

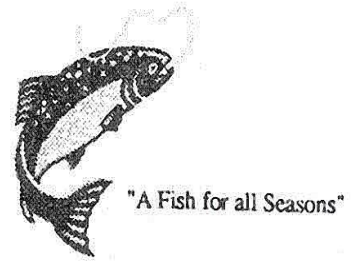


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chair



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. The minutes were approved as read.

Website Update:

The proposal from Accountable Digital for website marketing was adjusted to reflect the board's budget and the Visitor's Bureau will cover the additional funds needed for the Internet marketing and software compatibility upgrades.

Budget Update:

The current 2023 budget is \$4,000. The 2023 budget is essentially spent on the Google effort, with the exception of 828.00 encumbered for the website maintenance and update.

Action Items:

C. Knauf informed the Board of the new webpage for the Lake Ontario Fisheries Advisory Panel, including the minutes of the last two meetings of this group, the makeup of the panel, and some problems he saw with the formulation of the panel, and especially with a recommendation from the panel that the State of the Lake meetings be discontinued. A lively discussion followed with the consensus that MCFAB communicate with NYSDEC to oppose discontinuation of the SOL meetings, and to ask about the composition of the board, which appears to mainly represent commercial interests, and is very limited at only 17 members. A letter will be drafted for approval of the board and transmission to NYSDEC.

S. Olufsen reports that LOSPC received some NOAA money part of a grant of a million dollars for covid relief, and all counties will see some advertising funding from this through the Outdoors Sportsmans Group. This advertising initiative will cover print media, TV shows and advertising on the OSG websites.

B. White asked about what IBF+G could do to assist in raising money. There was some discussion for clarification, it was suggested that MCFAB might want to consider developing long term and short term goals, with an associated list of possible projects and associated costs.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

Membership: The board is still seeking additional members. A representative from the Fish and Wildlife Management Act board was suggested. Don Ruffell had represented that board.

No information of Canal discharges at Allen Creek.

F. Sanza asked that Web be asked about the reef again.

Other Items:

S. Furgal talked about Sea Grant hosting seminars for charter boat captains and will keep the board updated with any developing dates and location.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM