

Silver Lake Association Spring Meeting Minutes

5/24 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Wenzel at the Cumberland Branch of the Dairy State Bank at 9:00 AM. There were 33 people in attendance including Bob Wenzel, Kari Chase, Brian Chase, Rob Fillmore, Wally King, and Steve Knudson, Board members.

Meeting minute of the Fall, 2013 meeting were read by Secretary Rob Fillmore. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made, seconded and approved by vote of the members.

Steve Knudson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Association presently has \$8,906.30: \$8188.40 in the General Fund and \$717.90 in the water quality fund. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Bob thanked the members for the recent influx of contributions that enable us to continue our projects such as the boat inspection program. We received 6 contributions at the EaglePlus level (>\$100), 9 at the Eagle level (\$100), 2 at the Loon level (\$50) and 3 at the Goose level (\$30). At this time 20 members have contributed a total of \$2,440. In 2013, 57 members made contributions totaling \$2,560.

Bob Wenzel reported on this year's boat inspection program. Beaver Creek no longer provides the administration for our boat inspection employee. Because of this, we will be hiring Sam Jacobson as a contractor for the boat inspection project. A draft of a "hold harmless" agreement was exhibited. It has not been reviewed by an attorney, but is gauged to be enforceable. A motion was made to increase the wage from \$10 to \$12 per hour and also with a maximum of \$200 to cover fees associated with Sam being a contractor. Discussion included the following one major point. Last year Sam logged about 250 hours, so the additional expense is approximately \$500. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize \$12 / hour for a maximum of 250 hours (total of \$3,000) with up to \$200 toward expenses associated with Sam becoming a contractor.

Bob Wenzel presented a proposed update of By-Laws for the Silver Lake Association. One change is to place the dues structures and board members and terms are on addenda to facilitate update of that information. A comment from the membership to clarify the term of "renter" to "long term renter" was made and accepted. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposed bylaws, with the clarification regarding renter.

Bob Wenzel reported on the Walleyes for Tomorrow Spring 2014 activities. Four nets were deployed over a period of 4 days, yielding about 700,000 to 800,000 fry in the hatchery at present. Members expressed thanks to Bob Wenzel for his work with WFT. No fish sticks were installed over the winter due to ice and snow conditions.

Bob Wenzel reviewed the 2014 walleye regulations. Possession limit of one fish >28" is in effect through 2016. Bob traveled Wausau to represent the association on this topic. The winter member

survey on the topic indicated support of the modified slot. The proposed modified slot allows fish greater than 15" to be taken, excluding fish 20-28" with one fish >28". Daily bag limit of 5, which is adjusted by tribal declarations and spearing activities, typically 2-3. The proposal, submitted through the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, seeks to implement this structure in 2016, when the "trophy slot" expires and will otherwise revert to the simple 15" minimum length. While the next regular review of regulations would occur in 2018, the proposal aims to continue protection and increase of critical brood stock. As a point of reference, a 20" fish is approximately 10 years old.

Julie Fetch gave an update on Curly Leaf Pondweed Project. Due to cool weather, this is now scheduled for later June. This non-native plant has been reported in the northwest bay and off the point near Jim O'Brian. Bob emphasized the need to keep on top of this to avoid spending more money later. Volunteers should contact Julie Fetch.

President Bob Wenzel then discussed the new SLA Association Directory and Lake Map. This Directory is available to all members in good standing. To minimize the risk of misuse, the Directory is available solely in hard copy format. All individuals are encouraged to double check their information and submit any corrections to the Association via the Silver Lake Barron County Website, or contact any of the Board members.

Bob then emphasized that the Board is interested in member input as to activities we should undertake, in agreement with our charter. Lake courtesy was brought up as an issue and members were reminded that contacting the County Sheriff is the best way to address these matters.

Our Summer Picnic, will be July 26th at Wenzel's, at 4:00. Further details will be announced by email.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Fillmore