

LFICD Board Meeting, Cornwall, Oct. 2, 2018

1. **Call to order** 5:13. Present Dinah Bain, Wendy Lynch, Alissa Shethar, Gary Rodes, Chuck Burkins and Melissa Lourie
2. **Approve September minutes:** The September minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash forward: \$82, 879.98

Cash received: 0.27

Total cash for month: \$82,879.98

Total disbursements: \$10,625.93

Cash on hand: \$72,254.05

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$62,000.00 (VAA estimate)

Net current assets: \$134,254.05

The Treasurer's Report is approved.

4. Budget Discussion: how to deal with the reduced funding we are faced with. We have been guaranteed \$70K for the year beginning on July 1, 2018. Future state funding could be less if allocations are based on mosquito districts' relative treatment acreage.

5. Field Report

Light trap season wrapped up Sept. 28. 17,469 mosquitoes collected from 252 collections. 25 species represented. Last year we only had 195 collections that yielded 31,000+ mos. One new species to the district this year. 47 species found in the whole state.

We will need another 20 – 30 hours of work to wrap everything up.

Craig wants to get trailer doors taken care of by end of Oct. There is a potential for another hatch if we got a lot of rain. Not likely. Light traps are yielding almost no mosquitoes right now. But if we did get a hatch we'd reactivate light traps.

We had less field time and larval identification hours this year than in the past. We need validated surveillance in order to treat. Is IPM the new 'dipping'? Craig doesn't want to step back from the IPM either. We need to be proactive and start writing letters before the state budget vote. How can we define for ourselves and in our budget what it is we will actually do, and how to make the budget work. We could

set the budget as if we are going to do one treatment and work around the rest. If we don't treat, we spend the money on IPM. Maybe we don't start IPM until June/July. We could look at the data from past to see what weather conditions precede which hatches. Maybe only trap before and after rain events.

Maybe only have 2 techs.

Craig: One item on the RLA applications he's trying to figure out. Contacted Green Mtn. Power to measure height of power lines. He also redid some maps in Weybridge. Needs to do same for Cornwall.

Does the Board want to send Craig to the NMCA conference in N.H. this year? \$109/night, 3 nights all told. Dinah answered that she did budget for it.

Budget Discussion Continued: Budgeting roughly \$15,000 for a single treatment. Gary says we should submit to state all current IPM expenses to the state immediately. We should spend that money now so that in future we can say this is what it cost to operate.

Options we have are to increase income...from towns or state or lower expenses by cutting IPM a bit. \$75K to \$50K?

Tie the amount the town pays to actual treatments?

Next steps: Chuck, Dinah and David will prepare a proposed budget. Craig and Meg will give us a bare bones IPM system. What would be the minimum we could do to carry on. And we should schedule a meeting with Patty Casey.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm. Date of next meeting TBA