

This is from John Hoek who was present at the lake associations meeting June 3, 2015, to correct his status vis-a-vis who he represented.

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Hoek
Date: June 4, 2015 8:06:37 AM EDT
To: Kenneth Kornheiser
Subject: Re: Lake association group meeting

Ken--Thank you for forwarding your excellent summary to me. I thought the meeting was both informative and productive.

I do have a immediate request. If the names of those who attended are to appear elsewhere, the following correction is needed. I am not a member of the Delton Crooked Lake Association nor am I chairman of their "Lake Management Committee". I am vice-chairperson of the Prairieville Township Parks and Recreation Commission, but I was not representing that body at your meeting. I am playing an active role in the Upper Crooked Lake "Aquatic Invasive Species Project" that will be implemented this summer.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 3, 2015, at 9:43 PM, Kenneth Kornheiser wrote:

Here's a follow up on the meeting of representatives from the lake associations involved with the AIS (aquatic invasive species) grant project. I am sorry that there was a mix up in the notifications about the specific time and date of the meeting. Mike Gallagher told me he would do the notifications. But he only did the lake association folks and assumed I would notify FTWRC board members. I didn't know that and didn't send the messages. Once again, for those who wanted to attend, I am sorry. The meeting took place last night, Tuesday, June 2, at Mike & Kathy Gallagher's house on the shore of Gull Lake. Mike is the GLQO Environmental Committee Chairman and was active in developing our Michigan Invasive Species Grant Project (MISGP) proposal. Kathy is relatively new to working on the AIS problem, but is active in the GLQO and now contributing to this effort.

Also present were:

Sue Houseman, President of the GLQO and a resident of Little Long Lake;
Susan Trudeau, Secretary of the Greater Wall Lake Ass'n;
Roger Schweitzer, President of the Sherman Lake Watershed Ass'n;
Paul Yelsma, Treasurer of the Delton Crooked Lake Ass'n, he was involved in reviewing our grant proposal;
John Hoek, also from the DCLA, he is their Lake Management Committee Chairman and a member of the Prairieville Twp Park Commission;
and Jamie McCarthy, Kalamazoo River Watershed Council Coordinator and the primary MISGP grant author.

There was no representative from the Pine Lake Ass'n.

The meeting lasted about 2 hours and went very well. There was a shared interest in working together on AIS issues and continued cooperation between the area lakes in general.

Here is a summary of what I believe are the most important points:

- The consensus was that we should continue to work together on AIS both within and outside of the context of the another MISGP grant proposal.
- Two specific tasks which all agreed we should do are
 - Do independent comprehensive scientific surveys of the aquatic ecology, at least plants native as well as invasive, but ideally animals, algae, etc., on each of the lakes. Ideally this would be a unified and comparative study. Gull Lake is hoping to get that started this summer.
 - Do boat access launch surveys at all of the public access sites on our lakes that would consist of a questionnaire for folks launching to get information about where their boats are coming from, where they are going, boat washing behavior, etc. to try and get information about the transport of AIS between our neighboring lakes. Upper Crooked Lake will begin doing that this year. We are hoping to use email communication to develop a common questionnaire for all of the lakes.
- The consensus is that we should try to submit another MISGP grant proposal. The above two tasks might serve as the basis for the grant project. We have more to learn about the next grant round, but at last night's meeting we agreed that we should try to develop the use of our collaborative AIS projects as models for cooperation, education and distribution to the larger region and the entire state. And that a grant proposal should make this a clear goal with a well-articulated strategy.
- We will be setting up an internet communication network sharing email addresses and other contact information, newsletters and other information generated by the various lake associations and FTWRC.
- There will be a free MISGP Grant Program Workshop at eh Pierce Cedar Creek Institute on Cloverdale Road between M-43 and M-37 on Tuesday morning, June 30, 2015 at 10:00-12:00 AM. I understand there will be an opportunity for network in the afternoon. Here's a link:
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_69835-355147--,00.html
- Although at the present time, the MISGP is the clearest source of potential funding for our AIS collaboration, the consensus was that we should not limit our attention to this single possibility.
- Another lake association group meeting is planned for 7:00 PM on evening of July 14, 2015. The current plan is meet again at Mike and Kathy Gallagher's house at 10670 Wildwood Drive off of West Gull Lake Drive. We can celebrate Bastille Day at the same time.

If folks who were at the meeting have additional thoughts, additions or corrections, please share them with everybody in the Cc address section. It will go to the entire FTWRC Board automatically. Even if you were not at this meeting, by all means, share your thoughts with us.

The next Four Township Water Resources Council Board meeting is in Room 145 of the Stack Educational Building at the Kellogg Biological Station on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00. All are welcome.

The FTWRC website address is **www. ftwrc.org**. And a reminder, the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council, was our partner in the first MISGP proposal, and I expect them to be an active partner in future proposals. Their website address is: **www.kalamazooriver.org**.

Thanks all,
Kenny Kornheiser