

SILVER CREEK LAKES ASSOCIATION FISH COMMITTEE MINUTES 2019

The Silver Creek Lakes Fish Committee met on Tuesday, January 29th, at 3:30. Members present were Dennis Cuchiara, Rocky Mangini, Les Anderson, and Mark Kennedy. All matters regarding our fishery, including stocking, feed, lake and pond weed abatement, rules and regulations, signage, and usage were discussed. The group has varying opinions regarding many of these issues but strives to come to agreement on all matters, as well as deliver our mission as a committee within a tight budget.

The take a ways from the meeting are as follows - we agreed to higher stocking budget (up to \$7,500) this year, first due to price increases, and second, to effect Lake #1 better, as we have slighted it over the years, and to restock the upper ponds where we encountered some obvious poaching or taking of fish this past fall. This is the first time the budget for fish has been raised in years. More than half of this expense will likely be covered by the generous donations of our membership, which also includes a significant donation from all Fish Committee members. Dennis Cuchiara will work on getting us some prices and rainbow ideas. We discussed a possible camera solution on the upper ponds to monitor/deter the taking of fish there by either members, guests, or trespassers. Because of the price difference in browns and brookies over rainbow strains, we are looking at not purchasing them this year, or fewer of them, in order to get more rainbows.

Tree spraying - though not this Committee's objective, appears we are in general agreement to not spray this year, and not hang the bug boxes, either.

Dennis Cuchiara will pass that on to Bill Lawrence and Jerry Robbins and let them know our discussion on the matter, and get their final opinions on it.

Signing in - we should continue to get members/guest to sign in at Lake #1 at all times when appropriate. We should gather up the sign-in book to review all the sign in's last year to assess usage by accompanied and unaccompanied guests. Also, we should send out many more emails to remind everyone to do their part in the sign in process, and help everyone better understand why we are doing it, and why it is important to the Association and our fishery. We will make sure that it is discussed at the annual meeting as well.

Early spring, we will change the gate combination to 1947 per Rocky Mangini's idea and concern that too many people know what it is. Also, we will encourage all members that are going through a building process to not allow their contractors to fish while on the property, if unaccompanied. We have noted abuses of this practice. I will also get out many emails to the membership prior to this change.

We will focus harder and earlier on the lake weeds and hopefully we will get a little help from Mother Nature. We voted unanimously to change the fishing rules on Lake #2 to read 'bait is allowed but only to children 12 and under'. All signage and information will be changed around the property and on the members' only website, www.silvercreeklakes.com, to reflect this change.

What this means, categorically, no bait fishing, but for children 12 and under, and only on Lake #2. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Mark Kennedy
President
Silver Creek Lakes Association