

Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
December 3, 2015, Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Resource Bank Schoolhouse

Spencer Meyers opened the meeting with Rich McElligott, Denny Sands, Time Tausch, Duane Landmeier, Clint Sands, Kathy Sands and Tim Pierce in attendance. Not attending were Frankie Benson and Jan Knudsen.

The Financial part of the Agenda was moved up on the agenda. Rich made a motion to approve the agenda. Denny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spencer spoke of the things that had been accomplished in a year. Denny said an article about the barrier fence would be published in the Outdoor Notebook. There will be another article about all the items that have been accomplished this year. Things accomplished this year are:

- Repaired the boat launch with grant awarded from the ISA
- Repaired the lower barrier fence with the help from the local musky clubs
- Restriped the parking lots, remarked the handicap spots and the road trail crossings
- Stocked the lake with walleyes and planted water willows
- Revamped the organization's web page
- Met with contractors and the IDNR engineer about repairing the rearing pond
- Developed a plan for the park beautification project and prepped the planting area for spring
- Applied for grant that was awarded

Denny explained the Treasurer's Report. Denny recognized Duane for raising \$2,100.00 for the Lower Barrier. Illinois Muskie T Trial donated \$250.00, Illini Muskie Alliance donated \$350.00, Lake Shelbyville donated \$100.00, Quad County Hawg Hunters donated \$500.00, Shabbona Lake Sportsman Club donated \$500.00, Midwest Musky Club donated \$500.00 and Illinois Smallmouth Alliance donated \$1,200.00 for the total of \$2,100.00. The Lower Barrier was repaired.

Clint raised \$1,998.25 at Lakeside Bait, Tackle and Boat Rental for the Walleye Fund. Walleye were purchased and put in the lake the first week in November.

The boat launch repair cost total was \$2,400.00. Denny recognized Rich for securing the grant and Frankie for writing the grant.

Denny answered a question about the Attorney General Registration. It is for any complaints against the organization.

Rafael Loza signed up as an individual member on November 7, 2015.

Denny brought a sample brochure he developed for the organization. Denny explained that he would like to have the brochure ready to be passed out at the fish trade shows that start in January 2016. There was discussion on whether to use Vista Print or Clint offered to do them at cost. Rich made a motion to spend up to \$125.00 to produce 500 brochures. Tim seconded. A roll call vote was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Clint and seconded by Rich. The motion passed unanimously.

Spencer spoke about increasing general membership and charitable donations. He explained about last minute donations being during Christmas before the end of the year for tax purposes. Clint will post on Facebook about donations. Clint explained targeting a specific demographic which will cost \$20.00. It was agreed to Rich suggested not using the term, Christmas Donation, instead, using the term, End of Year Donation mentioning it as a tax write off. Clint explained targeting a specific demographic, which would cost \$20.00.

Duane made a motion that expense under a \$100.00 does not need board approval, but the President is to be notified for approval of each expense. Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clint will post on FishTales, the Friends website, Facebook and Shabbona Lake website targeting the specific demographic approved by the President.

Becky Wardlow, Clint and Denny worked on updating the website, for example, adding a Project Page.

The **Beautification Project** is manned by Frankie, Tim P. and Matt McClane, Hardy, native and low maintenance plants are being considered with Frankie and Matt making the decision on the plants. Frankie and Matt will meet with the Park Superintendent on December 2015, to determine the planting area around the signs.

Denny will approach the Shabbona Lion's about replacing the entrance and turn around signs. They and other Lion Clubs built the handicap piers. This year they re-roofed shelters.

The Pig Roast was discussion with a possible summer date to be scheduled. Tim P. and Frankie are working on this. Spencer said a summer date would mean more time for planning.

Rearing Pond Project:

Bob Smith, the IDNR engineer, wants to start with a re-grade of the rearing pond first, as it may solve the drain problem. Grading the rearing pond will cost \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

Bob Smith said the concrete ring is fixable and will be done in house.

The drain will cost about \$5,000.00.

A shut off valve will cost \$2,000.00 to \$2,200.00.

Spencer spoke with DeKalb County Community Foundation about a grant for the rearing pond project. He said that they are looking for projects like this that will enhance recreational opportunities within DeKalb County. He felt we had great chance to receive a grant from them. Spencer, Frankie and Denny will work on the grant. The deadline for the grant is March. Spencer was advised to get the grant in early.

Duane said we should apply for a Musky Inc. grant for the rearing pond project. Duane and Frankie will take work on that.

The rearing pond project will be approximately \$12,000.00.

Upper Barrier at the Spillway:

The Sportsman Club is responsible for maintaining it. Rich said it is not good. Several ideas were discussed. There cannot be a permanent post too close to the dam. The water level has to be considered for the integrity of the dam. Clint suggested that the Army Corp./State Engineer should look at it.

The discussion about painting the privies throughout the park is on hold until Spencer hears back from Mike Tuma. Spencer spoke with Mike. Mike will speak to his buddy and get back to Spencer

Clint mentioned that there are ComEd Grants for installing electric at the Shelters.

Duane mentioned that the rings at the public dock need to be fixed along with bumpers.

Tim Tausch works with fiber optics. He will put together an estimate to install it into the campground. Spencer will speak to the Site Superintendent about approving this project.

Clint made a motion to approve the August 5, 2015, minutes. Tim Tausch approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

Spencer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands
Secretary