

LFICD Board Meeting  
Oct. 1, 2019  
Cornwall, VT

**Draft Minutes:**

**1. Call to order: 5:30**

**Present:** Chuck Burkins, Gary Rodes, Alissa Shethar, Wendy Lynch, Chris Chapline, Dinah Bain

**2. Approve September 3, 2019 minutes:**

The September minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Cash Forward: \$64,120.18

Cash received: \$28494.14

Total cash for month: \$92,614.32

Disbursements: \$14,565.11

Cash on hand: \$78,049.21

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$78,049.21

The Treasurer's report was approved.

**4. Insurance claim update** (on lab robbery): no update (Dinah is waiting for a callback from the agent as to payment on the claim).

**5. Worker's Comp Claim update:** Nothing has changed in regard to how Meg's hours are calculated for the purpose of the claim. There is no action the LFICD can take; she has to deal with the insurance company.

**6. Drone update:**

Email exchanges with BLSGP (Jay Michaels): The BLSGP has cancelled the drone demonstration by Leading Edge originally scheduled for Oct 17 while we (jointly) do more research on the use of drones for mosquito abatement in other states and mosquito districts. 3 districts are being or have been contacted as to how they use drones for their mosquito programs.

Questions to ask other districts:

- Are they using the drones to distribute granular or liquid bti?
- How long does it take for the drone's batteries to charge and how many extra batteries are needed to complete a mission? Are they charging batteries in the field?
- What are the State or Federal permits required (because of the product label, the EPA, the FAA?)
- Do the drones need to be launched from an approved airstrip?
- Are the drones being used for purposes other than distributing larvicide (such as dipping for larva)?

Dinah and Alissa are interested in being on the research committee. Alissa will be attending an unrelated conference in Pocatello, ID and volunteered to try to contact the Mosquito Control department there to see if they can show her their drone program.

**7. Field Report:** (written report submitted by Craig)

- Robbery update: Trooper Gurwicz contacted Craig and informed him that some of our stolen items have been located, but was not able to disclose who had the items. The stolen microscope and digital scale were NOT found.
- Bill Hegman (Middlebury College) has agreed to do a drone aerial survey of the Beaver Brook Wetland Complex between rt. 125 and Sperry Rd in Cornwall on Oct. 9 to try to find what may have given rise to *Aedes vexans* found in the mosquito traps in the area.
- Craig has finished with adult trapping for the season. He has collected 48,232 mosquitoes over 124 trap nights. About half still await identification.
- A VAA and Cornell U. pesticide resistance monitoring project group held a 3 day workshop with field trips to both the BLSGP and LFICD. Mosquito eggs were collected in both districts for testing for pesticide resistance and Craig learned what needs to be done in the future to comply with the VAA Grant Agreement requirement to send larvae to Cornell for pesticide resistance testing.
- Craig would like to attend the Northeastern Mosquito Control Association meeting Dec. 8-11.

A motion was made and seconded for the LFICD to cover Craig's expenses to attend the NMCA conference.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Craig has contacted the Bannock County Mosquito Control program in Pocatello ID as part of the joint BLSG and LFICD effort to research drone use in mosquito control.

Dinah will check with David and Craig about buying a gift card for Jean Raymond, who has contributed 139 volunteer hours this season.

**8. Public outreach**

No new complaints.

Meeting adjourned: 6:35

Next meeting: November 5, 2019, Bridport Town Hall