

Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Tuesday, July 3, 2018  
Bridport, VT

**Draft minutes:**

**1. Call to order: 5:10**

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Chuck Burkins, Chris Chapline, Gary Rodes, Alissa Shethar, Craig Zondag

**2. Approve June minutes:**

The June minutes are approved.

**3. Treasure's report:**

Cash forward: \$42,018.82

Cash received: \$84,257.97

Total cash for month: \$126,276.79

Total disbursements: \$24,974.74

Cash on hand: \$101,302.05

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$101,302.05

Field work and IPM work have cost about \$10,000/month; we can keep the IPM/field work up at this rate until Sept. and then we will re-evaluate how much IPM we can do at the end of the season and next spring.

The Treasurer's report is approved.

**4. Report on June 15 meeting with VAA, BLSG**

We will have \$70,000 for fy 2018/2019 (ends June 2019) from the VAA, which is the same as the BLSG.

David's sense from the meeting is that the State's mosquito budget will be split w/the BLSG based on acreage in the future, which would leave us with only \$30,000/year since we have only about 20% of the combined total treatable area in the current 2 mosquito districts.

The VAA (Patti Casey and Cary Giguere) suggested that the LFICD and BLSG merge. David will send our notes from the meeting to our State representatives, noting the need to increase the State budget for mosquito control, especially given the possibility of new districts forming.

**5. IRS status; two-year financial reporting update.**

The 2-year and 13-month financial compilations dated 12/31/16 and 12/31/17 respectively has been received from Valente and Seward. The IRS penalty has been paid. David will forward to the town clerks for distribution to the select boards.

## **6. Field report**

The field techs observed a sudden emergence of *Coquillettidia perturbans* in an adult light trap in Cornwall last week. This is a nuisance species that would not be found in the larval stage by dipping because the larva burrow into the mud in cattail swamps. Finding a problem hatch of this species using adult trapping and identification is an example of the usefulness of IPM in identifying which habitat the particular problem came from and considering treatment strategy.

There have been no new complaint calls on the hotline.

Craig is hoping to get the trailer doors fixed in August.

LFICD lab open house: July 21, 11:30-3. Alissa will advertise in the towns' Front Porch Forums; also in Middlebury, Bristol, Vergennes and New Haven. Craig will contact the Addison Independent to advertise on the calendar.

Meg has been keeping larval identification on target; IPM work should be completed in September.

The techs have been doing surveillance in the Otter Creek/Weybridge swamp in Quaker Village, which has not been surveyed in the past. This area is producing a lot of mosquitoes. This area would be an ideal area to use the Argo for treatment.

## **7. Status of helicopter landing permit**

The landowners will be the owners of the permits, which will be valid until revoked by VTrans or the landowner.

Craig is working on completing the applications and has collected the addresses of abutting landowners for the application. Craig is trying to contact Brian Pinsonault for clarification of some of the questions on the application. Ben Marks has written a letter for the Cornwall Select Board giving municipal approval for Foote Farm and Quesnel farm; Brenda Jaring (Weybridge town clerk) will ask the Weybridge Select Board to approve our letter of municipal approval for Monument Farm at tonight's Select Board meeting.

## **8. Grant Agreement Renewal**

David has sent an email to Patti Casey asking about the status of the Grant Agreement, which expired at the end of June.

## **9. New Business: None**

## **10. Adjourn: 6:45**

Next Meeting: August 7, 2018, Cornwall Town Office, 5:00