

Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017  
Cornwall, VT

**Draft Minutes**

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

Present: Gary Rodes, Christine Chapline, David Dodge, Wendy Lynch, Chuck Burkins, Craig Zondag

**2. Approve Sept. minutes:**

The September minutes are approved.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

Cash forward: \$87,124.32

Cash received: \$40,419.02

Total cash for month: \$127,543.34

Disbursements: \$39,122.23

Cash on hand \$88,421.11

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$88,421.11

The Treasurer's report is approved.

**4. 2017/2018 budget**

The board reviewed the latest draft budget figures prepared by Dinah, David and Chuck.

Chuck proposed that we add \$2,000 under expenses (for hiring a student to work on a LIDAR project) to the 2018 budget as a line item and add \$2000 to actuals for the 2017 year for work to be done before December 2017 (see agenda item #8)

**5. Field Coordinator's report:**

Craig passed out a written report:

He did a hand treatment in September in sustained flood plain puddles (Lemon Fair Rd area).

Light trap mosquito #s are down, although *Culiseta melanura* (a EEE vector) has been identified in traps in Weybridge. Meg and Craig explored and found a new flooded area, possibly from a beaver dam. The mosquitoes could be coming from between the ledges as well.

Craig and Meg hosted a Weybridge Elementary School field trip.

The door hinges to the storage trailer will be worked on by NOP Metalworks this month. The BLSGP will help us remove and temporarily store the larvicide stock; however, Craig doesn't have an estimate yet for the repair of the storage trailer hinges or for BLSGP help. A motion was made to give David Dodge the authority to work with Craig to approve the funds to fix the trailer as they deem necessary.

The motion passed unanimously.

The techs' office in Weybridge Church has mouse smell issues. Should we try to fix the space or find a new office space? Craig has a meeting with the church deacons on Oct. 18 to discuss what the church can potentially do to eliminate the mice. We have had hot pockets of mosquitoes during Sept. Craig suggests that we bring up with the VAA an extension of the Grant Agreement so that it runs through September instead of ending in Aug. On Sept. 26 they had a light trap with 425 mosquitoes.

Meg, Chhoki and Suzanne have been working on data entry into spreadsheets. It was suggested that Craig and Chhoki present the data at the January 2018 LFICD board meeting.

#### **6. Community outreach and website data:**

Not covered.

#### **7. Two attendees to NMCA**

Craig and Meg would like to attend the Northeast Mosquito Control Association meeting in Rhode Island in December and request funding for the meeting.

A motion was made to approve Meg and Craig's attendance to the NMCA meeting, not to exceed \$3250 (based on last year's meeting cost).

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **8. New desktop and mapping update**

A Middlebury College student is available for the fall for a LIDAR project at a rate of approximately \$11/hour. She could work up to 20 hours per week. The goal of the project would be to discover whether the existing State LIDAR data could give us the kind of information we want, utilizing a test area within the district. The total estimate for the student's time ranges from a low of \$1408 to a high of \$3,256.00, depending on the hours needed. She would make a literature review, run an analysis of the chosen study area and meet with Craig to see if the data gives him the information he wants (such as the locations of features, such as depressions, in the landscape that may harbor mosquitoes).

Motion:

Approve \$2000 from the 2017 budget for a pilot study for the use of LIDAR for identifying potential mosquito treatment areas and also add \$2000 to the 2018 budget to finish the project.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. New business:**

Chris will send a letter to the towns' Select Boards requesting a change of the LFICD fiscal year so that it begins in January rather than February.

#### **10. Next meeting:**

November 7, 2017, Bridport Town Office, 5:00.