

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

Date: January 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Number of members present: 43

Number of guests present: 1

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Keebler at 7:05pm.

Prior to the business meeting, Terry Dotson gave a presentation about Hospice at Home, formerly South Haven Area Hospice. They now provide hospice services in South Haven, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph and Niles/Buchanan. Last year they provided services to 957 families. It is a Medicare entitlement program, but they also accept insurance reimbursement and do fund raising so that no one who needs services will be refused. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period and Terry left brochures for anyone interested in more information. Hospice at Home is one of the recipients of Steelheaders charitable donations.

I. Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report for November was read; there was no official meeting in December because of the annual banquet. *Motion by Mills, second by Antonson, to approve the report. Passed.*

II Treasurer's Report: Chapman provided a detailed report on income and expenses from the previous meeting to today. *Motion by Mills, second by Dehn, to approve the report. Passed.*

III. Correspondence:

A. Denny Eade: we received a letter of thanks for his invitation to the December banquet. He and his wife both enjoyed both the friendship and the food.

B. South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES): We received a letter of thanks for our donation to help with the purchase of new life-saving water rescue equipment.

IV. Old Business:

A. Elections: Keebler told the membership that the terms of Antonson, Dehn and Crago were up, that the incumbents were interested in running again, and that Dave Evenhuis has indicated an interest in running as well. Paper ballots were distributed and counted by the end of the meeting. Re-elected were Antonson, Crago and Dehn.

B. Salmon in the Schools: Kevin Powell was present to provide an update on the program. Both he and the students are still very excited to have the program going. They have only lost about 10 eggs during the growing process and have about 190 fish now growing. The membership expressed their appreciation to Kevin for all the work he does in keeping that program and the fish alive and well.

C. 2009 Fish Contest: Jim Morris provided the results of the year-long fishing contest. The first, second and third place winners are as follows: Lake Trout: Aaron Geisler, Brad Filbrandt, and Rolf Neitzel; Walleye: Mark Wilson, Randy Meister and Casey Page; Perch: Glenn Higgs, Dave Shinault, and Mike Medler; Steelhead: Mike Evenhuis, Denny Bolby and Dave Shinault; Brown Trout: Dave Geisler, Tom Peterson and Tim Reinick; King Salmon: Al Spencer, Jim Bard and Glenn Higgs. Overall winner was Dave Shinault. Congratulations to all!

D. Chapter Tournaments: Olson talked about the planning so far. He has set tentative dates for the year and will go over them with the committee members soon to get them published. Individual committee members will be responsible for each local tournament to try to reduce complaints from last year. Seven to nine members will serve on the committee; more information next meeting.

E. Ice Fishing Tournament: Steinmiller and Johnson provided a report on the February 6th tournament, including details about lunch, costs to members and non-members and those who provide fillets and those who don't. Steelheader members will receive preference on the prizes awarded. The outing will be held on School Section Lake just south of Glendale, and the lunch will be at North Lake Inn.

V. New Business:

A. Waitress Appreciation: *Motion by Antonson, second by Morris, to provide \$50 to Amy for her waitressing services at the Annual Banquet. Passed.*

B. Morris Athlete: Keebler shared the news that Jim Morris' brother Tom will be inducted into the South Haven Athletes Hall of Fame at the High School on February 19th. Anyone interested may attend.

C. MSSFA Report: Foster provided highlights of the state meeting held last Saturday in Lansing. The meeting combined the Directors meeting with an annual Presidents meeting, so it lasted most of the day. The Asian Carp issue was a primary concern and a special PowerPoint presentation was done. An attorney from the Attorney General's office was present to update everyone on the status of the state's lawsuit with Illinois. Anyone wanting further details about the meeting and any of the specific topics should get with Foster.

D. Boating Classes: Keebler had a poster for upcoming boating classes that he said were well worth the time and money. See Keebler for details.

E. 333: a question was raised about our Two-Day Tournament and participation in the 333 contest. Mills explained that we and St. Joe are not participating in the 333 this year because of questionable practices in the past that have negatively impacted our local fundraising efforts. We've received both positive and negative feedback on our withdrawing, but most of the members present agreed with the tournament committee's decision.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Mills, second by Matthies, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foster, Secretary