

**MSSFA State Board Meeting  
MUCC Headquarters, Lansing, Mi.  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The meeting was brought to order by President Rick Balabon at 7:05 pm. A 15 member quorum was present.

**Minutes** (Sickon)... Motion (Merckel) to approve minutes as presented...second (Saladine)... passed.

**Financial Report** (Haddad)... YTD income \$xxxxxx... YTD expenses xxxxxx... Balance xxxxxxMotion (Saladine) to accept report as presented... second (Potts)... passed.

**Letters & Communications** (Balabon)... Trout Unlimited requested support for their objection to (DNR proposed) changes in the "stream regulations". DNR wants to change some river designations from class 5 to class 2, and also change brook trout keeper size from 8" to 7". The board discussed the changes and decided to support the DNRs prerogative to scientifically manage the stream resources for equitable access and sustainability. The stream guideline (proposed) changes have been forwarded to the stream committee chairman.

### **Old Business**

**Membership** (Gumbrecht/Balabon)... Membership total is xxxxx as of 8/1/2009. The White River chapter is setting up single date expiration for all members in order to simplify renewals. The Grand Rapids chapter (Renee Davis) has set up a "face book" club for the MSSFA.

**It pays to belong** (Davis)... 2 new participants include River Raison Campground, and K&M Marine.

### **New Business**

**Realignment of budget items** (Haddad)...The postage line item under office expenses will now include state newspaper postage.

**Newspaper** (Balabon/French)... We have a new printer for the GLSFN. The printer will also handle the mailing.

**Executive Directors Report** (Pelt)... All DNR divisions are in a budget crunch. Stakeholder meetings are trying to focus on the license fee structure and how it can be modernized to support the DNRs basic needs. A \$5.00 increase for the 1<sup>st</sup> license purchased, with no increase for subsequent license purchases, would raise possibly 10 million \$. This idea appears to be gaining traction with various stakeholders. If a legislator would sponsor a bill to this effect and push it through the appropriations committee, the revenue would go directly to the DNR budget.

**Legislative Report** (Merckel)... We may need to sponsor a "legislator's night" to lobby for DNR funding.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **DNR Committee**

Lake Huron (Merckel)... The DNR is piloting an Atlantic Salmon rearing program. The Wisconsin lake herring had to be quarantined and could not be shipped. The (40 thousand) lake herring from Wolf Lake hatchery were planted in the Thunder Bay near Alpena. Lake Herring, feeding on algae and insects, can grow to 6 lbs. The Jordan River hatchery is being rejuvenated with federal stimulus dollars for Ciscoes and Whitefish production.

### **Good of the Order**

September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is the Grand Haven Salmon Festival.

The Holland fish cleaning station should be complete by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion to adjourn (White) at 9:00 pm... Second (Merckel)...passed

Respectfully yours,  
Gerald Sickon  
MSSFA Sec. /Treas.