

LFICD Board Meeting  
Aug. 6, 2019  
Cornwall, VT

**Draft Minutes:**

**1. Call to order: 5:30**

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

**2. Approve July 2, 2019 minutes:**

The revised July minutes are approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Cash forward: \$87,704.35

Cash received: \$6,804.50

Total cash for month: \$94,508.85

Total Disbursements: \$25,389.51

Cash on Hand: \$69,119.34

Total accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$28,294.39

Net current assets: \$97,413.73

The Treasurer's report is approved.

**4. Lab robbery update:**

A robbery at the lab was discovered by Craig the morning of July 15. The incident occurred between July 12 and July 15. A police report was made on July 15.

Missing items:

Olympus stereomicroscope: \$2512

Scale: \$300

Nikon camera: \$130

Lamp: \$75

Thumb drives: \$120

Large Crescent Wrench: \$20

Tape dispenser and tape: \$20

Power cord with power strip: \$20

Tester paint markers: \$8

Sample vials with lids:

Advil

Push pins

Plastic figurines of mosquitoes

Battery charger to camera

Dissecting tools belonging to the Audubon Society

There had been no forced entry. A new dead bolt was installed; Craig has the only keys.

Computer passwords to the data files were changed as a cautionary measure.

The board discussed installing a security camera; Gary and Craig will look into the options.

## **5. Insurance claim update:**

A claim and the police report were sent to the adjuster at Hudson Insurance Group. There is no information on what they will cover yet.

## **6. Drone update**

The BLSG is planning to bring in a drone company to demonstrate the use of drones for larvicide application. They have asked if the LFICD would be willing to pay for 1/2 of the cost of the demo.

Chuck moved that the LFICD pay up to \$750 for 1/2 the cost of a drone demonstration for larvicide application. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. Field report:**

Craig had a phone conversation with VAA Agriculture Secretary, Anson Tebbets. Secretary Tebbets commented that UVM has drone program to train students in drone technology that could be a good resource for the mosquito districts.

They also spoke about tire sidewall cutters and the idea that the State would buy one for farmers to use on their tire piles to reduce mosquito habitat (especially for WNV carriers).

They also spoke about the State's mosquito budget. Secretary Tebbets was open to coming for a field visit.

Craig is still making site visits to residents who answered the complaint survey. He set an adult trap at a home in Bridport that is close to a dairy farm tire bunker and found Culex, a container species that can carry WNV. Another site in Bridport had problems this spring with water pooling on their property due to a neighbor's new driveway cutting off the drainage. This type of situation opens a new area of IPM for the State to consider—appropriate building regulations and enforcement to ensure there is no impact to drainage.

Craig hired a college student to set and pick up light traps and count mosquitoes. Jeanne Raymond has also put in many hours as a volunteer in the lab.

Craig did a hand treatment of 1/2 acre on Lemon Fair Rd. Many mosquito larva were in the reed canary grass and a sedge pond. It was hard to distribute larvicide because of the reed canary grass. When Craig did the post treatment survey there were larva in the canary grass still, but not in the sedge pond. However, he also found a gallynipper larva in the sedge pond. Gallynippers are very large, nasty biters, but they also eat other mosquito larva and may have eaten the other mosquito larva.

Sidewall tire cutter news:

Patti Casey forwarded information that Hoosick Tire and Service, which has a sidewall cutter business in NY, is looking to expand, but also needs places farms to distribute the sidewalls. This could be a good opportunity for Vermont to encourage farms to use sidewalls instead of tire piles to avoid container species of mosquitoes.

## **8. Public outreach:**

There have been over 40 complaints this season to the survey or hotline. We should re-post last year's reminders that August begins the dangerous season for WNV and EEE.

## **9. Executive session to discuss personnel matter:**

David Dodge moved that we discuss a confidential personnel matter, Chuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chuck motioned that we go into Executive session to discuss the confidential personnel matter, Wendy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The board entered executive session at 6:40, came out of executive session at 6:55.

**Adjourn 7:00** Next meeting: September 3, 2019 at the Bridport Town Office at 5:30 pm.