

## Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2013



**Board of Directors attending:** Anna Jahns, Greg Cleereman, Mick Mlinar, Dick Peterson, Ryan Parchim, WRISC Coordinator Mari Dallapiazza, Charlene Peterson, Corrin Seaman (phoned in)

Chairwoman Jahns at the MSU Extension office in Stephenson, MI called the meeting to order.

**Approval of agenda:** Jahns moved to accept the agenda, Cleereman seconded.

**Approval of the August minutes:** changes to the Action team sections for Terrestrial invasives and monitoring were suggested. Jahns agreed to contact Greg Matzke about the Lake Ellwood fisheries situation. Peterson moved to accept the minutes with changes, supported by Cleereman.

### **Summer Project Updates**

Boat Wash: 2 operating units throughout work area, one stationed mostly at Lake Antoine (Dickinson Cty). 3400 People contacted, 1,000 staff hours, 60 volunteer hours. Boat wash was well-received at Lake Antoine. In the future could improve emphasis on bait disposal and draining live wells. Coordinator Dallapiazza provided two handouts summarizing 1) Clean Boats Clean Waters efforts and 2) Outreach, Inventory, and Other efforts. See attached. Cleereman indicated that Marinette County has completed construction of hydraulic (vacuum) plant harvester to be used for Eurasian Water Milfoil removal. They will look into feasibility of renting it out for use to other agencies.

### **Work Planning for Fall**

Dates on Calendar: October 9 Barberry Work Day Florence County, October 18 WMA Grant Due (Terrestrial Weed Control in WI). Cleereman offered to assist with grant writing. 2013 Work Plans have not been returned by most partners; Jahns will send request to partners. All partners should send invasive location data to Dallapiazza as soon as possible. Marinette County has approximately 10 GPS units available to lend.

### **Phragmites**

UP RC& D is busy with completing Phragmites treatments before the cut-off date of October 12. Estimated treatments under that project in Menominee County: 150 acres along shoreline, 150 additional acres private lands; in Delta County: estimate 150 acres treated. Cleereman is on the Phragmites Working Group in Wisconsin, which will look mostly at inland populations. WDNR in partnership with Ducks Unlimited recently got a (GLRI?) grant to re-spray shoreline populations.

## **Strategic Plan**

The midway between management plan and annual work plan. Target focus for WRISC to work more effectively. Please return worksheet to Dallapiazza by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional public input will be solicited throughout the process.

**IPAW** Cleereman is now on the board of the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) and is still getting to know the organization. He recently attended training on terrestrial invasive species control, which was very informative and well attended. He recommends attending these information sessions in the future.

## **Action Teams:**

- Aquatic Invasive Species: no update given due to absence of team members.
- Terrestrial Invasives: team did not hold a meeting in September. Jahns mentioned that fall is a great time to ID and treat buckthorns, autumn olive, Japanese barberry, and bush honeysuckles. The Parsnip explosion in Florence/Forest Co. was discussed as needing a prescriptive and cooperative approach by timing mowing and education. Jahns mentioned that the rosettes could be chemically treated in the fall when the surrounding grasses are dead.
- Grants: Dallapiazza reported that the WDNR WMA grant to do control work was in progress.
- Organizational Development: the by-laws and mission statement still need to be revised from the June 4, 2013 meeting. Peterson suggested including a statement in the by-laws about replacing a BOD member mid-term. Peterson agreed to explore the possibility of a board member to send a designated appointee to meetings. A suggested change of regular meeting date was made to be adopted into the by-laws at the December meeting.
- Monitoring: Dallapiazza encouraged partners to be thinking of potential treatment sites for the Rapid Response crew WRISC will have during the field seasons of 2014 and 2015.

The meeting was adjourned until early December 2013 with an exact date to be determined by electronic poll. The meeting will be held in Crandon, WI from 10am to noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Dallapiazza  
WRISC Coordinator