

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Bridport, VT
May 3, 2016**

Minutes

1. Call to order: 5:15

Present: David Dodge, Lew Castle, Chuck Burkins, Dinah Bain, Chris Chapline, Melissa Lourie, Meg Madden, Kerry White, Gary Rodes, Craig Zondag, Alissa Shethar

2. Introductions: Attending are potential Weybridge board member, Gary Rodes and new field technician, Kerry White.

3. Overview of LFICD mission and operation:

Discussion of LFICD operations for the benefit of new members.

4. Approve April minutes:

The April minutes are approved.

5. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$66,204.86

Cash received: \$15.90

Total cash for month: \$66,220.88

Disbursements: \$5,621.05

Cash on hand: \$60,599.83

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$60,599.83

The new microscope has been received.

The Treasurer's report is approved.

6. Mansfield Heliflight update:

Dave Whitcomb (pilot) does not have a current personal pesticide license, however he plans to take the test again soon.

The helicopter is not yet calibrated with product blanks.

We don't know if Mansfield has their FAA permit or not—they were working on it.

Mansfield Heliflight has not yet given us a contract.

Bottom line: Mansfield Heliflight is not ready to treat; JBI is an option and is currently the only option for aerial treatment. Lew will call JBI for an update on prices/policies for 2016.

7. Coordinating with BLSG for larvicide.

Lew asks if we should we give our outdated larvicide to the BLSG? Dinah: offer half to BLSG to move to their storage for them to use if needed. Craig will speak with Will Mathis to see if the BLSG wants it.

We currently have 6 pallets x 40 bags + 24 bags of VectoBac G and some VectoLex.

8. Community Mosquito Meeting

Talks included: Will Mathis (BLSG) on the BLSG website, where they are keeping all of their surveying and treatment data available to the public. Craig Zondag spoke on LFICD 2015 adult mosquito trapping and identification results. Matt Probasco (DEC) spoke on the state NPDES Pesticide General Permit: the 5-year federal permit is managed by the Vermont DEC and expires in October. Matt will contact the mosquito control districts when it is time to reapply. The BLSG recently discovered that they were supposed to have submitted a "Notice of intent to comply with the general requirements" form, but LFICD was not asked to submit this form.

Dominique Golliot spoke on pesticide storage and disposal requirements and pesticide applicator protocols. He wants records kept whenever pesticides are in use. There must be a licensed supervisor present whenever there is an open pesticide container and data entries must be made whenever pesticides are dispersed, including date, time, location, pesticide w/ EPA#, rate, acreage treated and name of applicator-- applicators should keep an entry book with them in the field. Records must be available to the VAA for 2 years. Dominique should be present for calibration of all equipment.

Alan Graham and Patty Casey gave talks on 2015 VAA adult mosquito-trapping results.

9. Status of permits:

The 1-year Air-spray permit has been received and is posted. The 5-year larvicide permit is good until next year, but still needs to be amended for new products (Four Star briquettes and Aquabac and CocoBear). Does JBI have its aerial applicator permit? Lew will find out. Do LFICD and JBI need to submit the Ag + non-Ag aerial permit? David will look into what we still need to do.

10. Microscope purchase:

A new microscope has been purchased and received. We don't have a light source of our own for it (we do have a light source borrowed from Alan Graham). A light source from Vermont Optics would be approximately \$400.

11. Field Coordinator's report:

Light traps: We need at least 3 more to add to the 3 we currently have that belong to the VAA. Craig will find out if the VAA will give us 3-6 more or if we need to buy them ourselves. We purchased the gas tanks for the traps we have.

Dinah made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for the purchase of light traps and tanks (we assume 75% reimbursement from the VAA).

The motion was approved unanimously.

A freezer has been purchased and installed in the Weybridge office for specimen storage.

5 river gauges are in place and new high water marks were photographed for future reference in February--the high water marks were highest Craig had seen at the end of Feb. after heavy rain on still frozen ground. Craig and Kerry surveyed for larva in the Cornwall Swamp and Meg surveyed at East of Payne. Meg found 100+ larva/dip from an early hatch, but then temps went down to the 20s for several nights and the spring hatch was naturally squelched. Meg dipped today and found no larva; water levels are now at record lows.

A light trap site in Cornwall on Swamp Rd. has been identified and will be managed by Kerry.

The 2016 permits that we have received are posted in the trailer.

We need to purchase the 45-day Four Star briquettes from Adecco; Craig will make sure they are approved for use.

12. Formation Agreement.

Chris will make a .pdf file of the original Formation Agreement and amendments and documentation of amendment votes to distribute to all 3 towns.

13. Community outreach update.

Alissa updated us on our outreach progress. She's currently focusing on the west part of Bridport, and is going to work with Melissa on Weybridge. We are in compliance with our pesticide warnings on radio stations and the Addison Independent. She would like to ask the Addison Independent for an article to be written.

14. Rental of Weybridge office over the winter.

The Weybridge Church stated that they would rent the office to us over the winter for \$100/month. Motion: We agree with the Church to rent the office through the winter months and pay \$100 per month in rent. (moved Chuck, second Dinah, unanimously approved) .

15. Adjourned: 7:11pm

Next meeting:

June 7, 2016 Cornwall Town Offices, 5:00