



## Fishing Club Meeting Minutes March 1, 2008

Meeting began at 8:33am, ended at 9:24am  
There were twenty-four (24) members present  
50/50 drawing of \$38.00 won by Chuck Brown

### **Item #1:**

Meeting was called to order by Robert Stocksdale, President, with introductions of new members. The club recognized and welcomed Dave Stewart.

### **Item #2:**

Treasurer Report by Ron Berger:

Balance as of January 5, 2008:	\$1,562.52
Expenses Totaled:	217.50 (fish fry, donuts, prizes, plant)
Income Totaled:	<u>245.00</u> (50/50, dues)
Current Balance:	\$1,590.02

### **Item #3:**

Member Nick had six bypass surgery and had asked fellow members for prayers. It was discussed and decided upon that \$50.00 would be sent in Nick's name from the Fishing Club to go towards his Nebulator.

### **Item #4:**

Robert discussed that only thirty-eight (38) members signed up so far out of the seventy (70) members from last year. A motion was placed on the floor to get new members by email and newsletter as both options would be free to club. Motion was second that the following would take place:

- 1.) Direct Approach, assigned to Marty
- 2.) Emails to go today, assigned to Joe
- 3.) Mailing, Ron Berger to give list to Robert Stocksdale

### **Item#5:**

Joe gave a report about the Club Website discussing the ideas of adding new links, adding area tournament information, meeting dates, and children friendly pages. All were agreed upon.

### **Item#6:**

Marty presented report on Shoreline project asking for volunteers. Project is already in motion with work beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> or weather permitted. Volunteers can call the office at 625-2006. It was also motioned that Joe Rush, Lake Scientist, come to the next meeting to answer questions and discuss project at the RCD's expense. Joe will email Marty to remind. Marty indicated that there will be several designs presented to shoreline homeowners where they will be able to choose one design to compliment there current landscape. The main objective is to have all work completed with in an eighteen (18) month timeframe. The shoreline committee is currently

working on the presentable designs as well as grants to help subsidize homeowner cost. Recently a number of indigenous plant species were tried along our shoreline, which gave the committee a better handle on those that will work and those species that will not.

**Item#7:**

Dave discussed structures in water explaining the deterioration of the ropes and recommending wire be used in the future. Lake depth visibility is currently 4ft but will diminish in the Spring due to the murkiness of the water. If the current planting takes, lily pads are expected and will not overtake the lake. As the lily pads flower, more pads will be created on lake. It was motioned that a sign be put up stating, Do Not Pick The Flowers. Motioned second.

**Item#8:**

Ron Berger passed around a thank you card from Lorraine for plant sent.

**Item#9:**

Rochelle Wildlife and Conservation was presented to club members. This conservation offers fishing, shooting range, and 3D shoot. Price is \$35.00/year/per family with no additional fee for shooting range. Also contains a fishing dock for children under twelve (12). Information will be included in upcoming Newsletter for April/May, assigned to Robert Stocksdale.

**Item#10:**

Robert Stocksdale presented a money-making idea for club to include placing a fishing boat, canoe, or paddleboat on the lake that residents may rent through club. Ron Berger will check on insurance liability. Rental fee presented would be \$5.00 or \$10.00/4 hours. Motion remained open until next meeting.

**Item#11:**

Robert Stocksdale presented information from *Field & Stream* regarding use of plastic worms and lures. Motion was put on floor to ban use of plastic worms or lures on the lake. Motion denied. Club members agree that it should be promoted through website, verbal, new member packets, and newsletter but a forcible ban was not agreed upon.

Meeting ended with reminder that next meeting would be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

**Bait For Thought** (Give us some ideas to discuss at the next meeting):

- 1.) Scheduling upcoming events
- 2.) Guest speakers
- 3.) Children Workshop
- 4.) Open House/Cake Auction for possible future members