

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

Date: February 21, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Number of members present:   32  

Number of guests present:   4  

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

**I. Secretary's Report:**

Both the December and January reports were read. *Motion by Antonson, second by Crago, to approve. Passed.* Board minutes from January were also read. *Motion by Antonson, second by Keebler, to approve. Passed.*

**II Treasurer's Report:** Chapman provided the report for February.. The report had expenditures of \$2,700, including a \$2,000 donation to the River Bend Boat Club to help pay for new grinders, and receipts of \$490.35, leaving a balance of \$5,810.06. *Motion by Keebler, second by Strong, to approve the report. Passed.*

**III. Correspondence:**

- A. Passing of a Member:** we received notice of the passing of Bob Smith in Florida. He was a long-time member of the chapter. The family has requested that all memorial donations be given to the South Haven Chapter.
- B. Fisheries Workshop:** The 2008 Sea Grant Workshop will be held in Grand Haven on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Members who wish to go should see Dave after the meeting to arrange for registration.
- C. Van Buren County Youth Camp:** we received a letter requesting a donation. *Motion by Crago, second by Dehn, to donate \$200. Passed.*
- D. Flint River Chapter:** they produce an annual calendar for all their members. It was suggested that South Haven try the same. We will look into it and decide at the next meeting.

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. Ice Fishing Tournament:** we had 67 people attending the lunch at North Lake Inn. \$1,033 was collected and \$900 paid out. Johnson reviewed the prize winners. The South Haven Chapter of the Steelheaders was promoted throughout the tournament and luncheon. Johnson also went thru the list of donors to the tournament, and indicated that we had to pay to have the lot plowed for access to the lake.
- B. Pyle's Porthole:** the store should be open late next week.
- C. State and President's Meeting:** Mills provided a detailed report of the meeting held recently in Lansing. It included old and new state funding proposals for fisheries programs. No new fees are planned for 2008. A 5 of one species creel limit is being proposed. A new woman is running the "It Pays to Belong" program at the state. Both the Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb newspapers will be out at about the same time due to a sorting problem at the Post Office.

- D. 2008 Membership Drive:** the state will be tracking sponsors of new members for all 19 chapters, and will be awarding some excellent prizes for those who bring in the most new members. The Chapter will also have a prize as well for the person who brings in the most new members.
- E. Two-Day Tournament:** Keebler distributed copies of the new Tournament Trail magazine, which is really nice this year. Our Tournament will have a new Under 24' class for smaller boats; we hope to increase the number of trailered boats in the tourney. Major sponsors are in place, with McFadden's Motors and Yogurt Flies added this year. There will be a kick-off banquet for the new GL2S (Great Lakes Salmon Series) the last Saturday of March.
- F. Salmon in the Schools:** Antonson reported that the fish are still looking good.

**V. New Business:**

- A. Big Fish Contest:** Olson reviewed the results of the contest.
- B. "Yes" Program:** stands for Youth Enrichment Services, a new scholarship program in the South Haven schools. Students get credit for community services, if the sponsor organization fills out a form to acknowledge the hours of service. Keebler and Powell will take care of it.
- C. Water Temperature Display:** Burr reported that there is a proposal to install a water temperature display on the new water treatment plant at the mouth of the river. After discussion, *motion by Stezowski, second by Steinmiller, to send a letter of support for the proposal to the City Manager. Passed.*
- D. Local Tournaments:** the new schedule is now available.
- E. Net Pens:** we need to start planning for inserting and stocking the pens at the Yacht Club.
- F. Junior Baseball:** After brief discussion, *motion by Antonson, second by Dehn, to donate \$500 to sponsor two teams. Passed.*
- G. March Meeting:** Mills informed the members that the March meeting will be abbreviated due to a presentation on big lake fishing by the captains of the Best Chance Too.

**VI. Adjournment:**

*Motion by Foster, second by Strong, to adjourn the meeting. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Foster