

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

Date: February 17, 2011

Time: 7:05 p.m.

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

Number of members present:     34    

Number of guests present:     0    

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

**I. Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report for January was read. *Motion by Antonson, second by Filbrandt, to approve the report. Passed.* The secretary's report for the Board meeting held January 20<sup>th</sup> was read. *Motion by Keebler, second by Foster, to approve the report. Passed.*

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

**III. Correspondence:**

**A. Member Status:** Larry Olson has had an operation on his foot and is home now and doing well. Tom Peterson is still dealing with some significant recovery issues. Leon Steinmiller is having some hip problems.

Keebler interrupted the regular agenda at this point for a special report from Aric Nesbitt, 80<sup>th</sup> District Representative. Nesbitt reported on the progress, or lack of such, with the Asian Carp issue. The lawsuit is continuing under new Attorney General Schutte; a handout was provided with information. DNR-raised steelhead will be getting a new electronic coding tag system, and anglers may only be allowed to keep tagged fish. This effort is still in the planning stages. Nesbitt addressed the new 2012 budget concerns. Right now we are at the start of a long process, and everything is on the table for consideration. Nesbitt's presentation was followed by a brief Q&A period.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Ice Fishing Tournament:** Russ Pomeroy provided an activity and financial report of the tourney. 61 people attended the lunch at North Lake Inn. Pomeroy reported on the winners; the results are also on the web.

**B. Chapter Tournament Dates:** Keebler has the dates from the committee, and they are also on the website and at Pyle's Porthole. There are a total of thirteen local tournaments this summer, including the two-day and the ice and river fishing tournaments.

**C. Membership:** there is a new effort being launched from the State organization to increase membership. There is a new tri-fold pamphlet being made with all the information about the benefits of membership. Current members are being urged to sign up at least one new member this year; that minimal effort can spawn huge results at the state level to promote sport fishing in Michigan.

**D. State Board Meeting:** Foster provided a detailed report of the State Board and President's meeting held in January. He reviewed the very aggressive agenda from the meeting. Highlights included the report of the strategic planning meeting, membership initiatives, upcoming chapter

shows, merchandise procurement by local chapters thru the State organization, new branding strategies, and the excellent job being done by the new Executive Director. For additional, more detailed information, see Foster.

- E. Chapter Jackets:** Keebler showed and took orders for new all-weather jackets with the Steelheader logo and personalized names embroidered on them. They are, and will be, available for a very reasonable price.

**V. New Business:**

- A. New South Haven City Projects:** Mayor and Steelheader member Bob Burr provided a report on new projects that the city is undertaking with grant and other dollars that have come from a variety of sources. The fishing wall project from a few years ago will be expanded with a 250-foot extension upstream from the present wall. There will be a small bridge across the creek for ease of access, and the area will have kayak launching and new parking for fishermen, kayakers and bikers from the new bike trails that are being planned. The bike trails may eventually link with other state trails and with national trails from Wisconsin and Mississippi, all of which will link to Blue Star Highway. Burr requested that the Chapter write a letter of support to the City to get the ball rolling on the sea wall extension project. *Motion by Juranek, second by Casselman, to endorse the projects. Passed.* Foster will prepare the letter for Keebler's signature.
- B. Next Month's Meeting Presentation:** Keebler told the members that Dave Mull, editor of *Great Lakes Angler* magazine, will be making a presentation next month. He has been here in the past and does a wonderful job presenting.
- C. Lake Reef:** Member Ed Reed has suggested that a reef be made nearer to shore that could become a perch fishing site. Some research needs to be conducted about how it could be done, permits required, type of material, etc. Mills will work with Keebler to provide a report at a later meeting.
- D. Emails:** Keebler asked that anyone wanting regular reports and mailings provide him with their email address to be added to our list.

**VI. Adjournment:**

*Motion by Antonson, second by Super, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Foster, Secretary