

Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016  
Cornwall, VT

**Draft minutes**

**1. Call to order: 5:05**

Present: David Dodge, Gary Rodes, Alissa Shethar, Christine Chapline, Dinah Bain, Melissa Lourie, Meg Madden, Tim Schmalz (VAA)

**2. Approve November minutes:**

The minutes from November are approved.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

Cash forward: \$57,380.30

Cash received: \$0.00

Total cash for month: \$57,380.30

Total Disbursements: \$5,615.20

Cash on hand: \$51,765.10

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current assets: \$51,765.10

**4. Meet with Tim Schmalz from VAA:**

Tim Schmalz attended the board meeting to go over the draft Grant Agreement for the 2017 season and to talk about other VAA/LFICD business.

David Dodge expressed our concern about getting an aircraft when treatment is needed; JBI is the only choice.

On-going weekly training sessions with Patti Casey (VAA) and Craig, Meg and Kerry (LFICD techs) on larval and adult mosquito identification was discussed. Patti's feedback to Tim S. has given Tim the confidence that the LFICD field techs are getting the expertise necessary to make treatment decisions. Tim would like to move away from using arbitrary benchmarks in the current dipper protocol to drive treatment decisions and move toward using the experience that the data collection has given us to make treatment decisions.

Changes to grant agreement:

The \$70,000 yearly total amount in the budget can be used for surveying, light trapping and training, as well as for the purchase and application of larvicide.

The new draft agreement has no upper limit of acreage that the LFICD is allowed to treat. However, the VAA does not want the districts to stockpile larvicide in anticipation of large treatments.

There was discussion of using up to the label maximum (12 lb/acre) of larvicide (Vectobac) to treat areas where larva that have progressed beyond instar 2 are found. There is nothing in the grant agreement holding us to 5 lb/acre for Vectobac, but reimbursement for treating with a higher concentration would be based on demonstrated need and effectiveness.

Bti briquettes (applied from the ground) are expected to be a big help in smaller acreage applications.

Collaborations with the VAA:

Light traps identification of adult species and larval species identification will help us to communicate with the public on whether or not the species we are finding have come from treatable habitat.

Tire pile management—a LFICD/VAA group is going to a tire shredding facility in NY State to look at equipment used to remove sidewalls from tires, with the idea of using tire shredders to manage water retaining tire piles in VT on farms and waste piles.

**5. Winter larval identification update:**

Patti Casey has been coming weekly to work with the LFICD techs on larval identification. Meg is creating a cheat sheet field guide for larval species identification.

**6. Subsidize Kerry White for NMCA attendance.**

Meg could not attend the NMCA meeting in MA this week; Kerry is attending for both LFICD and BLSG. There was a motion to reimburse Kerry (instead of Meg) for her NMCA meeting expenses not reimbursed by the BLSG. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. GIS update:** not discussed

**8. 2017 budget presentation:**

The 2017 budget was sent to all 3 Town Select Boards and was acknowledged by Cornwall. David plans to attend a Select Board meeting in each town to discuss the budget.

**9. New business.**

No new business.

However, meet at Rosies Dec. 16, 9:30 for holiday breakfast!

**10. Adjourn:** 6:50. Next meeting:

January 3, 2017, Bridport town office, 5:00