

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
May 25, 2005**

1. Meeting was brought to order President Rick Balabon at 7:30 pm. A 17 member quorum was present.
 2. **Motion** (Saladine) to approve April 27, 2005 minutes as presented; Second (Hort); passed.
 3. Financial Report (Haddad)... YTD revenue, YTD expenses , Balance . **Motion** (Plekker) to approve report as presented; Second (Pilara); passed
 4. Letters and Communications (Haddad)... Thank You letter received from the Kelly Smith family for our donation
 5. Old Business
 - A. By-Law Changes ... The following changes are proposed; Article III Section 2 (strike...shall not hold office in the MSSFA); Article V Section 2 (replace Eight(8) with, a minimum of Six(6) ; Article VI Section 1 (insert after among its directors...or any Local Chapter Board member or officer) ; Section 3 (strike...No officer of the MSSFA shall serve in the same office for more than two(2) consecutive terms.); Article VII Section 1 (replace... Ecological and Research Committee with, DNR Committee) ; Article X (add after first sentence... A By Law amendment may be proposed by a quorum of the State Board of Directors). **Motion** (Nowicki) to approve all By Law changes as presented; Second (Saladine); passed. Distribution to Local Chapters for their vote will begin immediately.
 - B. Petition Procedures (Nelson)... the purpose is to establish a code of procedures for initiating, participating in, and controlling the process of a petition drive, so that the results are legally acceptable, and supported by the MSSFA State Board of Directors. **Motion** (Plekker) to establish a Petitions Committee with a chairman appointed by the President, to codify our petitions procedures... Second (Saladine)... passed.
 - C. Decals (Haddad)... 2500 tackle box, 2500 window, and 200 boat decals have been ordered. New membership kits include one of each.
 6. New Business
 - A. Elections... Article VI Section 1 requires the announcement that nominations are open for 60 days preceding the election of officers at the September 24, 2005 Board Meeting.
 - B. Membership Update (Haddad)... membership is holding steady.
 7. Legislative Report (Merckel)... an October 4th meeting will be heavily attended by DNR officials to deal with lamprey control
 8. Executive Director Report (Pelt)... the latest NRC meeting focused on the possible reasons for declining hunting and fishing license participation. DNR fisheries officials are less concerned about Lake Michigan (due to good baitfish sonar reports), but are very concerned about Lake Huron. Pelt will be requesting a face to face meeting between the DNR Fisheries Chief and the MSSFA basin coordinators.
9. Committee Reports

- A. Lake Michigan (Pilara)...Reports are that the Luddington area has 4 new nets in 180 feet of water surrounding Big Sable Point. The wing nets are not marked as was previously agreed upon and pose a special danger to unwary sportfishers.
- B. Lake Huron (Merckel)...Forage base results (acoustical and netting) found lots of smelt at 50 foot depths. Bloater chubs are doing OK. Tons of Lake Trout are being caught. The DNR may pursue research on re-establishing lake herring as a forage base fish for larger game fish. A new broodstock of Steelhead takes 5 years to establish.
- C. Streams (Clark)... There are a lot of Questions from members on the discharge practices from dams. Bob Clark will confer with Kurt Neumann, the DNR official with the most dam experience.

10. Good of the Order (Directors at Large)... Participating vendors list is being updated for the MSSFA state website

11. **Motion** (Plekker) to adjourn; Second (Saladine)...passed