

## Fish Game and Fowl Meeting

November 5<sup>th</sup>. 2009

12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Walt Dark, Ivan Darling, Lester Livermore, DeWayne Evans, Jim MacMeekin, Len Jakubiak, Dan Crandall, Jim Rutledge, John MacFarland, Aaron Fulton.

Guest Present: Ron May

Meeting was open with prayer at 12:07 p.m.

Minutes were reviewed for the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made by John MacFarland and supported by Dan Crandall. All in favor and motion passed.

Agenda was changed to exclude the review of usage of probationary grandchild hunting rule. The committee agreed to review this in January after the 2009 hunting season so that all data can be available and reviewed. Motion to accept agenda with this change was made by Dan Crandall and supported by Aaron Fulton. Motion passed with all in favor of agenda change.

Cranberry Lake lime project is on hold. Lime is still at MSU for analysis. Not ready to be used.

Windmills up at Pull-Up Lake need hoses to be fixed and replaced.

Three Mile Creek needs beaver dam above pond removed to let fish pass for spawning. Jim and John will take care of this.

Spotted Knapweed Report was reviewed by Ike Darling laying out the HSC options to handle this problem. See Ike's report for details. Committee discussion. Is any of the Knapweed Control in the Budget? Answer is no. Ike also read a letter from The Department Of Interior that said the Spotted Knapweed is not yet out of control on the HSC based on a recent visit by Department Interior Employee Bruce Leutscher, Acting Chief, Science & Natural Resources. Bruce strongly recommends that we do treat the areas before it gets out of control.

Committee thoughts: Very expensive to treat and we do not have the funds for this project. If we do nothing we could have a very big problem in the future with negative affects to the club in open areas on the club. Some believe it to be an all or nothing type of program. We should look at Bio treatments as well. We do need to educate our members on this entire problem. It would cost members an additional \$30.00 per year in dues increases for each member to fund the treatment program that lke has presented to us in his report. This would be in addition to the \$60.00 proposed dues increase. Committee feels that more information on the pros and cons of knapweed from professionals is needed. We will attempt to have these folks at our next meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Food Plot Program – 2010 The no till drill will be taken out of the budget and we will continue to use the extension offices drill.

Next year we plan to plant full fields of Winter Wheat and full fields of Rape so that we can use the correct fertilizer on each field. We will also plan turnips again next year as a rotation. Sainfoin is another possible planting in a few fields. Will need to prep the fields over the next year for Sainfoin plantings. If we keep the clover fields going we need to mow the clover three times a year. Mow on June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and August 20<sup>th</sup>.

2010 QGMU plan for hay fields. We do not want to hay this on our own next year as it is very time consuming. We might want to cash rent the QGMU to the Miller Farm. Lester will call Millers to see if they have an interest in this cash rent idea.

HSC position on wolves was discussed. We must as a club push for an open hunting season on wolves. We support the right to protect our family members, and property from damages caused by wolves.

A sub-committee of John, Jim and Lester will work on a position statement for wolf control for HSC and present to the committee.

Dan bought up that he was looking for help to move small oak trees. The plan is to move the trees on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Keith, Ivan, Dan, and John will work on this.

John would like TU and the Lamprey research people to present to the committee their findings next Spring.

Walt made a motion to adjourn. John gave support. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting ended at 2:10 p.m.