

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Monday, September 19, 2016
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 408, Madison, WI 53707

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

Board Members Present by Telephone: Mic Armstrong, Tom Boos, Jeremy Chiamulera, Mark Feider, John Lunz, Jamie Nuthals and Diane Schauer

Also present: Michele Jasik and Kelly Kearns

Absent: Greg Bunker

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Lunz moved to approve the agenda and Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Lunz moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016 with a spelling correction and Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Brown reported that after expenses and income, there is a balance of \$14,625.56 in the IPAW account and \$48,250.07 in the conference account. The increase is due to the upcoming UMISC conference in October. Doll moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Trochlell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. **Board Member Changes** – Schaefer stated that she would like to board to discuss and possibly vote on the addition of Angelique Dahlberg to the IPAW Board of Directors. Not only does Dahlberg have a good background, which will benefit the board, she also provides representation from the northwestern part of the state. Dahlberg is a self-starter which will be of great assistance to the board. A motion was made by Lunz and seconded by Trochlell to appoint Dahlberg to the IPAW Board. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Schaefer** will follow-up with Dahlberg.
 - Jasik** will provide Dahlberg with the incoming paperwork.

Schaefer stated that she spoke to both Boos and Summers who both have agreed to stay on the Board but to become non-voting members as a way to avoid difficulties in meeting a quorum. Schaefer stated that we are still in search of Board members and if anyone has any ideas, to please let her or Jasik know. It was suggested that we determine the board needs and ask on the Listserve or at UMISC for more Board members. Trochlell stated that she will ask Heidi Kennedy, a retired attorney, if she would be interested. Brown stated that he would ask Jack Kusmaul, also a retired attorney, if he might be interested.

Committee Reports

6. **CISMA** – Kearns stated that she has sent out a Doodle request to put together a meeting in early October for all of the CISMAs. She added that if anyone is interested in joining in on the conference call to let her know. Kearns also asked for agenda topics. If anyone has anything they would like discussed, please email her.
7. **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. Jasik stated that she has had a difficult time getting all of the committee members together. She was told that at least two Board members need to attend the meeting. Trochlell asked if she could be on the membership committee also.
 - Jasik** will set up a Membership Committee meeting prior to the next IPAW Board meeting.
8. **Legislative/Government Relations** – Lunz stated that he has not set up a meeting because he was hoping to do so during or after meeting with Barb Agnew of The Friends of the Monarch Trail on the Milwaukee County Grounds. The purpose of meeting her is to discuss the procedure she used to obtain significant funding for native plantings on the property and on the adjacent Zoo Interchange project currently underway. Ms. Agnew was able to get the DOT to commit to using

native plants in landscaping the interchange. She has agreed to meet, but just hasn't committed to a date. The objective is to get her list of contacts in the DOT and elsewhere who committed to the project.

☐ **Lunz** will set up a Legislative Committee meeting prior to the next IPAW Board meeting. Schauer stated that she has not seen the notes from the last meeting.

☐ **Feider** stated that he will get the notes out to the committee as soon as he can find them.

9. **Grant** – Jasik stated that everyone should know by now that IPAW did not get funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Pulling Together Initiative grant. She has been trying to contact someone in the foundation for feedback and will continue to do so. She stated that Mike Putnam is willing to work with us again next year if we would like to pursue this grant again. Jasik stated that the grant committee got together to discuss other grant opportunities in which IPAW might like to pursue. Jasik stated that her husband works for NRCS and he was on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program technical review committee for two years and he believes that IPAW has a good chance at getting funds from RCPP grant to help fund Cisma work. Jasik said that her husband would be happy to provide assistance with applying for this grant in 2017.

There was discussion about the possibility of looking into other companies for money.

☐ **Jasik** will set up a grant committee will meet again prior to the next IPAW Board meeting.

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

Old Business

11. Education/Conference Displays

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – July 11-13, 2017 – Doll stated that the next Farm Technology Days will be held in Kewaunee County in 2017. He has spoken to Vijai Pandian from the Brown County invasives group who has agreed to take on a day at the IPAW booth. Doll is also in the process of asking Kari Hagenow from Door County to also help out. He is also working on trying to get IPAW into the educational free booths with Farm Technology Days.

Where Ecology Meets Economy: Season 4 – September 21, 2016 – Schaefer stated that IPAW has two passes to this event if anyone would care to go. The topic is on pollinators and she believes that this topic is something IPAW could use to our advantage because of the grants available for pollinators. Lunz stated that as of last week there were 83 folks signed up for this meeting. Kearns added that this is the smallest number of people they have had attend one of these and that this may be the last one.

