

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
April 27, 2005**

1. Meeting was brought to order by president Rick Balabon at 7:30 p.m. A 13 member Quorum was present.
2. **Motion** (Merckel) to approve March 23rd minutes after correcting “loss of license fees” to “senior license discounts not being reimbursed by the general fund “... Second (Saladine)...passed.
3. **Motion** (Schultz) to approve the financial summary as presented...Second (Saladine)...passed.
4. Letters and Communications (Balabon)... MUCC affiliation dues of \$180.00, which have been budgeted, are now due.
5. Old Business
 - A. By-Law changes ... Five (5) by-law changes were proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting
 - B. Budget (Balabon)... \$ 2000.00 was subtracted from line item “office supplies”. \$ 2000.00 was added to line item “membership kits”.
 - C. Webmaster Cost (Haddad)... **Motion** (Pilara) to budget \$500.00 per year for a MSSFA state website manager... Second (Hort)...passed.
6. New Business
 - A. Mileage Costs ... currently we pay \$.25/mile and the IRS limit is \$.41/mile. **Motion** (Smith) to increase the mileage allowance to \$.41/mile for state officers and directors when performing official duties on behalf of MSSFA... Second (Clark)...passed.
 - B. Membership (Haddad)... membership is holding steady.
 - C. Decal Supplies (Haddad)... supplies have dwindled and sourcing has changed. Steve is requesting quotes for tackle box decals and static cling window stickers.
 - D. Dr. Wayne Toddy Memorial (Balabon)... the recently deceased Dr. Tody “fathered” the introduction of salmon in the Great Lakes as a DNR fisheries biologist. **Motion** (Saladine) to donate \$100.00 to the DR. Wayne Tody Memorial... Second (Merckel)... passed.
7. Legislative Report (Merckel)... due to widespread scheduling conflicts with DNR Fisheries personnel, we have rescheduled the Legislative Night Reception to October 4, 2005... same time, same place.
8. DNR Committee Reports
 - A. Lake Michigan (Pilara)... Angler effort and harvest for Lake Trout was lowest since 1986. The Chinook accounted for 77% of the 2004-harvested biomass...Coho accounted for 7%. The biomass density and numbers of alewives and bloater chubs are at their lowest levels since 1978. There were 5 active commercial licenses operating in 2004.

- B. Lake Huron (Merckel)...it appears that the food web has undergone some permanent changes (diporeia is down, alewives are down)... Chinook plumpness is lowest ever measured ...Whitefish growth and condition in decline... Lake Trout are rebounding... Native species are reproducing at highest rates since 1970...Perch, Herring, Walleye, and Smelt are rebounding... Chinook natural reproduction in Canadian tributaries has been higher than anticipated and may lead to suspension of stocking.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Yours
Gerry Sickon, Secretary