

**Scheduling and Funding for Triploid Carp Zoom Special Meeting Minutes
Of the Lake Ramsey Board of Directors
October 24, 2024**

Pursuant to the Bylaws, notice of a special meeting was sent by the Board President on October 21, 2024, for a meeting by Zoom to be held on October 24, 2024, for the purpose of discussing funding options for the carp purchase.

Board Members present: Bruce Sofge, Paul Falgoust, Todd Meades, Dimy Cossich, Maria Baronich, John Gross, Karen Doyle, Charlotte King.

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Sofge.

The meeting was called to discuss the scheduling and funding for Triploid Carp.

Subjects discussed: the Adopt a Carp program, the sonar surveys, the consensus of the members at the annual meeting, the lake managers recommendations, lake history, the miniscule lake budget, carp behavior, carp quotes, and the current status of the LRHOA budget.

Maria Baronich, Treasurer, advised that in recent years the year-end cash on hand had been used to increase the reserve accounts used for both anticipated and unanticipated major expenses. She also explained that anticipated 2024 year-end cash was sufficient to fund the carp purchase if the usual transfer to reserves was not done and if there were no other 2024 financial emergencies.

Charlotte King and Dimy Cossich pointed out that most people moved to Lake Ramsey for the lake, and control of the current volume of grass in the lake was a major priority at this point in time.

It was also decided that the "Adopt a Carp" option discussed at the annual meeting would not be implemented at this time, because funds were found in the budget. All the names from the Adopt-a-Carp program will be kept by Charlotte King in case future funds may be needed.

Least Expensive Carp Quote:

1048 OF THE 12-14" Triploid Grass Carp-----	\$21,484.00
Delivery Fee: 72 MILES @\$2.00 per loaded mile -----	\$144.00
	\$21,628.00

After much discussion a motion was made.

Motion: Dimy Cossich motioned to use available 2024 funds on hand to fund carp purchase.

Charlotte King seconded.

Approvals: John Gross, Karen Doyle, Paul Falgoust, Todd Meades

Abstained: Maria Baronich

The board, by a vote of 6 to approve and 1 abstention, voted to utilize all available 2024 cash on hand for the carp purchase.

Zoom meeting closed at 6:41pm

A majority of the board voted by email to approve the purchase of 1048 carp (12-14 inch) from Slade's Fish Hatchery at a total cost of \$21,628.00.

The undersigned secretary of the corporation certifies that the above and foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 24, 2024, at which all directors consented to the action taken therein.

CR King

Charlotte R. King, Secretary

Attachments:

1. The attached report was received from biologist Mark McElroy on October 21, 2024, with a recommendation to add between 765 to 1048 triploid carp to address the current status of grass in the lake.
2. The Sonar Survey 2024
3. Carp Quote



From: Mark McElroy
To: 'dimy cossich'
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 at 12:58:24 PM CDT
Subject: Triploid Grass Carp Recommendation

