

# CAKE CISMA | Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

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Location: Boyne City Library - 201 E Main St, Boyne City, MI 49712

Date: January 23, 2019 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

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## Meeting Start - Introductions

10:10 AM

- Carolyn Keson - Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council
- Heather Huffstutler - Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy
- Derek Shiels - Little Traverse Conservancy
- Mark Randolph - Kalkaska Conservation District
- Renee Penny - Kalkaska Conservation District
- Alison Adams - Charlevoix Conservation District
- Chris Garrock - Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Benjamin Van Dyke - CAKE CISMA
- Wendy Warren - Antrim Conservation District
- Ed DeRoshia - CAKE CISMA
- Noah Jansen- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Jackie Pilette - Emmet Conservation District

## CAKE Updates

- MISC Annual Meeting 2018 - Benjamin said that it was worthwhile and that they made a lot of good connections. Would recommend going again.
- CAKE office moved across the hall - Still housed in Antrim but moved across the hall so they now have space to display brochures and various materials and can have a private meeting space if needed.

## CAKE Projects/Grants Overview

- Current MISGP Grant, ending February 28, 2019
  - Remaining Deliverables*
    - Distributing of invasive species ID cards, goal of 200 total - Benjamin was able to finish these and have gotten them approved by the DNR!!! Total of 30 species and will take a pre-order from partners to get printing started. We can always have more printed later, depending on needs.
    - Recruiting new partners - seeking suggestions and member outreach - Need 5 new partners and should have them defined in bylaws. Suggested partners are: The Nature Conservancy, Road Commissions of 'CAKE', City of Petoskey, City of Boyne City, City of Elk Rapids, Village of Kalkaska, Walloon Lake Association and Land Conservancy, Crooked River Lake Association, USDA/NRCS, Providence Farms, Paddle Antrim, Manistee Lake Association, Beaver Island, Clean Boats Clean Waters Initiative.
    - Develop by-laws There was an active discussion in the language of the bylaws. Derek Sheils motioned to accept the bylaws as amended in the discussion. Chris Garrock supported the motion. There was a unanimous roll call vote that passed.

- Annual Partner Meeting - Will do open house to meet and greet other partners and staff. May bring in Jo Latimore or Scott Lint to speak on their projects and/or teach about current issues of interest. Venue and date will be announced soon.
- Upcoming MISGP Grant
  - Upcoming Deliverables:* Benjamin is seeking ideas/suggestions for...
    - 2 Spring Outreach Events & 2 Summer (Paddle Antrim and Beaver Island are both options)
    - Kalkaska CD has strong connection with Library and would let us schedule a talk/presentation anytime. Patrons have expressed interest in a Black Swallowwort info session.
    - Heather has a vernal pool monitoring program and can highlight how to id invasive plants and how they could impact the vernal pools.
    - KCD will speak at Blue Lake Association meeting in May on Oak Wilt.
    - LTC is offering a Preserve Monitor Training Session, invasives will be a component
    - Should incorporate MISIN into talks/presentations, it's a great resource.
    - Emmet CD will have spring Jap. Knotweed Events
    - Clean Boats, Clean Waters event was great last year. Could schedule it again for this summer.
- HWA Grant with the Nature Conservancy - Starting to do surveys along the coast (within 6 miles of shoreline) only in winter. Basemaps are predictive and give great starting points for surveying.
- GLRI FS Grant, ending May 31, 2019
  - Buckthorn removal/treatment for LTC - Project is now completed. Treat 37 acres total, the original goal was 31.5 acres. Waiting to reseed due to seed bank. Reporting is being compiled now.
- Crooked River Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - CAKE CISMA had agreed in the past to cost share 25% of treatment costs. Benjamin is working with Tip of the Mitt and PLM to organize treatments.
- Black Swallow Wort treatments in Petoskey - CAKE entered into partnership with City of Petoskey to treat at 50% cost-share. Next steps are to keep in contact with Parks & Rec department, resurvey some areas, time treatment window, press release pre-survey area, present at city council meeting on what it is and how to treat/report, and distribute invasive species card in summer tax bill.
- Beaver Island - Summer outreach event opportunities.

