

LFICD Board Meeting Tuesday, 9/4, Bridport Town Hall

1. Call to order 5:08 Present: Chuck Burkins, Dinah Bain, Wendy Lynch, Gary Rodes, David Dodge, Melissa Lourie, Craig Zondag, Alissa Shethar
2. Approved August minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash forward: \$91,240.74

Cash received: 0.00

Total cash for month: \$91,240.74

Total Disbursements: \$13,589.12

Cash on hand: \$77,651.62

Accounts Payable: 0.00

Accounts receivable: 0.00

Net current assets: \$77,651.62

The treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field Report

Quiet in field. No EEE found to date in mosquitos. No human cases of West Nile Virus. We've had more co.perturbans this year, although overall light trap numbers are down. Late season mosquitoes are more likely to have viral loads. Craig Zondag, Field Coordinator, Liza Doncaster, VT State Entomologist and Patti Casey, VT vector specialist participated in a webinar held by the North American Center for Community and Health organizations on how to determine thresholds and when to treat. The webinar was not very helpful, but one thing that came out of it was the importance of trapping even if you get no mosquitos...it's all good data. Importance of monitoring and continuing surveillance.

Craig continuing to trap through this month and will wrap up by 9/30 unless we have a flood. Craig also reported on a study which suggests that prolonged BTI usage does not cause resistance in mosquito larvae.

Craig asked if we are going to send him to an MCA conference again. Alissa is going to make another round of outreach to warn about West

Nile Virus. Craig will be away Thursday the 13 through the 19th.
David will be away Sept. 24-Oct.16.

Craig has done an assessment of Natular G30 as a possible prophylactic treatment. Granular, silica based, so it stays where it is put. Gary Rodes is not enthusiastic about this product since it affects ants and mites. It's also pricey. 1000 acres at 8lbs an acre would be \$124,000 product alone. Helicopter costs extra. There might be some smaller areas where it would be appropriate via ground treatment.

Craig says Gravid Traps could offer more specific data but would cost more and involve more manpower.

5. Helicopter Landing Permit Status:

Craig has almost gotten done with the permits and applications. They are very wordy and full of jargon, and he is going to send around to the board for review.

6. VAA Discussion:

David talked to Patti Casey today. She complimented the IPM work Craig and Meg are doing. IPM is very important in her view and should continue. She emphasized the annual \$70,000 reimbursement cap. Accordingly, we will need a 2019 budget that reflects this cap. Of note, we received \$114,000 from the VAA for the period between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Patti also reemphasized the benefits of merging with the BLSG due to treatment economies of scale. However, the districts don't always treat at the same time which may limit the benefits. Dinah suggested the only part that should merge is the larvicide program. We don't want to be involved in adulticiding.

7. New Business:

David would like to inform the towns on the merger discussion and budget cuts and will prepare a memo to be distributed to the select boards.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Next meeting October 2, 2018 at Cornwall Town Offices.