

FPPOA 2024 2ND QUARTER BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 5 2024, 2:00PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- President, Kate Johnson
- Maintenance, Loy Owens
- Treasurer, Greg Thompson
- Secretary, Sarah Parsons
- Website, Julie Askew

The Board of Directors of the Frog Pond Property Owners Association held a meeting on May 5 2024, at the home of Sarah Parsons.

I ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:54pm by Kate Johnson, with a roll call of present board members.

II APPROVE 1Q24 BOARD MEETING MINUTES & REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

First order of business, The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from February 17 2024. Motion made to accept; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Completed:

- ~~Greg - File 2024 taxes~~
- ~~Kate - Speak with Agriculture Extension Agency on how to manage the Giant Salvinia~~
- ~~Loy - Research process to get an applicator license~~
- ~~Kate - Send Sarah details to be included in FPPOA member letter of explanation~~
- ~~Sarah - Draft FPPOA member letter of explanation~~
- ~~Sarah - Add rule discussion to annual meeting agenda~~

Outstanding:

- Kate - Survey edge of lake for Giant Salvinia — haven't been able to get out there due to high water levels

- Kate - Call State Beaver Trapper to schedule beaver and dam removal — State Beaver Trapper has been called; will schedule once confirmed who from Frog Pond will accompany the trapper

III OFFICER REPORTS

Next, report from FPPOA President, Kate Johnson

- Nothing to report

Next, report from FPPOA Maintenance, Loy Owens

- A large tree has fallen in the member access lot; to be removed by Loy

Next, report from Website, Julie Askew

- Will post signed 1Q24 meeting minutes and update photos on the Frog Pond website
- Starting to draft summer newsletter

Next, report from FPPOA treasurer, Greg Thompson

- As of May 4, 2024, the FPPOA fund total \$8752.47, \$1690 of which is member donations for the vegetation fund; out of 60+ lots, dues have been collected for only 24 lots (past averages have been ~45)
- As of May 4, 2024, the FPPOA Fish fund totals \$4912.52; funds will be maintained in current account (not moved to high yield account) so that they can be quickly accessed if needed after dam and weir gate repairs are completed.

Next, report from Secretary, Sarah Parsons

- Nothing to report

Next, motion made to accept all officer's reports; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

Next, review list of new residents. Welcome (back) Cole Johnson to Frog Pond Lake.

Next, update from WCID. WCID has another board seat occupancy and is looking for a new board member; WCID board meets four times a year, and meetings can be attended via phone when needed.

Next, update on beaver trapping and dam clearance. State Trapper has been called, and can be scheduled to come out any Monday through Friday. Need to recruit 2-3 people to accompany the State Trapper to show where the beaver dam is, and to observe how the trapping is done. FPPOA will then take over maintenance of the area, and surveillance for any new beaver(s) or dam(s).

Ideally, if future beaver(s) need to be removed, someone from the lake with a hunting license does the removal, avoiding the \$250 State Trapper fee.

V NEW BUSINESS

Next, discussion of member Triploid Grass Carp proposal. Email received from members requesting FPPOA Board consider addition of Triploid Grass Carp to the lake to combat weeds. Per the Texas Parks & Wildlife [website](#), *Triploid grass carp is a sterile (non-reproducing) form of grass carp. This fish is primarily a plant-eater and is a relatively inexpensive and effective biological tool to control some, but not all, species of nuisance aquatic vegetation. A permit is required to possess, transport, and stock triploid grass carp in public or private water per the regulations in the Texas Administrative Code.* This biological weed management option has been considered in the past by the FPPOA board but was not actioned because there was no way to ensure that the Grass Carp did not exit the lake via the dam. With planned lowering of the lake and dam repairs later this year, FPPOA BoD will discuss with WCID the possibility of adding an emigration barrier as recommended by TPWD.

Next, discussion of plans to address spring and fall lake weed blooms. Desire to educate members of when the blooms occur and options to address on their own property. Information to be added to the summer newsletter

Next, discussion of plans to open the west end creek (fundraising, scheduling). Review of document prepared by Kate, outlining the 3 options and recommendation, as discussed at the March 2024 FPPOA Members Annual Meeting.

