

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as read with the exception that the first ice fishing day was suppose to read Saturday December 16.

Treasurer's report: Marty reported that the balance in the account is now 5684.88 after expenses of the fish stocking.

Discussion: wind is preventing the formation of ice. Don Wallace stated that he had checked ice thickness this week finding 1/2 inch in Tamarack Bay and 1 inch at Duck Park.

Don and Jeff viewed a good selection of fish in Tamarack Bay with an underwater camera. Wally gave a fish stocking update stating 2800 walleye, 417 channel catfish, and 100 spotted muskie were put in this year. Only about 23 dead walleye were found after a report of some dead ones in the water at Southgate. This was not an unusual number (less than 1%). Beach #2 was finally snowplowed after a call to the office. Jeff stated he had a connection for some hoods to use for the cinder block reef project. Joe is going to follow up on acquiring the block. Jeff mentioned the next day for the ice-fishing gathering would be January 6. Wally volunteered to get the Christmas gift card for Karen Mazarroli in appreciation for baking us treats every month. Joe discussed plans for the Boy Scout camping and fishing weekend May 18-20. Boys from many surrounding communities will participate. They will stay in the LS campground and catch and clean fish to earn their merit badges. Wally said he would make the campground reservations. Approximately 40 would participate. Also crib construction might be part of the activities.

New business: Don Wallace talked to members about his concern about the effects of vegetation killing in the lake. He ha fished our lake fro 25 years and considers it a "fish factory". He found a great decrease in panfish in the days following the herbicide application. He was also concerned the herbicide may be a carcinogen. He is continuing to gather information and proposed the fish club, at some point, raise the issue to the full board. Many members openly discussed the issue and were in agreement that we need more facts before we voice our opinions. Wally learned that Apple Canyon Lake has outlawed fertilizers containing phosphorous and have imposed a 1000.00 fine for its use. Joe commented that the entire state of Minnesota has a similar law. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.