

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

Date: January 20, 2011

Time: 7:05 p.m.

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

Number of members present: 36

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 November was read. *Motion by Mills, second by Strong, to approve the report. Passed.*

II Treasurer's Report: Chapman provided a treasurer's report for November/December, 2101.

Motion by Dehn, second by Matthies, to approve the report. Passed.

III. Correspondence:

A. None.

IV. Old Business:

A. Board Nomination: Keebler reported that there has been one nomination for the board: Dan Strong. Burr will not be running again, but Keebler and Morris are. *Motion by Filbrandt, second by Osman to accept the nomination, close the nominations, and elect Strong to the Board. Passed.*

B. Chapter Tournaments: Dick Frasier will be heading up the local tournament committee for 2011. He will notify Keebler once the tournament dates are set so that they can be published in the MSSFA newspaper.

C. Ice Fishing Tournament: Pomeroy reported that the tournament will be held at School Section Lake just south of Glendale; the luncheon will still be held at North Lake Inn. Fishing will be from 7:00-12:30; fish need to be turned in by 1:00pm. Only South Haven Steelheader members are eligible for prizes. People who purchase memberships by the day before the tournament can compete for prizes; a special deal of \$40 will include a membership and the luncheon. Members who bring 25 fish for the luncheon pay \$10; members with no fish pay \$15; non-members pay \$20. People can drop off fish at Bob's Processing anytime, or they can drop them at the Inn no earlier than the Thursday prior.

D. Salmon in the Schools: Kevin Oiles from Coloma is still very interested in having a program at his school. Wilson volunteered to get with him and help get it started there.

E. Big Fish Contest: Chapman read off the names of the prize winners for 2010. Checks will only be issued if the winners are present at a meeting.

F. River Tournament: the tournament was held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, with 25+ people participating. Twenty-three fish were caught, and Garret Hunt won with a 12.15 pound Stealie.

G. Hats/Jackets: Keebler showed some jackets that are available with embroidered logos for \$40, and hats are still available. Members should see Keebler for more information; he will bring a variety of sizes to the next meeting.

V. New Business:

- A. Best Chance II:** Some significant discussion took place about issues that arose at the Ludington tournament last year, and whether we should have them do another fishing seminar at South Haven this year. Lots of opinions were expressed from a variety of different perspectives. *Motion by Higgs, second by Foster, not to invite them to do a seminar this year. Show of hands vote: 11 for the motion, 6 against. Passed.*
- B. MSSFA Meeting Saturday:** Keebler asked for input on some survey questions that the state organization sent out: should the state begin to work more closely with the local chapters (most felt yes), would members be in favor of increasing DNR licensing fees (mixed reactions). Additional discussion took place about the role of the state.
- C. Chapter Discounts on Equipment, Fishing Gear:** Keebler told the members that the state is now inviting local chapters to purchase equipment and gear thru the state that could be used for local prizes, tournament awards, etc. This is new to the locals, and could be very helpful in raising prizes and gifts for special events. More later.
- D. Member Health Status:** Mike Parrish's son, Zach, is hospitalized; Tom Peterson is still in the hospital and still having significant issues; Warnie Sill is now fighting a very bad infection.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Mills, second by Matthies, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foster, Secretary