- Per FPPOA member vote to form WCID, the WCID is responsible for Frog Pond Lake dam and weed management. As a government body, the WCID is funded solely via annual property taxes and has no other vehicle for raising funds. The WCID finds itself in the unusual circumstance that dam repairs and weed management both need to be addressed with urgency, but does not have the funds to address both at this time and has had to prioritize dam repairs.
- FPPOA is a 501(c)(4) organization and as such has the ability to collect donations from members and issue tax receipts. FPPOA annual dues are held separately and utilized to cover FPPOA related (annual, emergency) expenses related to the lake and member access lot.
- Proposal has been made for the FPPOA to temporarily volunteer to take over lake weed management to (1) enable the WCID to focus its funds on planned dam and weir gate repairs, and (2) utilize the FPPOA's ability to collect donations from Frog Pond Lake members. Proposal was discussed at the 2024 FPPOA Member Annual Meeting. Members were supportive of proposal made, and eager to get the effort started. Chad and Loretta Hood volunteered use of their property for dumping of dredged muck and weeds. As discussed at the annual members' meeting, FPPOA members will receive an email with weed management plan details and a request for donations to a separate fund that

will be setup for this effort. All monies donated will be eligible for a charitable tax donation receipt, on a request basis. Work in the west end will take place in phases as donated funds become available.

- FPPOA BoD discussed further the proposal. Taking on weed management would be for 2024 only, would be solely funded by donations from FPPOA members (no use of dues or fish fund donations), and would be revisited with the WCID in 4th quarter after the dam repairs have been made. Any plans for FPPOA to take over weed management permanently would need to be passed by a member vote at a FPPOA member annual meeting.
- Motion made to accept proposal for FPPOA to take on weed management on a volunteer basis for 2024; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Next, discussion on holistic plan for weed management across the entire lake.

- Giant Salvinia - FPPOA Board and members to continue to surveillance on the lake, and FPPOA Board to address as needed, including usage of FPPOA funds per board emergency decision on June 11, 2023
- West End Weeds & Opening Up Water Flow into Frog Pond - Per motion above, FPPOA Board to voluntarily and temporarily take on activation of documented plans, funded by FPPOA member donations to Frog Pond Lake weed management.
- Stocking of Triploid Grass Carp for management of weeds throughout Frog Pond Lake - Plan and budget (dam adjustment + cost of fish + TPWD Permit Fees (Application \$16 + \$2/fish)) to be prepared by FPPOA Board, and discussed with WCID at August 17, 2024, WCID meeting.

Next, discussion of record low number of 2024 due collections (24 of 60+ lots). Stamped envelopes were not sent out last year and Venmo option added in order to reduce FPPOA costs; 2023 dues for 38 lots were collected (7 via Venmo). Decision made to include reminder of dues in weed management email donation request.

Next, discussion on topics for summer newsletter.

- Addition of Grass Carp to the lake to combat the weeds
- Information on timing of spring and fall lake weed blooms
- Information on weed management
- Request for dues

VI OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Next, discussion of 3Q24 FPPOA board meeting. Date set for August 17th 2024, 2PM at the home of Kate Johnson.

VIII ADJOURN

Next, motion was made to adjourn; motion was seconded; meeting was adjourned at 3:19PM.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kate - Survey edge of lake for Giant Salvinia
- Loy - Recruit 3 individuals who are available Monday through Thursday to accompany the State Beaver Trapper
- Kate - Schedule State Beaver Trapper for beaver and dam removal; coordinate with Loy
- Kate - Provide Julie with graph / data on spring and fall weed blooms for newsletter
- Kate - Provide Julie digital copy of west end weed management proposal
- Julie - Make discussed updates to west end weed management proposal
- Sarah - Draft member email sharing weed management plans, request for donations, and dues reminder
- Kate - Advise on when next WCID meeting is so that FPPOA BoD can attend to present motion for dam augmentation to enable sticking of Triploid Grass Carp
- Sarah - Draft WCID motion to enable stocking of Triploid Grass Crap
- Sarah - Finalize FPPOA donation tax receipt

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