☐ **Jasik** will advertise the event on the Listserve and Facebook to try to get more interest.

UMISC – October 16-19, 2016 – Schaefer stated that because Jasik is volunteering for the conference, IPAW has one free pass for this event. Kearns suggested that IPAW have a schedule for people to work at the IPAW booth on breaks. She also suggested the possibility of asking two IPAW members to work the booth in exchange for paying half price to the conference. Schaefer added that as an incentive for attendees to visit exhibits, they are creating a Passport card and giving away prizes for those who visit exhibitors. IPAW will be donating a Betty Book as a prize.

Jasik stated that she has received an email from Tim Grant asking if IPAW would be interested in selling copies of his book "Teaching About Invasive Species" at UMISC. The book is intended to be for educators on strategies for educating kids about invasives.

☐ **Trochlell** will look at the book to make sure it is something that the IPAW board would like to support and get back to Jasik.

It was suggested that perhaps IPAW provide UMISC attendees with instructions on how to purchase the books and not necessarily sell them.

Jasik added that it sounds as though the conference planning is going well, she quoted Belle Bergner as stating, "the conference planning is going great and we will likely have over 550 attendees and maybe close to 600."

Great Lakes Ecosystem Invasive Plant Monitoring Workshops with Ozaukee Washington Land Trust – Feider stated that a very successful workshop was held at Spirit Lake where Mark Renze

and his assistant spoke about 4-5 invasive species and using GLEDEN in the field. The second workshop was canceled due to weather and the third one is still to come.

2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference – September 15-17, 2016 –

Schaefer stated that IPAW was invited to participate in this event which took place at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, however, we were unable to get something together in time to participate. Jasik stated that she had emailed the chairperson of the event explaining that we were unable to get something together in the timeframe and asking that we be put on their list for future master gardener conferences.

12. **Telephone Conference Line** – Schaefer stated that a problem with committees having telephone conferences is that one person on the call has to have a telephone conference setup. She stated that she has asked Jasik to look into the companies that have telephone conference call access for a fee.

Jasik stated that there are several companies and they all are similar in their pricing. She stated that there is one company, FreeConferenceCall.com that sounds as though if we use their toll free number it will cost us. However, if we use a toll number it is free. The system is Microsoft based and she would like to simply set up a conference call using it to see how well it actually works and if it really is free.

- Jasik** will set up a conference call before the next board meeting to see how well this actually works.

13. **State of WI Annual Report Registration** – Brown stated that he did fill out the annual report and file it.

New Business

14. **November Newsletter – Articles Due October 20, 2016**

Jasik stated that she has received an article from Kari Hagenow on the Door County Invasive Species Team and an article from Neils Jorgensen on “A Community-Based Approach to Improving Habitat Suitability Models.

- Lunz** will write up an article on September’s Where Ecology Meets Economy.
- Jasik** will ask Dahlberg to write up something on herself for a “meet the new board member” article.
- Schauer** will ask Amanda Perdsock to write up something about the statewide AIS Bridge Snapshot Day that took place in September.
- Kearns** will ask Jason Granberg to write up something.
- Jasik** will send Kearns or Granberg Neils Jorgensen’s article so they can match them together.
- Schaefer** will write up a refresher on permitting on right-of-ways.
- Jasik** – will write up something on UMISC.

15. **PlayCleanGo Stop Invasive Species in Your Tracks Campaign** – Jasik stated that she received an email from Emily Anderson who is currently on the steering committee for PlayCleanGo. Emily’s position with them will expire at the end of this year and she is asking if someone from IPAW would be interested in being on the steering committee. It was suggested that we check with Dahlberg to see if she would be interested in being on this committee.

Announcements

WISC Liaison Between Invasive Species Council and IPAW – Schaefer stated that she is the liaison between the Invasive Species Council and IPAW. She also represents the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as well. Kearns added the Jim Reinartz was on the board, however, his term expired and they decided to put a nursery representative in his place. Schaefer stated that she is not on the board, only a liaison. These meetings are open to the public and if anyone is interested in attending these meetings, please let her know.

Meeting Adjournment – Schaefer stated that she would like to set up the next meeting in November. She asked if there were any dates that do not work. The meeting was set for November 14, 2016 at 1-3 p.m. Hereafter, IPAW board meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of every other month.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.