

Fox Lake Association Monthly Meeting December

January 2, 2023@ 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Legion

Agenda

1. Call to Order by Chair/Vice Chair MM CN MS RN Vote 8 to 0
2. Directors Present CN X TW    GG X JM    HS    JS X DS X RN X TB X  
DT X AW X
3. Approval of Agenda MM CN MS DS Vote 8 to 0
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report MM AW MS RN Vote 8 to 0
5. Approval of Secretary's Report MM DS MS TB Vote 8 to 0
6. Approve the anticipated payment to Jim Bosek for the stocking to take place before January 1, 2024. We have paid for 350# already, will table until next months meeting
7. Approve the resignation of Board member Houston Schubert with regrets.  
MM DT MS TB Vote 8 to 0
8. Approve the appointment of Kevin Thate to the Board of Directors to fill the vacated seat and term.  
MM TB MS DT Vote 8 to 0
9. Approve send of Treasurer's audit report to Jerome Gerdts. MM RN MS TB Vote 9 to 0

Discussion

- a. Bylaws – I sent a draft with some ideas to the committee to review in early December. We can discuss at the meeting if desired or the committee can meet briefly after our regular meeting to discuss it. Discussion held and changes were offered on wording for attendance at annual meeting required to act on business presented at meeting. DT will bring an amended copy next month.
- b. DNR Update
  - i. Slough openings – They are still waiting for approval but they did some surveying this fall and have applied for additional funding to cover the cost. Ryan believes this has a pretty good chance of getting approved and paid for.
  - ii. APM Permit for Bulrushes – DNR fully supports this with appropriate permit (APM). Apparently, this is not difficult to obtain and the DNR will assist in getting these approved. Ryan said the best case scenario for introducing them on shorelines would be to transplant them from established bulrushes on Fox Lake and surrounding lands. Getting them from other lakes/marshes may be more difficult because of the potential of invasive species but it can be done. “Plugs” can also be purchased. These are individual permits.
  - iii. Bio Reactors (filters) – DNR said filtering the tiles that come into the lake could be an option but the size of the lake and number of tiles coming in should be considered. Fish Lake by Windom uses them and has seen some positive effects.
  - iv. Rough fish bounties – Ryan saw no problem with this but said it would be good to get the support of our local DNR officer. The fish would have to be legally taken and properly disposed of. I spoke to a couple of young adults who thought this would be a good incentive to get them out there more. Discussion of offering \$2 for carp/buffalo and \$1 for sheep head with a suggested budget of \$5,000. Will continue this discussion as the year progresses.
- c. Seining – The Hand Seining Group is done seining for the year. They completed 5 pulls in 2023 taking out over 30,000 lbs of rough fish.
- d. Annual Meeting – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
  - i. Please discuss planning and topics
  - ii. Fundraiser – I would recommend we don't do one for the meeting again this year.
- e. Clothing – Do we want to make a push for clothing options for spring/summer?
10. Adjourn: MM RN MS TB Vote 9 to 0