

**LFICD Board Meeting
Jan 7, 2020
Bridport, VT**

1. Call to order: 5:37

Present: David Dodge, Wendy Lynch, Alissa Shethar, Chuck Burkins, Chris Chapline, Craig Zondag

2. Approve Dec. 2019 minutes:

The December minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash Forward: \$70,875.85
Cash received: \$32,159.37
Total Cash for month: \$103,035.22
Total Disbursements: \$13,843.17
Cash on hand: \$89,192.05
Accounts payable: \$0
Accounts receivable: \$0
Net current assets: \$89,192.05

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Annual letter

Craig and David have composed a draft of the annual letter for the Town Reports. The board reviewed the letter and made revisions. David will send the final version of the annual letter and the 2020 LFICD Budget to the three towns (due Jan 14 for Bridport's town report and Jan 17 for Cornwall).

5. 2020 Objective

Continue to explore the idea of using a drone for applying larvicide and for floodplain surveillance. Continue to gather information in support of drone usage (in order to make our argument to the VAA) by researching the use of drones in other mosquito control districts. Evaluate the cost effectiveness of drone applications compared to a helicopter treatment, given our yearly budget only covers 1 ½ full helicopter treatments –we can use the cost analysis figures from the Bannock, Idaho mosquito Control District.

6. Field Report:

Craig attended the NMCA annual conference in Dec. The emphasis of the presentations was on Eastern Equine Encephalitis in MA, RI, and CT (28 human cases of EEE and 8 fatalities in New England in 2019). There were no EEE positive pools or human cases of EEE in VT. VT VAA reported that there were 5 mosquito pools that tested positive for West Nile Virus, but no human cases of WNV. The new Olympus stereomicroscope to replace the stolen microscope has arrived and we were refunded \$50 for the purchase.

CDC light trap data is almost complete and Craig will summarize the data in January and February.

Craig will reach out to the FAA again to finalize the Restricted Landing Area certification for the helicopter landing sites.

Craig has submitted the yearly Pesticide Usage report to the VAA and the applications for the renewal of the pesticide licenses.

7. New business:

Craig suggests that we purchase bti dunks for demonstration purposes to offer private homeowners (if appropriate) when he makes complaint line visits.

Craig will contact JBI to get the 2020 aerial application rate and to be sure they renew their aerial applicator license with the State.

Craig will need to hire an intern/Field tech for approximately 20-25 hours/week during the season. We will reach out to various programs (including Middlebury College) for the possibility of getting a paid intern.

8. Adjourn 6:40

Next meeting: Feb. 4, 2020, Cornwall Town Office at 5:30 p.m.