming invasives – such as Celandine
- What the impacts would be to using WIFDN models – using these models may determine where the impact of invasive species would most likely occur
- Follow-up on the Wild Ones Annual Conference
- CISMA Spotlight – perhaps each CISMA could provide us with a paragraph or so on what new invasives they are dealing with and what they are doing about them
- Asking the IPAW board a few questions such as “where is their favorite place that doesn’t have invasive species,” etc.
- Asking long-term IPAW members what they have seen stay the same and what have you seen change over the years
- Promoting Wisconsin invasive species video contest and the invader crusader awards

14. **Teaching About Invasive Species Book** – Jasik stated that Tim Grant contacted IPAW about selling his book “Teaching About Invasive Species” at UMISC. After Trochlell looked over the book, it was decided that the book is in line with our mission. Jasik spoke to Grant and it was decided that he would send us 20 books. IPAW would sell them for \$15.00 each and give Grant \$8.97 for each book purchased (IPAW would make a profit of \$6.03 per book). IPAW sold two books at UMISC, but instead of sending them back to Grant, we have decided to keep the remaining books to sell at other events.

15. **Board Retreat/Meet in Person** – Schaefer stated that she would like to have a board retreat where all board members meet in person in a central location. It was decided that the January meeting would be a good time to have such a retreat. Renz asked if this retreat could be held someplace that would be fun. Perhaps The Nature Conservancy could give a tour.

- Schaefer** will look into where to hold the board retreat for January 2017.

16. **2016 Annual Report** – Schaefer stated that it is the end of the year and we should be thinking about IPAW’s annual report.

- Schaefer** will work with Brown and Jasik to come up with the 2016 Annual Report.

Meeting Adjournment – Schaefer reminded the board that the 2017 board meeting dates have been set. They are January 9th, March 13th, May 8th, July 10th, September 11th and November 13th from 1-3 p.m. If anyone has a conflict with these dates, please let her know.

Brown moved to adjourn and Bunker seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.