

SLC Meeting Notes Draft 2/15/10

We have received and reviewed the 2009 lake report from the E.S. services.

Contacted Leonard Dane and have asked for Leonard's assistance in putting together a long range management program for Highland Lake. The management plan would provide a list of realistic, and measurable objectives or goals that be clearly explained to the community. He has agreed to help us put together this management plan. We hope to have this done in the next couple of months.

Presented an outline or a "charter" that defines or gives a sense of direction to our committee and those involved. Were hoping that this will be able to be used as a template for this committee in the future as various people transition on and off the team.

We have received the lake report from the ILDNR and are following up on the fish stocking recommendations. Our current goal is to stock as many 5"-8" largemouth bass as our current financial budget will allow. This is based on the following statement: It may be prudent to stock as many bass (4" to 6" long or longer) as the lake committee can afford to add to the current population so predation is strong enough to keep other species in some assemblage of "check". This may not be possible but if should be attempted. This situation creates the perfect conditions for yellow bass, black crappie, bluegill, or carp to explode and become a dominant part of the lakes biomass; I can't predict which species it will be. Once this overabundance occurs, they'll stunt, and it will be very difficult to re-balance the fishery.

We currently have prices from Keystone fisheries in Richmond Il. and from Logan Hollow. The current prices are as follows: Richmond fisheries \$2.85 per 5"-8" bass plus a \$25.00 delivery fee. Logan Hollow Fisheries \$1.45 per 5"-8" bass plus a \$100.00 delivery fee. If we allocate \$3000.00 for fish stocking we would be able to purchase 1044 fish from Richmond Fisheries at the current price or 2000 fish from Dale Hollow. These figures have delivery fees accounted but **do not** have sales taxes accounted for which means that the number of fish that will actually be delivered will be slightly less in both cases.

At our last meeting the subject of fish cribs in order to supplement our current lack of Structural or "vascular" vegetation for our fishery was brought up and discussed. John Murphy has submitted a design in which shipping palettes would be used. Dave Coulter has offered to donate the palettes. I have sent an email to Frank Jakubicek with the updated lake map attached and asked him if would recommend the best possible placement for the proposed cribs based on his professional opinion. I also asked to make sure that we had at least 8' of water above the proposed cribs so that they did not pose any kind of safety hazard or interfere with the other types of recreational activities on the lake.

The SLC has paid the annual membership fee to ILMA. I have registered the HLPOA as a non-profit organization. The cost was \$50.00. Anyone that is currently a member of

the HLPOA should be able to attend the upcoming ILMA event in Naperville as a member thus receiving the "reduced" members rate.

Mike Kalstrup has sent in his registration fee to attend the ILMA conference. The dates are March 3rd through the 5th. If anyone else would like to attend feel free to contact Mike.