

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

Date: August 20, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Burr, Chapman, Crago, Foster, Keebler, Mills

Number of members present:     34    

Number of guests present:     2    

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

**I. Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report for July was read; one correction was made regarding the adult price for the fish boil at \$10. *Motion by Stezowski, second by Matthies, to approve the report. Passed.*

**II Treasurer's Report:** Chapman provided the report thru August 19, 2009. *Motion by Mills, second by Neitzel, to approve the report. Passed.*

**III. Correspondence:** None

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Fish Boil:** Keebler expressed his thanks to the many members who volunteered their time and energy for this year's Fish Boil. Olson then provided a more detailed report, and indicated the net revenues were \$7,021, about \$400 short of last year. Olson recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to Blue Star Supply for their continuing generosity in providing all the propane for the Boil, and he urged members to patronize the business whenever possible. Olson said he still has T-shirts, and members can purchase them for \$10 by calling him and arranging a pickup. The extra food from the Boil was used by the United Methodist Church for the regular Tuesday evening meals for the public. Tom Peterson and others are working on getting a new pot; Matthies will work on another burner.

**B. Kids Fishing:** the scheduled Kids Tournament was cancelled due to weather. Keebler has the supplies to be used for the next one. We used some new liability forms, and all participants signed them even though the fishing didn't happen. Keebler recommends that we continue to use these to protect both the Chapter and the Captains who volunteer. The Hartford Kids already have such a liability form at their school.

**C. Two-Day Tournament:** there has been no significant movement yet on the 2010 tournament. Mills is working with several other southwest Michigan ports on how to deal with the 333, adopting uniform rules, etc. There will be a meeting in late September or early October. Keebler noted that the committee is still looking at 501(c)3 status; they will keep the Chapter informed.

**V. New Business:**

**A. By-Laws:** Keebler has received by-laws from the State Steelheaders. We will keep them on file for reference.

**B. City Park Plans:** Burr reported on plans of the city to develop the old public works building and property adjacent to the river and Pero's landing. He has found out that we can get another grant from the Fisheries Trust to build an additional sea wall like our existing one, but we need city and other support, and the due date for submission is September 6<sup>th</sup>. But the city council and mayor seem to have other ideas (as yet undeveloped or revealed) and have voted not to support the grant application. There will be an open hearing on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at City Hall, and Burr urged

as many Steelheader members as possible to attend the meeting and voice their support. We will also need letters of support from other agencies and political reps. Much discussion ensued. *Motion by Foster, second by Mills to support the application for getting a grant for a new sea wall from the Fisheries Trust. Passed.* Burr indicated that a grant writer is poised to submit the grant application.

- C. Joe Chase Tournament:** Mitch Matthies normally runs that tourney, but it too was cancelled due to weather. Chapter members expressed their thanks to Mitch for all his work for this tournament.
- D. Weigh Station:** *Motion by Steinmiller, second by Peterson, to move our scales from All Seasons to Pyle's Porthole.* Lots of discussion ensued, with members expressing very strong feelings about where the scales should be, how available they are throughout the year, particularly in the winter, keeping good relations with our supporters (All Seasons is a very active supporter of our Two-Day Tournament), etc. *After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed.*
- E. Local Tournaments:** there was discussion about the all-Steelheader tournament this weekend. Olson felt that at least one of the crew **MUST** be a South Haven Chapter member, and other crew had to be a member of our or some other Chapter. Members supported that concept. Some suggested that we needed to be clear about Sunday being a "blow day" since the weather conditions for Saturday were not predicted to be good so far.

**VI. Adjournment:**

*Motion by Foster, second by Strong, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Foster, Secretary