

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 628, Madison, WI 53707

Board members present: Anne Pearce, Mark Renz, Christa Schaefer and Pat Trochlell

Board members present by telephone: Mic Armstrong, Greg Bunker, Kari Hagenow, John Lunz, Jessica Roloff, Diane Schauer, and Kathy Stahl

Also present: Michele Jasik

Absent: Jeremy Chiamulera, Nisa Karimi and Heidi Kennedy

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Trochlell moved to approve the agenda. Stahl seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Lunz moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2018 and Schauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Renz sent out a treasurer's report and the key points are:
 - 1) IPAW spent more than they received in 2018 (the amount was less than we budgeted to overspend); 2) UMISC 2018 revenue has not been determined yet as we are waiting on several checks (likely will be between \$3,000-\$4,000); and 3) As of 1/1/2019 IPAW has \$32,401 in both accounts, plus whatever the revenue will be from UMISC.Trochlell moved to approve the treasurer's report and Stahl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

5. **Calendar Updates** – Schauer stated that she would be handling the IPAW booth, along with Lunz and Valerie Stabenow, at the Wild Ones Conference on 1/19.
 - Jasik stated that she will be getting a sign up sheet out for the Garden Expo which will be held in Madison on 2/8-2/10.
Schaefer stated that after discussion, we have decided to skip the Wetland Science Conference this year. Kelly Kearns is possibly presenting at The Prairie Enthusiasts conference on 3/2.
 - Stahl will look into what is needed to get into The Prairie Enthusiasts conference.
 - Schauer will attempt to get booth space at Fleet Farm's Sports and Outdoors Show.
 - Hagenow will round up volunteers to work at the IPAW booth at the Sports and Outdoors Show.
It was decided that IPAW would not have a booth at the Wisconsin Land & Water conference and the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership convention.
6. **Newsletter** – Jasik stated what articles she currently has and what is needed to complete some of those articles.
 - Roloff will write an article on the Wisconsin River Power Company's work with purple loosestrife control.
 - It was suggested that perhaps we give folks the information for NAISMA's invasive species webinars.
The deadline for submitting articles is February 1, 2019.
7. **Board Statement of Commitments** – Jasik stated that she has received all of them except for Bunker. The 2019 commitment statements will be signed at the IPAW retreat.
8. **IPAW Retreat** – Schaefer stated that IPAW has an all day retreat in which all board members are asked to attend. She added that there will not be a call in telephone line and we generally work on strategic planning for IPAW at this event. She also has a co-worker who is trained in performing SWAT analysis who she would like to have at this event to help us out. The retreat will either be on July 8th or 9th, depending on a location.
 - Renz will find a location for the IPAW retreat for June 8, 2019.

New Business

9. **2018 Income and Expenses and 2019 Budget** – Schaefer presented the IPAW board with the IPAW budget, stating that she is willing to change things once folks have had a chance to look it over. There were several discussions as to different amounts for several line items. Some examples were: it was thought that the field days value should be increased because of doing 5 field days and 5 right of way workshops; there should be an increase in the CISMA value due to offering more with the IPAW grant to CISMAs; and there should be some money in the legislative events.
 - ☐ Schaefer will be updating the budget and it will be voted on at the next board meeting.
10. **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association January Newsletter** – Schauer stated that she has been encouraging IPAW to form a partnership with sportsmen groups for years. Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever WI, WI Trout Unlimited, WI Waterfowl Association, WI Wetlands Association and the WI Wildlife Federation have gotten together and have created a Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition. The purpose of the coalition is to raise awareness of wetlands to the general public and policy makers. This coalition is currently soliciting for membership of this group and Schauer would like IPAW to become a member. This membership would allow one IPAW member to provide input at their meetings in exchange for helping distribute the coalition’s communications, when appropriate. Several board members stated that they were unclear as to what the group actually does.
 - ☐ Schauer will look into what the Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition does and report back to the board at the next meeting.
11. **PlayCleanGo Partnership** – Schaefer stated that IPAW currently is a partner of the PlayCleanGo partnership. Several board members stated that originally it was their thought that once they obtained our membership, they would then ask for money. Renz stated that PlayCleanGo did just receive a federal grant to continue to spread their mission. Jasik stated that the partnership levels are: \$10.00, \$150, \$300 and \$500. Lutz moved that IPAW retain its partnership with PlayCleanGo at the \$10.00 level. Renz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
12. **2018 Annual Report** – Schaefer stated that she was hoping to have the Annual Report ready for this meeting.
 - ☐ Schaefer will work on getting the 2018 Annual Report completed.
13. **Curriculum Email** – Schaefer stated that IPAW received an email stating that they believe there should be an educational curriculum for schools about invasive species. There were several discussions as to who (if anyone) would have this. It was said that the Wisconsin DNR had something called EEK and IPAW has a book on their website called “Teaching About Invasive Species. It was suggested that this email be past on to the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council.
14. **CISMA** – Schauer stated that our EmpowerU Workshop, CISMA/IPAW Annual Meeting, and AIS meeting will be taking place April 2-4, 2019. The Generations training will take place on April 3 first thing in the morning. There is a \$5.00 charge for a booklet for this training that Tim Campbell has offered to pick up the cost on. Schaefer stated that IPAW’s Annual Meeting will be taking place on April 3, 2019 and she strongly encouraged IPAW board members to attend.
15. **Website** – Schaefer stated that the website has been converted. There are still several things that could be worked on, but the sight is up and ready to take over. Jasik added that because of year-end, she asked Scott to wait because there are some problems with PayPal and we did not want to cause difficulties for folks that we have asked for donations. The new site will be going up sometime in January. It can be seen at www.ipaw.biz if anyone would like to look it over. All of the content has been moved, but it may not be in the same place as it was originally found.
16. **Field Days** – Pearce stated that it has now been confirmed that we will be conducting five roadside workshops. They will take place in July in Brown, Chippewa, Iowa, Kenosha and Portage counties. Renz added that he is hoping IPAW will help out with some of the expenses and possibly give a presentation at these events. Pearce stated that IPAW will be having five field days. We will try to have them in conjunction with LCIP, WHIP and TIP together, Northwoods CWMA, CWIP and Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group.

17. **Nominating** – Nothing to report.
18. **Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** – Nothing to report.
19. **UMISC 2020 and Beyond** – Renz stated that an agreement with the Natural Areas just did not happen and they will be finding another location for their conference. The Natural Areas simply wanted to make much more money than we normally do and the committee was not able to come up with a compromise. That being said, UMISC 2020 will be held in Duluth, Minnesota. The conference in Duluth will benefit IPAW as to being able to have more of a say so as to its location in 2022.
20. **Membership** – Nothing to report.
21. **Grant** – Nothing to report.
22. **Legislative/Government Relations** – Nothing to report.

Announcements

23. **WISC Meeting on Wednesday 1/9/2019**
 24. **Planning Collaborative Meeting** – Schauer stated that a meeting on Planning Collaborative Meeting is being planned for the first week of October in Bayfield or Ashland by Tim Campbell.
 25. **Next Board Meeting** – March 19, 2019
- Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.