

## Minutes- Fish, Game & Fowl Committee Meeting 2/25/2011

Those present -Lester Livermore, Fred Miller, Ike Darling, Aaron Fulton, Jim Rulledge, John MacFarland, by phone Keith Hopper and Teresa Schanski

Agenda from last meeting approved

Minutes from last meeting approved

### Fish Agenda

#### Old Business

1. Fishing Contest Changes- Contest will run from the opening of trout season through Labor Day, a running total of fish caught will be on the website and in the office.
2. Youth Tournament Changes -Will be held at 3 Mile Pond July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Prizes to be awarded at the pond at 5:15 on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Update Cranberry Lake-If the pH level checks out O.K. more walleyes will be added in the fall.
4. Update Elbow Lake- pH will be monitored, if adequate bass and minnows to be added.
5. Beaver dam Three Mile Pond- Lester said he will take care of it soon.
6. How to Catch Big Fish Seminar at the Museum 7/13-working on participants.
7. Pull-up Lake Update-We will know in the late spring if the beaver dam that was removed will make a significant impact on the water level.

#### New Business

1. Sturgeon Watch-The Club will conduct a sturgeon survey on the Lower Millecoquins River this spring.
2. LSSU Dates and schedule- 1<sup>st</sup> week in May will evaluate Elbow Lake, Cranberry Lake, and QGMU Pond and make recommendations.
3. Lake Millecoquins DNR Census- DNR is unsure if it will be done this year, will let us know soon, Walleye plants are quite possible this year.
4. New stream projects-Jim Rutledge- we plan to work on Cold Creek obstructions in late March if we have the weather. We need to move bridge back to its original position at Milk Creek and the Upper River and make secure. Need to add rocks at Lower Millecoquins River.
5. QGMU Pond -future plans-possible plants this year if LSSU completes its census, there is a concern about member use.
6. Fish Plant Schedule- presented with possible changes if pH levels and LSSU evaluations don't measure up.

## **Fowl & Game Committee Meeting February 25, 2011**

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Reported that the 2010 game & predators observation cards have been forwarded to Professor Jason Garvon at LSSU for analysis.**
- 2. Review of the game & predator observation cards for viability brought up the need for adding the hours in the field for each day of hunting.**
- 3. Remarking of the food plot signs will resume in early May.**

### **New Business:**

- 1. Bulk lime distribution problems for food plots were discussed and the consensus was that we should try a conventional manure spreader to achieve the breakup action required. The club will attempt to do a demonstration trial with a borrowed piece of equipment. If successful we will push to acquire a used one.**
- 2. Spring food plot planting will concentrate on fertilizing and planting a combination of turnips and soybeans.**
- 3. This spring we will reroute the trail to QGMU blinds 0, 1, 2 and 3 to the high ground south of the stream below the pond to avoid the swamp area now being used.**
- 4. We will seek available sources of construction left over rubber roofing materials to make permanent repairs to QGMU hunting blinds roofs.**
- 5. It was decided to remove the old QGMU blind between blind 9 and 11 for safety reasons.**
- 6. It was decided we would prepare a transmittal letter and send a copy of the HSC position paper on wolves to each of the newly elected representatives of the Michigan Congress requesting their assistance. Before the next board meeting a group of this committee will meet to draft another updated position paper on the wolf and deer situation and its effect on us and the economy.**

**This paper to be reviewed by this committee and presented to the board for its review and approval.**