

LFICD Board Meeting
June 6, 2023
Virtual Zoom meeting

Draft minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:32

Present: David Dodge, Christine Chapline, Dinah Bain, Craig Zondag, Judd Markowski, Gary Rodes, Bob Cluss , interns: Audrey Maxwell and Ramsey Anis

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

3. Approve Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$110,700.02

Cash received: \$7.80

Total cash for month: \$110,707.82

Total Disbursements: \$11,185.21

Cash on hand: \$99,522.61

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$27,569.17

Net Current assets: \$127,091.78

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Status of Financial Review:

Dinah needs to organize a financial review for 2022.

The quote from O'Brien, Shortle and Sabotka of Rutland for a financial review is \$1400 (up from \$1275 last year).

A motion was made to continue with this firm rather than try to find a cheaper financial review firm. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Field Coordinator's report and introduction of summer interns:

Interns Ramsey Anis and Audrey Maxwell were introduced to the board.

Field Conditions: The Month of May had some of the most diverse weather conditions, from frost to 90+ degree temps and little precipitation. I had set up all 7/8 CDC Light traps during Epi-week 22 (last week in May). There is predominant evidence of "snow-melt" mosquito species. These are species coming out of the swamps and vernal pools as a result of melting snow. For the most part, they are uni-voltine, meaning that females lay one batch of eggs each season that winter over and hatch the following year.

2023 Seasonal Interns: Two interns have been hired this season and began work on June 1 and 2. They are Audrey Maxwell (finished sophomore year) at Middlebury College and Ramsey Anis (finished sophomore year) at UVM. Both interns have jumped in enthusiastically in supporting the efforts of the LFICD. They have already been assigned Light Trap Sites and are spending

time behind the microscopes beginning to identify mosquitoes...I welcome them and look forward to working with them.

VAA-F&M Visit: On June 2nd, Patti Casey and Steve Dwinell from the VAA-F&M joined the interns for a field trip into surveillance sites in and on the Lemon Fair River floodplain. Steve wanted to get a sense of what it is we are capable of undertaking and joined us on the discussion centered around BMP's (Best Management Practices) for the LFICD. He acknowledges the challenges we currently face and readily agrees that a mechanical drone capable of carrying 40 lbs. of larvicide would help us stamp out hatches and treating up to 100 - 150 acres per day. Discussion is ongoing with regard to obtaining this technology. Thank you, Steve and Patti.

The orientation/training for the VAA's sidewall tire slicer (in Randolph) originally set for June 7 is postponed due to rain in the forecast. Craig, Judd, Ramsey and Audrey plan to attend when it is reorganized (the new date is June 13).

The VAA will make the tire slicer available for the LFICD open house.

6. Status of web, phone and email accounts:

Gary: All programs are up and running.

The Text Now application on the complaint line has not been tested yet; apparently no complaints have been received. Craig's phone won't handle the Text Now app, but texts from it can be read on the laptop.

Board members should look at the LFICD website for suggestions for updates to it.

7. New Business:

Our ESRI license for Arc GIS expires in August. Gary will review to determine if we should renew the subscription.

8. Adjourn: 6:30

Next Zoom Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM