WLPA Minutes from 12/11/23 meeting

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1. Meeting was called to order at 6PM

2. Treasurer's report: checking account balance remains the same as Nov. CD's have grown over \$*** since last Jan. CD total value is ****.

3. Sunshine report- One sympathy card and two get well cards were sent.

4. Elevator for harvesting. Parts to fix have been ordered and are here. Bob K reported that we are looking good for re-assembly in nicer weather. Elevator should be great for years to come!

5. Dave T was able to fix our gps and didn't have to send it back into company. So, it cost us \$0.

6. Carol Bentley will take over secretarial duties in Jan. We also believe we will have the treasurer position covered sometime soon in 2024.

7. We discussed in length some options for cutting back or burning cattails. The DNR and WLAAC are in support of burning or cutting some areas that will help residents have easier access to the lakes. There are many duck houses throughout the lake and many areas that are important areas for hunters. These areas would not be touched. The thought is that if we can get cattails to ice level, they have a very good chance to drown in the spring. This discussion will continue in Jan. Sue will be reaching out to the fire dept to see their thoughts for a practice exercise burning these areas and should have more info in Jan. We will also need to design a burn plan and have ideal conditions. It may be a situation where we plan it but cannot put it into action until conditions are favorable. Could be this year or next or not at all. The other option is cutting the cattails down to the ice, which would provide its own challenges.

8. Bob Rehm has found a new place to redo our WLPA signs (with the new boating lanes)for the boat launches. The cost will be \$225. Signs will be ready in the Spring.

9. <u>Spring Bash-mark your calendars! The Spring Bash will be on April 27</u> at Willow Pond. We will be forming committees in Jan. Marketing will be emphasized more for sure. We discussed the budget and ideas for raffle items

and have begun purchasing some items. We will finalize at the meeting in Jan, so we can get tickets printed.

10. Bob Rehm also reported that the harvester removed 85 tons of weeds from the lake last summer.

11. <u>Iola car show-will be July 11, 12, 13</u>. Please take note. This is another great fundraiser and we get paid per person, per hour worked. (they gave us a raise, too!) It would be wonderful to have more volunteers this year, as it is a fun and easy way to make money for the club. The more volunteers, the more \$\$. Iola car show and the Spring Bash are the main fundraising opportunites for WLPA. Please help!