

November 13, 2014
Annual Meeting
5-W Club

President Charles Robinson called the meeting together.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

GradyLacher, Bob McElroy, Bryant Banks, Charles Robinson, Bill Couch, Stanley Taylor, Bill Wakefield, Charles Hughley, Clyde Porter, Rusty Simmons, Tom Roberts, Mack Burt, Pete Chalk.

There were enough members for a quorum.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

President Robinson called for a reading of the last meeting's minutes but none were available. They were not on the club's website either.

Financial Report

- Tommy Roberts read the financial report. Don Kemp's report was read in full. There was \$11,310.26 in the club's account more than meeting the \$8000 reserve required by previous meeting decision. Motion was made to approve and was seconded. All present approved.

Committee Reports

- *Lake Report:* Bill Couch presented the Lake Chairman Report. There are still too many small bass. SE Pond recommends 25 pounds per acre be removed of bass 14" or less. Only 467 pounds have been removed in 2014 but 945 needed to be removed. Bill suggests that club member's kids and grandkids 18 and over be allowed to fish even when their corresponding club member is not there to help reduce the small bass population. This idea will be brought up in new business.
Many members asked Rusty Simmons about his success at catching trophy sized bass. He reflected on his use of large lures such as 10 ½ inch Texas-rigged worms with pegged weights. He also discussed the large bass he caught near the pier with use of the pier light.
The artificial trees have proven to be a good source for bass fishing.
Bream numbers and size are increasing. A motion was made to limit the number of bream caught per member per day to 30 or up to 100 per day per group. The motion was seconded and approved.
- *Property Chairman Report:* Tommy Roberts reported issues with the feeders. He argues that Warren and Sheena are not always filling them. They have a young Mexican boy filling them sometimes as well but he does not check to see if the feed is being dispersed.

Tommy offered to train this young man to avoid these issues. Tommy also reported that the feeder on the little lake does not seem to attract bream. He suggests if this continues that this feeder be moved to the big lake to replace the faulty one. Firewood is almost gone – none remains in the barn.

- *House Chairman Report:* Bryant Banks reports that the plumber recently repaired a couple of leaks but one remains between the house and the fish cleaning station. The plumber estimated \$600 to trench out and repair or \$200 to install a new faucet on the house and run a hose to the station. Mention was made of seeing the leak near the station. Rusty Simmons and Bill Couch suggested they could dig out the area and check to see if the repair could be made ourselves.

Motion to purchase a new refrigerator for the back porch was made. It was seconded and approved. Bryant would purchase.

Old Business

Charles Robinson asked if there was any other old business. There was none.

New Business

Bill Couch presented members with possible rule and by-law changes. The majority of the rules were not proposed to be changed. Section 6 of the bylaws was recommended to be changed to read that dues of \$375 would be collected quarterly. It was suggested by Bill Wakefield that this was be changed to read “dues as set by the membership at its annual meeting.” By-laws forbidding drinking and gambling were removed as was the previous by-law stating members could build their own homes on the property.

Charles Hughley recommended that a transfer of membership to a member’s child still has to be voted on by the Calhoun and Etowah County members.

Bill Couch recommended that children and grandchildren of members 18 or over be allowed to fish without the member being present but not have use of the lodge unless the member was present. Bryant Banks says this recommendation would have no impact on the insurance.

Reservation changes that had already been implemented were discussed. Members can have two bookings at one time but only one of those can be during a holiday. Cleaning service was discussed. It was recommended that Rita be paid \$60 or \$100 for groups over six. It was suggested that this read to “to be set by the membership at its annual meeting.” Changing the number of days a reservation could be had from 3 to 4 days was recommended.

Grill on the concrete patio has a rusted grate. Clyde Porter will make a new grate instead of purchasing a new grill.

One of the proposed changes states that groups over 25 must have the approval of the Executive Committee.

The rules regarding weapons at the 5-W is proposed to be changed to any caliber. No shooting should take place while others are fishing though.

Bryant Banks asked that members inform him of any problem, including low supplies, when they are staying at the lodge so he can rectify it. Members are responsible for informing Bryant.

Charles Robinson recommended that all proposals be read by the members, suggestions for change be sent to Bill Couch. Bill will then email an updated rule and by-law proposal to all members to be discussed.

A recommendation was made to add a sign-in sheet at the boat house so members will know who is fishing.

Chairs on the patio are in poor condition. 8 chairs and 2 tables will be purchased. There was discussion of the damage to the concrete on the patio.

A recommendation was made to change the code to 1225. This was approved.

Complements were given to Bill Couch and Rusty Simmons for the fine dinner. Tommy Roberts stated, though, that “the cookies were not worth a damn.”

As there was no further new business, President Robinson adjourned the meeting.