

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

Date: October 20, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Number of members present: 41

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. One correction: Treasurer's report expenses should be \$1,113. *Motion by Bierhalter, second by Antonson, to approve the report as corrected. Passed.*

II Treasurer's Report: Chapman provided a treasurer's report for September/October, 2011. *Motion by Mills, second by Hosier, to approve the report. Passed.*

III. Correspondence:

A. None.

IV. Old Business:

- A. **River Tournament:** the tournament will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The same rules as last year will be used.
- B. **Ice Fishing Tournament:** Since the North Lake Inn has closed, the luncheon this year will be at The Lone Star Bar just east of Bangor. Russ Pomeroy is heading up the event.
- C. **Fish Boil Signs:** Kevin Ailes will be coordinating the preparation of signs for next year's fish boil. Worden has some plywood that he will donate for the signs.
- D. **State Organization Report:** Foster provided an overview of the topics discussed at the State Meeting on September 21st. Key to our local chapter is that the state board approved the recently submitted By-Laws for South Haven. More details can be reviewed on the MSSFA website under the Executive Director's report; Foster indicated that these reports get posted on the Internet in a very timely manner, so members statewide can see them very shortly after each state meeting.
- E. **Membership Contest:** The member who has the most new members signed up under his name only has 8, so the field is open for anyone to win a very nice prize for the person who recruits the most new members. Updated membership lists seem to be working well in coordination with the state office; Greg Gumbrecht keeps the records for the state.

V. New Business:

- A. **Region Two Meeting:** Keebler reported on several items from the Region 2 meeting held in Grand Rapids recently. There was an excellent presentation by Jim VanderMaas regarding the former executive director who was discharged earlier this year. Keebler shared many of the details. Two new chapters are forming: the "Tip of the Mitt" chapter in Petosky, and the AuSable chapter in Oscoda. Keebler reported on delinquent taxes that are being negotiated for the state office since the former bookkeeper did not file for several years. It's looking

positive that things can be worked out with the state government. The White River Chapter has had lots of activity going on with cleanup and improvement of bottom habitat in that area.

- B. South Haven Chapter By-Laws:** After brief discussion, *motion by Dehn, second by Mills, to approve the new Chapter By-Laws. Passed.*
- C. Christmas Party:** the annual party and banquet will be held at the Moose Club on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Letters will be sent out soon. Chapman, Dehn, and Naumann will work on door prizes. Bob's Processing will provide the food.
- D. Website:** discussion took place about possibly having our own website for the Chapter. Currently we are part of the state website and it's working OK, but could be better if more timely information was sent in regularly. Ailes and Foster said that they would get more information to Greg Gumbrecht, the state website coordinator, in a more timely fashion. Mills volunteered to look at the costs, pros, and cons of doing our own website and report back at a future date. *Motion by Mills, second by Strong, to explore having our own website. Passed.*
- E. Wounded Warriors Program:** Dehn reported on a Wounded Warriors program where a chapter has a list of volunteers who will take vets out fishing. It's not so much of a large group outing as it is having boats take out a small number of vets on a sporadic basis. Someone who Dehn knows is available to come to an upcoming meeting and talk about the program. February was suggested as a good month to have the speaker presentation.
- F. Sturgeon in the River:** Page went to a meeting recently held at New Richmond. 100 fingerling sturgeon were released into the river there on a trial basis to see how they do. Page thought it was a wonderful program and highly recommends it; lots of kids were involved.
- G. Expanded Sea Wall:** Burr reported on the status of the grant for the new sea wall extension. A \$310K grant will be determined sometime in November. There is also a \$30K request for changing over the ditch between the old wall and the new one.
- H. Salmon in the Schools:** Both South Haven and Coloma are ready to go with the program; they will be receiving eggs in November. Kevin Oiles and Kevin Powell are the coordinators.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Filbrandt, second by Antonson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foster, Secretary