

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

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 7:07 p.m.

Officers present: Antonson, Burr, Crago, Dehn, Foster, Mills

Number of members present:     25    

Number of guests present:     0    

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

**I. Secretary's Report:**

The report for January was read. Mills corrected the Two-Day Tournament report that the rules are still under development. *Motion by Mills, second by Matthies, to approve the report as corrected. Passed.*

**II Treasurer's Report:** No report was available due to Chapman's absence. He had a fall that required surgery on his leg; he'll be out of commission for several weeks.

**III. Correspondence:** None

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Ice Fishing Tournament:** Johnson stated that the first ice tournament was held in 1975, 34 years ago. This year's tournament was held on School Section Lake near Glendale, and the ice turned out to be OK. Planks did have to be laid for people to get out onto the ice. 50 people participated; 39 were Steelheaders, and the top three prizes went to Steelheaders. A number of participants took tumbles, but there were no injuries. The committee spent \$635 on prizes, and everyone who came to the luncheon got something to take home. The committee met its expenses and had a little bit to seed for next year. Dehn expressed thanks from the Chapter to the committee for their fine work in putting it together. Steinmiller indicated that a number of the committee members are 80+ years old, and some new, young blood on the committee would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested can contact the Local Tournament Committee.

**B. Upriver Docks:** Filbrandt made calls to the Kal-Haven Trial staff, and was reassured that the rumors were not true, and that there will definitely be public access to the docks.

**C. Salmon in the Schools:** Antonson reported that the fish are getting big, @ 2" at this stage. Wilson reported that we may have lost a few early on, but the tank is now quite full and the fish are healthy. We are still investigating the possibility of expansion of the program into the North Shore and Middle Schools, as well as into Hartford and Covert schools.

**D. Board Meeting:** Dehn reported that the Board met immediately following the Chapter meeting, and Keebler was elected President for 2009; the other officers were re-elected to their respective positions. Mills has assumed the position of Two-Day Tournament Director.

**V. New Business:**

**A. Fishing Seminar:** Mills reported that there will be a seminar held on March 10, 2009 at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall in Benton Harbor; cost is \$20. Mark Chmura from Manistee will be seminar leader; the topic is Deep Water Fishing (up to 600' down). Persons interested in attending should contact Mills or Charlie Broadhurst at The Fishin' Hole in St. Joe.

**B. Local Tournament Report:** Winkel said that, in addition to the traditional tournaments in the past few years, two new tournaments have been added for 2009: a Fub Wobbler on May 31<sup>st</sup>

and a Men's Tournament on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Now there are two Sunday tournaments: May 31<sup>st</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Two-Day Tournament:** Mills reported that, with the current economic situation in the country, sponsors are getting hard to come by. Anyone who has suggestions are encouraged to get them to the committee to help with funding the tournament.
- D. State Meeting:** Foster provided a detailed report of the goings on at the meeting. It began with a fairly lengthy Presidents meeting for the local chapters, and ended with the normal Directors meeting. Highlights included new state officers; availability of decals, both new and old; efforts to keep the newspaper current and timely; membership marketing at various venues; updating the website; cormorant control efforts; and upcoming fishing and tackle shows throughout the state. Anyone wanting more specific information should see Foster for details.
- E. Big Fish Results:** Olson provided a breakdown report on winners of local tournaments in 2008. Winners can pick up their checks from him this evening.
- F. March Meeting:** Dehn reminded members that Best Chance Two captains will be here with their lively presentation. Foster has also arranged for a couple of membership chairs from the state to make a brief presentation prior to Best Chance.

**VI. Adjournment:**

*Motion by Filbrandt, second by Matthies, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Foster, Secretary