

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Wisconsin DNR Office, 2801 Progress Rd, Madison, WI 53716

Board members present: Steve Bertjens, Kari Hagenow, John Lunz, Christa Schaefer

Board members present by telephone: Greg Bunker, Anne Pearce, Mark Renz, Jessica Roloff, Diane Shauer

Also present: Chrissy Bartelme (phone), and Kelly Kearns

Excused: Nisa Karimi, Katherine Stahl

Absent: Heidi Kennedy

Administration

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 1:35. Roll is listed above, with Steve and Chrissy joining later.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by John, seconded by Christa. Motion approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve by Christa, seconded by Greg. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Not available.

Old Business

5. **Welcome Chrissy & member notification (listserv, etc.)**
Before Chrissy joined the meeting Mark suggested Chrissy should be introduced to groups we work with such as MIPN. When Chrissy joined the meeting she was introduced to all attending.
Discussion of alternatives to Yahoo Groups for the listserv was deferred.
6. **Welcome new Board Member Steve Bertjens**
Steve joined the meeting and was introduced himself to all.
7. **Calendar Updates & Review**
Discussion on using BOX or some other cloud based utility to contain the calendar. Kari will work with Chrissy on this.
Mark requested UMISC be added to the calendar. Farm Tech Days in Eau Claire July 23 – 25 should be added although staffing will be an issue.

New Business

8. **Sponsorship/Exhibitor Requests for Conferences**
Discussion included Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter, Jan.25th; Wisconsin Wetlands Association Conference, Feb. 18-20; and Prairie Enthusiast, Feb 25th.
John will attend the Wild Ones conference and will man the booth. Kari will get details on the Prairie Enthusiast conference. A table at the WWA Conference was probably beyond our budget, although it was agreed a table was preferred to just having our brochures available at another organizations display. Unless a board member plans to attend and will staff the booth it may not be worth the fee. Christa said she would check whether sufficient money is budgeted.

9. LSR Proposal for Play, Clean, Go

LSR is looking for partners in a proposal for funding to develop 'Play, Clean, Go' educational materials to distribute to CISMAs. Kari will find out what they want from us, and Christa will see what money may have been budgeted for such a venture.

Committee Reports

10. UMISC

Mark reported the Executive Committee had met, set timelines, and are on schedule. A budget was established and invoices for \$4,000 were sent to sponsoring organizations for seed money. Mark questioned whether IPAW Board members wanted to go to Duluth for the conference?

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Anne discussed possible venues for the conference which will be held in Wisconsin on Tuesday through Thursday in one of the first three weeks of October. Stevens Point seemed to be the most logically central location. Mark will screen vendors as to suitability, availability, and cost.

11. CISMAs

A group organizing a Fox Valley CISMA is meeting December 12th. Keri, Kelly, and Diane plan to attend.

Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area (LISMA) reported they may be changing their fiscal agent.

Central Sands wants us to sign on to their MOU. Anne will resend the MOU for board consideration. Central Sands has an event May 2nd and asked whether an IPAW member would talk on "Talking to your neighbors". Anne will ask Michele Jasik if she is willing to do so.

12. Communications & Website

Michele will write a departing column for the upcoming newsletter, and Chrissy will write an introductory column.

13. Education

Greg has been communicating with the DNR via email hoping to get an introduction to invasive species into the hunter safety curriculum.

Anne reported that no Field Days are planned for 2020. Anne or Mark will speak at CISMA events where and when invited. They feel such events are more effective if the CISMAs take the initiative.

14. Announcements

Christa said she will help Kari on an annual report.

John will update the history through the end of 2019 and send it to the board and some former board members for review and input.

15. Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:40. Next meeting January 14, 2020 at a place TBD.