

LFICD Board
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:36

Present: David Dodge, Christine Chapline, Wendy Lynch, Judd Markowski, Gary Rodes, Alissa Shethar, Dinah Bain, Craig Zondag

2. Approve January minutes:

The January minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$102,082.25

Cash received: \$0.14

Total cash for month: \$102,082.39

Total disbursements: \$3,421.67

Cash on hand: \$98,660.72

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$2,667.74

Net current assets: \$101,328.46

4. Field and Lab Report:

NMCA meeting: Craig has participated in all days of the NMCA on-line meeting. The annual reports from the States were presented on the first day. Vermont did not have any mosquito pools positive for either EEE or WNV during last season (all other New England States did have positive pools for EEE, WNV or both). There were presentations on the use of drones, with the following issues emphasized: FAA requirements, EPA/State Dept of AG/DER regulations, and product labeling not specific for drone applications. Drones are now utilized for mosquito treatment in 28 states. Drones provide better accessibility and safety for mosquito control districts.

Craig also participated in an on-line meeting organized by Valent BioSciences entitled The Eastern Floodwater Summit that included topics on the ecology of eastern floodwater mosquitoes and Integrated Mosquito Management.

5. Drone update:

Criteria for a UAS (drone) purchase were covered in a talk at the NMCA conference. Craig will continue to reach out to mosquito control districts utilizing drones for further information. Questions Judd would like to research include Questions to research: How many drones are needed for a district to treat efficiently? What are the lower and higher payload capacities of drones being used?

6. New board member update: none

7. New business:

Craig reported that a resident from Salisbury reached out to him inquiring about the possibility of Salisbury joining the LFICD if the town votes to leave the BLSG. The board decided that we would not be able to add another town to the district because of financial and personnel constraints. We would not receive any more grant money from the VAA and an additional town contribution would not be enough to cover the additional personnel needed for surveillance or for an aerial treatment if necessary.

Alissa brought up an increase in the annual bill from our website hosting company (MacHighway) to approximately \$250/year. Alissa has researched other hosting services and all seem to be in the same range for cost. The board decided to stay with MacHighway since Alissa is comfortable with the web design and usage of their platform.

8. Adjourn: 6:46. Next meeting: March 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.