CISMA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – Final Tuesday March 10, 2020

Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Sudbury) Meeting Room

Present: Attending: Ryan Brown – Chair (Wayland) Linh Phu (USFWS) phone, Rebecca Longvall (Bolton) by phone, Amber Carr (Framingham), Bud Sechler (Native Plant Trust), Kristin O‘Brien (Sudbury Valley Trustees), Emma Lord (NPS) phone, Gerry DiBello (Westford Conservation Trust), Whit Beals (Southborough Open Land Foundation), John Dwyer (Maynard), Dehlia Kaye (Concord)

Announcements from Kristen O’Brien

* The Spring CISMA meeting will be held Tuesday April 14, 2020 from 2-4 pm at the USFWS Conference Room.
* The 2021 Grant to CISMA from USFWS is $7,021. This money will fund Small Grants and the CISMA website.
* 2020 Small Grant recipients were announced
* The now disbanded Admin Subcommittee wants time at next meeting to address the meeting.
* Kristen will be on maternity leave in August. Newsletter will be edited by Laura Mattei during her absence. Please send suggested content to her during that time.
* Discussion regarding timing of Steering Comm elections. Amber Carr suggests having the election at the Fall Meeting. Motion is made to accept this recommendation – passes unanimously.

Review Minutes of Last Meeting

* Dehlia noted a minor typo in the notes. Motion to accept the corrected Minutes were approved unanimously.

CISMA Storage Shed and Contents – Disposition Discussion

* Town of Concord would like to take one of the stored canoes
* Hoop shed contains 10 Canoes and 10 Kayaks, two trailers, oars, paddles, and life vests.
* Discussion on possible sale of these items. Amber has data on original cost and will supply that data for the ongoing discussion.
* If not all items are sold, Rivership Stewardship Comm (RSC) will get the leftover items at no cost.

Draft Annual Priority Actions (APA’s)

* Amber moved to accept the APA’s as-is. APA’s as written were accepted unanimously.

2020 Riverfest Event

* Bud volunteered to attend the event and lead an Invasive Walk on the Old Calf Pasture in Concord.

Spring 2020 Meeting Survey

* Kristin O’Brien will do a survey of the Spring Meeting attendees to gauge the usefulness of CISMA. A five question survey will be generated by the ED/OR Committee.

CISMA and MCA (Metrowest Conservation Alliance)

* Discussion of MCA’s goals and function. Should a CISMA member attend their meetings?

CISMA and Nature Groupie

* Laura Mattei was not at the meeting to discuss this item. Dehlia Kaye suggests we mention Nature Groupie at the Spring Meeting to include a discussion about getting volunteers for CISMA group events.

National Invasive Species Week 2021

* Event takes place the last Monday of February.
* ED/OR Committee charged with generating content for partners to deal with invasives.
* Where and when to do a presentation was discussed. Kristin O’Brien has a presentation ready to go that we could distribute.

Upcoming Events

* Thursday April 16 7- 8 pm at Lincoln Library – Reading and discussion of Doug Tallamy’s book *Nature’s Best Hope*.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm