

## SMSC Board Meeting – February 2, 2026

Minutes Approval Date: March 3, 2026

Attendees: Chad Gilmore, Tim Barr, Patrick McClenaghan, Jon Anderson, Tim Grimmett, Candy Sabol

Candy Sabol, Secretary did not have minutes to present from January so we will table approval of minutes until next meeting.

Pat presented Treasure's Report – Membership: 218 for 2025, so far 145 for 2026 but we are awaiting payment of dues. Checking account balance is \$16,356.80. We have written 45 checks for 45 tag study and 8 checks for diaries. Pat reports he has filed 20205 taxes. Motion made to accept Treasure's Report by Tim B, second by Jon.

Chad will work on compiling data from diaries.

### Discussion regarding TLAC plan for grass carp to manage Hydrilla.

This included thoughts from board members, discussion about what was presented at the TLAC meeting attended by several SMSC members and community members who have questions regarding the plan, other possible ideas and possible negative effects of the TLAC plan. We will hold an open discussion at Friday's meeting with club members as well.

### New Sponsor for SMSC – Stripe X Rods

Chad shared that Stipe X Rods is our new sponsor. He would like to discuss some possible apparel purchases with SMSC logo and either purchasing a rod or getting a donation of a rod for a raffle/door prize.

### Upcoming Meetings

March meeting will be held 3/13/26 and will be in a larger venue as we typically have a larger crowd. Chad will check with Trinity where we had meeting last year and f/u with board members at a later date. March agenda items: DWR annual reports, CCU striper catch/release research and any other relevant data related to SML fishery. Discuss a reboot of SMSC Preservation Committee.

### Hydrilla/sterile grass carp discussion:

There was a very thorough discussion about hydrilla, alternative plans due to concerns of placing sterile grass carp in SML. Chad shared a lot of research he had done regarding use of sterile carp and how this affects the SML fishery. We discussed several people in the area whose business could be affected and that we would like more information from Dan Wilson and George Patton from DWR including, but not limited to, as research and data

that can help everyone better understand the pros and cons of all the options for addressing the hydrilla.

We also discussed reaching out to the DWR and/or your local legislative members to voice your concerns.

Meeting concluded and we will meet Friday 2/6/25 at the Smith Mountain /Moneta Public Library in Moneta Community Room.

Presented by Candy Sabol, Secretary SMSC