#### Measures for Additional Funding

- GLRI FS Grant Application - This is open to every other CISMA in the Great Lakes Basin. We need to prioritize out geological gems. Per discussion grant will focus on invasive work on Beaver Island. Benjamin will look into more feasibility and begin writing the proposal.
- Seeking other grant recommendations- Please keep an eye/ear out for other opportunities and pass onto Benjamin if you think they may be worthwhile and/or applicable. SOGL and community foundation grants should be investigated also.

#### CAKE Strike Team

Proposal to promote Ed Derosha to regular employee status - Ed would accrue sick days, holidays, vacation time, and have flexible work hours but not 401K or Healthcare benefits. There was some discussion that resulted in Heath H. motioning to promote Ed Derosha to a regular full time grant employee status. Noah seconded the motion. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

## Partner Updates

- Antrim CD - Hired McKenzie as their new Communications and Outreach person. She will support CAKE when needed as well as soil erosion duties and outreach duties. Looking to hire an Americorp member to do trail maintenance and help McKenzie and others in the office. Bill Watson has a youth works group through Dept of Health and Human Services that is worthwhile if you need help with some work. And DOCUMENT YOUR MATCH and send it over periodically.
- Kalkaska CD- Have been slow on invasive stuff lately (per winter) but gave Benjamin a driving tour of Kalkaska and where areas of concern area. Working with North Country Trail Association on planning the Annual Celebration May 2- 5 in Bellaire, there will be many hikes and evening workshops to participate in. Our spring tree sale catalog and order form will be published soon, sale goes until April 1 and pick up is April 25 and 26.
- LTBB Odawa - working on a grant for Purple Loosestrife treatment this summer. Starting a Pet Store Initiative to work on educating store owners and patrons about the spread of invasive species. Will be completing a series of phragmites treatment this coming fall and working on Beaver Island about the Emerald Ash Borer sightings.
- Charlevoix CD - The community room is now finished, stop in and check it out! There will be an open house on March 14th to celebrate it.
- LTC - Just hired 2 seasonals for HWA surveys. They held an HWA training/meeting and 17 people participated. A follow session will be held for a more hands on approach per participant request. Will hold volunteer and steward training events this spring.
- Walloon - Looking to hire some seasonal workers soon. Will have a forest management focus on honeysuckle and barberry for this coming fall and winter. Working with Lake Association on eurasian water milfoil surveys and treatments. And soon the Lake Association and Conservancy will be merging into one entity.
- Emmet CD - Tree Sale is going live soon, pickups and everything run until the 3rd weekend in April. BBeginning work on a 5 year resource assessment. April 26th they are hosting a Women in Forestry event in the Oden area, more details will be published soon. They are seeking for funds for Knotweed treatments, all public property has been treated and are working with road commission to find funds for more R-O-W treatments.
- GTRLC - They are always looking for more grant opportunities. It looks like there will be a lot of projects in Antrim County, there are 3-4 projects on deck. Maplehurst Natural Area has just transferred to Milton Twp. There will be a preserve project in the Torch Lake area, more details to come soon.
- Tipp of the Mitt - This past summer/fall they surveyed the entire shoreline for phragmites and have a plan of attack now. They just got a permit to distribute beetles to the public to treat Purple Loosestrife, people will just need to pay the cost of the beetles (\$150/105 beetles?). They have 3 internship positions open for this summer. And they are working on WAVE - Watershed Action Volunteer Experience, which will help get volunteers interested and more technical support on projects.

## Adjourn

12:14 PM

*“The mission of the CAKE Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area is to protect the natural resources, economy, and human health in Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, and Emmet counties through collaborative outreach and management of invasive species.”*

*Minutes were recorded and submitted by Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist, Kalkaska Conservation District.*