

LFICD Board Meeting
Sept 3, 2019
Bridportl, VT

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:35

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Gary Rodes, Chuck Burkins, Wendy Lynch, Melissa Lourie, Alissa Shethar, Christine Chapline, Craig Zondag, guest: Lew Castle

2. Approve August minutes:

The August minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$77,555.60

Cash received: 228.61

Total cash for month: \$77,784.21

Total Disbursements: \$20,424.93

Cash on Hand: \$57,359.28

Accounts Payable: \$0

Total Accounts receivable: \$28,294.39

Net Current assets: \$85,653.67

4. Lab robbery update:

No update (investigating trooper not in when Craig called for an update).

5. Grant Agreement:

David has signed the 2019/2010 grant agreement (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2010) with the VAA.

6. Insurance Claim Updates:

A.. Worker's Comp claim:

Lew Castle (Liberty Mutual Insurance) is here to advise on the handling of Meg Madden's Worker's Comp. claim. Meg M. Disagrees with the way her Worker's Comp paycheck was calculated. According to State statute, the average salary over the last 26 weeks is used to determine the Worker's Comp paycheck (which is 2/3 of the average). Nothing is withheld from the paycheck. Dinah gave Meg's weekly payments to Liberty Mutual and they calculated her compensation.

Liberty Mutual will handle the complaint, the LFICD doesn't have to do anything more.

B. Property casualty claim from lab robbery: Hudson Insurance has the police report and the case #, which is all they should need from us. David will contact them to get an update on our reimbursement.

7. Security for the lab:

Gary explored potential options for surveillance:

-ADT security alarms service: \$35-\$55/month

-Surveillance camera options:

iSmart Alarm—camera + door sensor sends a text message to phone and makes an alarm noise.

Buy the unit, but then no fee. However, it works using a smartphone, so it would be tricky as to who would monitor the alarm.

iSpy (open source)

Amazon Cloud cam: \$120; surveillance is stored in Amazon Cloud for 24 hours.

Craig is comfortable with the new security measures already in place.

8. Drone update:

David met with BLSGP members, Jay Michael and Ben Lawton, this morning to get an update on their efforts to organize a demonstration of the use of drones for dispersing larvicide. A demonstration from Leading Edge Aerial Technology, Inc. is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18.

Major problem with using a drone: Drones can only cover about 80 acres/day. However, they can be much more accurate than a helicopter, so less larvicide is needed.

Considerations for using a drone: where to store the drone; the need for a licensed operator (pilot and pesticide licenses); one drone couldn't be easily shared between the districts. Large area treatments would still require hiring a helicopter company; a drone would be for treating pocketed outbreaks.

A drone can have other potential uses in the districts, for instance, dipping for larva, sweep net for adults, mapping

The BLSGP is planning to invite VAA staff and interested Select Board members to the demonstration.

9. Field report:

Craig has set 111 adult mosquito traps + 20 other collections from sweep nets.

Total trapped mosquitoes: 42,517

Identified to date: 16,512 females (+294 males)

6 predominant species have been identified thus far.

34 complaints had been received on the hotline or the on-line survey. Craig has responded to 32 complaints (2 left no contact info). Adult traps have been set in response to 22 complaints. Craig has sent 13 written reports with data summaries and recommendations to the homeowners.

The State is requiring resistance monitoring of certain mosquito species to larvicides in our new Grant Agreement. A clinic is scheduled for Sept 18-20 with the VAA and the LFICD + BLSG. Experts from Cornell will go over procedures and protocols for resistance monitoring and make field trips to both districts.

Jean Raymond has donated a total of 131.5 hours in the lab counting mosquitoes from the light traps.

Craig ordered mechanical counters for the purpose of counting total mosquitoes and for counting identified species. The new counters have reduced the counting time by 2/3.

10. Public Outreach

7 more new complaints from a posting on Front Porch Forum.

11. Executive session for personnel matters

A move was made, seconded and passed to go in to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters

In executive session from 7:12- 7:20.

12. New business:

We would like to recognize Jean Raymond's extensive volunteer hours.

A motion was made to give Jean a \$200 VISA gift card. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was also made to give a bonus to Craig this year, considering his many hours of work under very difficult circumstances. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjourn 7:25

Next meeting: October 1, Cornwall town Office, 5:30 p.m.