

LFICD Board Meeting
June 4, 2024
Virtual Zoom meeting

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:00

Present: Christine Chapline, David Zarowin, Dinah Bain, Gary Rodes, Bob Cluss, Annie Murphy, Craig Zondag

2. Approve May 7, 2024 minutes:

The May minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$103,588.02

Cash received: \$0.75

Total cash for month: \$103,588.77

Total Disbursements: \$7,524.35

Cash on hand: \$96,064.42

Total Accounts payable: \$1500.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$40,009.98

Net Current assets: \$134,574.40

The June Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field coordinator's report:

Field Conditions: Most of May has been dry, up until May 27th, when we received 2.1" of rain. This rain event caused the Lemon Fair River to flood its banks in low to medium flood stage by the 28th, but as of May 29th, the river was mostly within its banks again and puddles in the floodplain were drying up rapidly. On May 30th, I collected 50 larvae from puddles and a sedge pool on the Lemon Fair River floodplain off of L.F. Rd. Conditions are still drying. On May 31st, I conducted a larvicide treatment along the drainage ditch on the NW side of LF. Rd.

NEVBD (Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases ~ Cornell Univ.) Webinar was held on May 2nd. The topic was: Review of Pesticide Resistance Monitoring Report 2023 and Plans for 2024. The NEVBD wants to obtain enough *Culex* egg rafts from our district to create an in-lab colony of Vermont mosquitoes from which to test and compare pesticide resistance. Emily Mader, Program Manager from NEVBD may come out to help set up Gravid Traps for the collection of egg rafts.

Interns: Ryan Potter started June 3; Ev McIndoo will start on June 10. Both are UVM students.

CNY Drone Services: Rick Jordon, of CNY Drone Services in New York, was scheduled to meet with Jeff Schuman of the OCW-ICD on 5/29/2024. After that meeting, both districts should receive an update on proposed costs for services and the timeline by which those services will be made available to both districts. As of this writing, Rick does not have his 7-B Certification for treating mosquitoes in Vermont.

5. VAA Drone demo: On May 23, Craig spent the day in lecture and demonstration centered around the use of UAS and how they can be used in mosquito abatement via liquid or dry granular aerial application. The workshop proved to be valuable as we move toward this technology.

The drone that was used can carry a 40 lb. (1 bag of larvicide) payload and both granular and liquid applications were demonstrated.

6. Cell phone issues:

Gary now has access to the account; the issue of caller ID seems to be resolved so there is no reason to change our service from Visible.

7. New Business:

Open house: July 20 at the Weybridge Congregational Church from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will hopefully have the VAA's tire sidewall cutter to demonstrate and GIS Lidar mapping exhibits.

Dinah will find out when Bridport plans to hold their public vote on withdrawing from the LFICD.

8. Adjourn 6:12

Next meeting: July 2, 2024, 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting