

Northwoods Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Date: August 8, 2015

Location: Slo's Pub, Arbor Vitae, WI

Present: Pete Stoltman, Mike Sasse, Dean Zaumseil, Jon Jantzen, Nick Durkee, John Bennett

Absent: none

Meeting called to order 10:00am

Treasurers Report:

June:

Beg of Month Bal	\$9,854.47
- Expenses	\$1,498.48
+ Income	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Month End Balance	\$9,105.99

Motion to approve report by Mike, second by John B, motion carried.

There was a donation from the Bob Ellis classic of \$130 that Pete passed on to Jon J. for deposit (not included in figures above).

Fisheries Stocking Report:

John Kubisiak from the DNR proposed a list of action lakes in Oneida county and requested help from chapter to cover portion of the forage costs for the muskies to be stocked in those lakes. The board discussed and had a couple questions for Dean to ask of the DNR:

1. Does "action lake" mean those lakes will have 28" minimum?
2. Why can MU Clubs Alliance stock muskies but not our chapter?

Dean motioned that chapter provide \$2,500 to help with forage costs of muskies to be stocked in the Oneida county action lakes. Mike second, motion carried.

DNR has indicated Steve Gilbert has a similar list of action lakes for Vilas county. Dean will contact Steve to request that list so that chapter can consider additional financial donation.

Size increase proposal update:

Proposal to increase size limit to 50" on Trout Lake and North & South Twin received support from the Conservation Congress. Next step occurs 8/22 when it is considered by the Warm Water Committee. Pete is planning to attend this meeting. If it passes this committee then it will be put on proposal list for 2016 spring hearings.

Board Members:

Officer positions were discussed and agreed to as follows:

Pete Stoltman, President

Mike Sasse, Vice President

Jon Jantzen, Treasurer

John Bennett, Secretary

Dean Zaumseil, Chapter Representative

In addition to the required officer positions, Dean will continue to lead stocking, Mike will still handle merchandise and John B will continue to take care of fish registration.

Andrew Ragas recently joined the board and he will be the marketing director. Andrew will create a list of chapter accomplishments to help with recruiting and retaining members and fundraising.

Nick Durkee will serve as a general director. One of Nick's focus items will be to recruit participants for future outings and tournaments.

Board discussed other director openings and all agreed that we very much need a dedicated membership director. Pete will contact Nick McDonald to see if he is interested in coming back to help with that role like he did in the past.

Jim Cheshire was asked to join our board and he accepted the request. He will be a general director to begin with.

Chapter Challenge Sept 26 Ken Reid:

Mike agreed to contact Ken Reid and Fred Brogle from Headwaters to nail down event details. The event will take place September 26 and will be hosted at Yacht Club in Presque Isle. Nick motioned that Mike be authorized to spend \$500 of chapter funds to get prizes for this event. Jon J second, motion carried.

John B question regarding Fittante:

John was wondering if chapter was obligated to pay for 50% of replica from Fittante in 2015 even though no tournament occurred. Pete negotiated the original agreement with Joe Fittante and Pete did not feel that chapter was under obligation this year in lieu of tournament.

John B. proposed that instead of using replica for tournament winner that we award a replica to the largest fish registered in lunge log by a chapter member. Board agreed with idea so John will incorporate this into the 2016 contest rules.

Membership:

Member count is down to 85. As stated above, Nick McDonald will be asked to rejoin board as membership director. Pete suggested that we send a letter to dropped members and use the list of accomplishments that Andrew will be creating to encourage members to renew.

Meetings Board/General Membership:

Discussion was had about having routine member meetings that occur at a set date each month and use the same venue for each meeting. Pete is working on finding suitable venue.

Musky Shop rods:

Musky shop has designed a new version of custom rods so they are willing to sell the old version rods to the chapter at the Musky Shop's cost of \$200. Board discussed. Dean motioned that chapter purchase 2 of the rods, John B. second, motion carried.

Dean motion to adjourn, John B second. Meeting adjourned at noon.