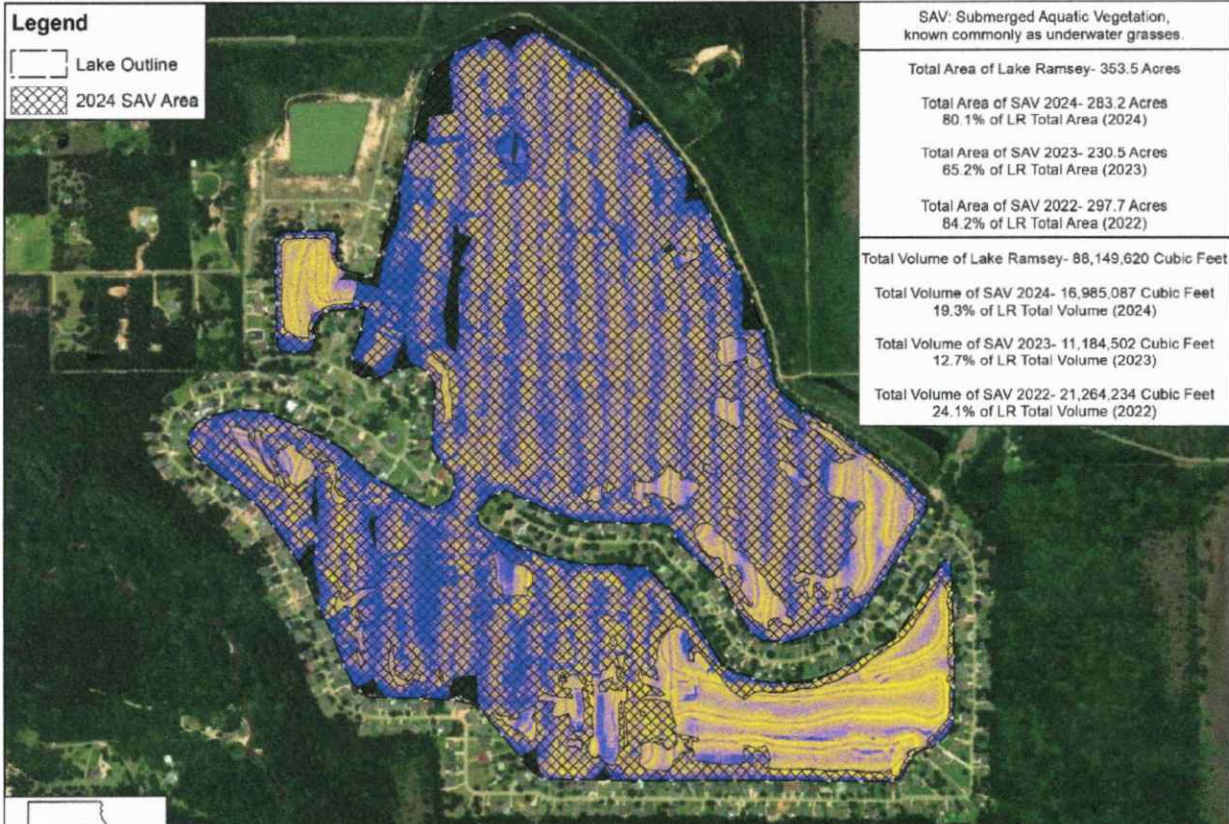
Dimy, based on the 2024 SAV assessment showing 80% establishment of hydrilla (exotic) and Vallisneria (native) combined and my onsite visit I recommend an additional stocking of grass carp is warranted. The issue with Southern naiad that caused all the issues in 2022 has seemingly been replaced with the two new aquatic species mentioned above. We started to see this replacement of naiad with hydrilla in 2023. Hydrilla is the dominant species in 2024. To reduce this plant's aggressive establishment it is recommended that additional carp are required.

In consideration of the previous carp stockings I would like to see the carp numbers upped from around two and half per acre to either 5 or 6. Obviously, 6 is a more aggressive response. To achieve a stocking of 5 carp per vegetative acre you would need an additional 765 carp. To achieve a stocking of 6 carp per vegetative acre you would need an additional 1048 carp. Only carp 12 inches to 16 inches should be purchased. Anything smaller will be readily consumed and their mortality would complicate future assessment analysis and end up costing the HOA unnecessarily. The window for stocking carp to ensure higher survival is from November through April. Ideally for this situation I would like to see the carp introduced prior to March 1st.

Expectations: Residents will see grass species return in 2025. That shouldn't shock anyone. Grass carp stocking rates are at best a guess which is why caution should be used when considering their stocking. There are many variables to consider. And, time is required to realize their efficiency to manage grass species which is why I'm recommending an incremental stocking rate. Once you go too far with stocking numbers it is almost impossible to reverse their continued grass consumption. A 20% grass coverage is recommended for overall lake health and fisheries production while enhancing boating activities. Folks should rationally understand that getting the grass coverage down to this target will not occur over night.

Mark McElroy
Fisheries Biologist
Aquatic Solutions, LLC

Legend
 Lake Outline
 2024 SAV Area



SAV: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation,
 known commonly as underwater grasses.

Total Area of Lake Ramsey- 353.5 Acres

Total Area of SAV 2024- 283.2 Acres
 80.1% of LR Total Area (2024)

Total Area of SAV 2023- 230.5 Acres
 65.2% of LR Total Area (2023)

Total Area of SAV 2022- 297.7 Acres
 84.2% of LR Total Area (2022)

Total Volume of Lake Ramsey- 88,149,620 Cubic Feet

Total Volume of SAV 2024- 16,985,087 Cubic Feet
 19.3% of LR Total Volume (2024)

Total Volume of SAV 2023- 11,184,502 Cubic Feet
 12.7% of LR Total Volume (2023)

Total Volume of SAV 2022- 21,264,234 Cubic Feet
 24.1% of LR Total Volume (2022)



Lake Ramsey- 2024 SAV Survey

Covington, LA - St. Tammany Parish

Prepared by Coastal Mapping & Sciences LLC

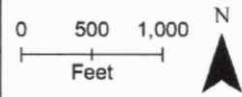
Prepared on: 10/3/24

Survey Date: 9/26/24

Surveyed by: A.J.S
 Map Prepared by A.J.S

NAD 1983 State Plane
 Louisiana South FIPS 1702
 Units: Feet

Imagery Source: Esri et al.
 Imagery Date: 5/14/2023



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30 SPORT FISH LANE
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Price Quote:

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**Thank you,
Amanda**

