

LFICD Board Meeting (Virtual)
April 4, 2023

Draft minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:35

Present: David Dodge, Christine Chapline, Dinah Bain, Craig Zondag, Judd Markowski, Gary Rodes, guest: Robert Cluss

The agenda was amended to include Craig's update on the Vermont Agency of Agriculture purchase of a tire-cutter.

2. Approve March minutes: The March minutes are approved.

3. Approve Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$114,326.24

Cash received: \$0.75

Total cash for month: \$114,326.99

Total Disbursements: \$2,755.34

Cash on hand: \$111,571.65

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net Current assets: \$111,571.65

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Status of the To-Do list:

Submissions have been made for all necessary permits for the season. We're just waiting for the VAA response and issuance of requested permits.

The advertisement for the Field Tech. Internship Program went out on HandShake the first week in March. Numerous students have expressed interest from UVM and we've received one application so far.

Craig designed a poster/flyer to be printed and posted with the "tear-off" phone number for people to call with regard to nuisance mosquitoes. Craig will begin placing them in April.

Insurance for the season: David is working with Lew Castle of Gaines Insurance on our insurance policy updates. Our Worker's Comp insurance policy is completed. Our Liability insurance proposal from Lew is pending.

5. Status of phone, email and web accounts:

Gary will meet with Alissa Shethar next week to work on changing the ownership of our 3 web accounts: the LFICD domain name, website and Text Now (for complaint line phone calls).

Craig's cell phone will get the complaint calls.

6. Tire Sidewall Cutter:

According to Patti Casey (VAA), the EAGLE Sidewall Cutter is expected to arrive in Vermont at the end of April. There are numerous logistics the State has to work out, including piloting a program initiated by the State. It's still not clear what role the LFICD will play in this significant practice of IMM. Patti would like Craig, Judd and a number of VAA staff to do another field trip to Cambridge, NY for a tutorial of the Sidewall Cutter. The funding mechanism for the any LFICD work with the tire cutter program is also unclear at this point.

7. New Business:

Craig is planning to draft a flyer for construction contractors within the three towns and to bring to their attention the inadvertent mosquito habitat they create, from 5-gallon buckets collecting rain water to puddles around the construction site providing breeding habitat for mosquitoes and what they can do to reduce the risk of mosquito bites and potential disease for carpenters. One idea is to ask the towns to distribute the flyer with building permits.

8. Adjourn: 6:15

Next Virtual Zoom meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm