

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

Date: April 16, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Officers present: Antonson, Burr, Chapman, Foster, Keebler, Mills, Morris

Number of members present: 28, welcoming two new members

Number of guests present: 0

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**Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Keebler at 7:00pm.

**I. Secretary's Report:**

The report for March was read. *Motion by Stezowski, second by Mills, to approve the report. Passed.*

**II Treasurer's Report:** Chapman provided a report covering 1/15/09-4/16/09. *Motion by Antonson, second by Stezowski, to approve the report. Passed.*

**III. Correspondence:**

**A. Donation Requests:** Keebler ran thru the list of Board-approved donation recipients (see \*\*below) which will be used for this year's allocations. Mills informed the members that the planned allocation amount of \$3,000 is currently 80% approved, with 20% held back for any additional requests that could be brought before the membership for approval.

**B. Michigan Maritime Museum:** they have requested a donation of @100 pounds of fillets for their fish boil dinner fundraiser this summer. After much discussion, including a request back to them for a reciprocal donation of some free trips on the Friends Good Will for our Two-Day Tournament prizes, *motion by Gymer, second by Schaffer, to deny the request for lack of support. Passed.*

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Two-Day Tournament:** Mills reported that the committee is chugging along, but donations of both dollars and product are down quite a bit this year. He stated that the Under 24' class could be a popular division if/when the weather cooperates and allows for a couple of really good days for that size boat. This year there is a limit of 9 rods and 15 fish caught, 10 of which get weighed in the Under 24' and Amateur divisions, and 12 of which get weighed in the Pro division. We have had some boats already register, and are looking for many more to arrive in the next few weeks.

**B. Local Tournaments:** Olson reported on the upcoming season of local tournaments. The first one is on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A complete schedule is available at Pyle's Porthole. Related to that, it was announced that Pyle's is having an open house this Saturday with company reps, special deals and grilling by Bob's Processing.

**V. New Business:**

**A. Kids Fishing Outing:** Keebler reported on plans to continue our annual Kids outing with the Hartford Middle Schoolers. Some of the kids have never even been to Lake Michigan, and most have never fished it before; the trips are always very rewarding for both the kids and the captains. Keebler asked for volunteers to take the kids out; he immediately got six captains, with a couple more possible. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and boats.

**B. DNR Budget Conference:** Keebler notified members that there is an upcoming budget conference at the DNR which could have some serious consequences for available dollars in the near future, particularly on fish stocking. It should not affect this year's allocations, so we are expecting the same plants as previous years. The net pen is at the RBBC, and Nichols will put them in the water and push it down to the SHYC where it will be stocked. Keebler briefly reviewed the net pen program for our newer members.

**C. Fisheries Workshop:** Keebler announced that there will be another Fisheries Workshop at Grand Haven on April 25<sup>th</sup>. These are usually very informative meetings, and anyone wishing to attend can see Chapman who will send in the registrations; the Chapter will pay for a limited amount of members to attend.

**VI. Adjournment:**

*Motion by Antonson, second by Mills, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Foster, Secretary

\*\*Annual Donation Recipients List – Approved by the Chapter Board January 15, 2009

South Haven Chapter Scholarship Fund  
South Haven Junior Baseball/Softball Leagues  
We Care, Inc.  
Light Up the Lake  
National Blueberry Festival  
South Haven Hospice  
Al-Van Humane Society  
Stepping Stones, Inc.