

**SOUTH HAVEN STEELHEADERS
MEETING MINUTES
South Haven Moose Club**

Date: October 15, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Antonson, Chapman, Foster, Keebler, Mills, Morris

Number of members present: 24

Number of guests present: 1

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Keebler at 7:00pm.

I. Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report for September was read. *Motion by Mills, second by Morris, to approve the report. Passed.*

II Treasurer's Report: Chapman provided a detailed report on income and expenses from August 19th thru the present. *Motion by Matthies, second by Mills, to approve the report. Passed.* Some discussion then took place about the scholarship fund balance. Keebler indicated that all scholarships to date have been taken out of our regular account, so the balance in the scholarship fund has remained consistent. Five scholarships were given out this year. In the future, funds can be put back in the regular account from the scholarship fund if needed. It was suggested by several members that we look at putting some of the scholarship funds into an investment account to earn some interest. Chapman will look into it and provide a report.

III. Correspondence:

- A. Dan Johnson, Battle Creek Chapter:** Keebler reported that Dan has cancer and is terminal. The Battle Creek Chapter is having a dinner in Coloma at 3417 Angling Road this Saturday afternoon and evening, beginning at 3:00pm. A \$10 donation is requested per person, or \$25 per family. See Keebler for additional information.
- B. American Legion Fundraiser:** a benefit dinner will be held at the South Haven American Legion on Sunday, October 18th for the Hoagland family (both parents and a daughter were killed in a fire recently; the only survivor is a son who was serving in Iraq).
- C. South Haven Chamber After Hours:** On Thursday, October 22nd, the SH Chamber will hold its monthly gathering at John's Stereo. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided; the Steelheaders are a member of the Chamber.
- D. Toys for Tots:** the Moose Club has requested a donation to support their Toys for Tots drive this year. There is a free dinner held on December 18th for all who donate to the drive. *Motion by Vissury, second by Pomeroy, to donate \$100. Passed.*
- E. City of South Haven:** Keebler reported on a letter he recently received from the City asking for assistance in purchasing new, up-to-date and heavy duty rescue equipment. The letter referred to a recent incident at the South Beach where people were trapped in the violent surf and the inadequacy of the current available rescue equipment (for example, current PFDs will support only one person). The total cost for the new equipment is just over \$5,600. After discussion, *motion by Olson, second by Matthies, to donate \$500. Passed.* Keebler will get with the city and see if they can provide someone to demonstrate the equipment after it arrives.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Weigh-in Scales:** Keebler reviewed the discussion from the Board meeting that preceded this meeting. The Board recommends that we buy a new scale for \$350. Members felt that we should continue to use the old scales thru the remainder of this year to avoid any complaints. The new scale is certified and able to weigh up to 60 pounds.
- B. Fishing Wall Ladder:** Ed Reed will paint the ladders.
- C. Cooking Pots for Fish Boil:** Peterson said he has baskets, and can get a new pot for \$120. Discussion took place about our extra extra-large pot now in Keebler's possession, and about the number of pots needed to do the fish boil efficiently. A number of suggestions were made. *Motion by Foster, second by Mills, to have Peterson purchase the new pot. Passed.*

V. New Business:

- A. 2009 Banquet:** Keebler reported that the Board set December 5th as the date for the Fall Banquet. Bob's Processing will provide the meals; cost is \$10 per person, but we will continue the "special" from previous years: bring in a new member, and both your meals are only \$5 each. The banquet will be held at the Moose Club.
- B. Board Elections:** The terms of Antonson, Crago and Dehn are up this year. Keebler reminded Chapter members that elections will take place in January, and anyone from the Chapter who is interested in running should contact him or any board member to get their name in the hat. He urged members to add "new blood" to the Board to keep new and fresh ideas coming into the Chapter.
- C. Two-Rivers Coalition:** this new group is organized around the Black and Paw Paw rivers, and is concerned with clean-up, kayaking, tours, and overall health of the waterways. Keebler received an informative letter from the leader of the group about a new recycling plant that is proposed which will discharge into the watershed; he will forward it to all members who are on email. Keebler urged all who are interested to respond to the letter with their ideas and suggestions; a DEQ email address is provided in the letter.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Filbrandt, second by Mills, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Passed. Mills told members that the next two-day tournament meeting will be held next Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm at the River Bend Boat Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foster, Secretary