

MSSFA State Board Meeting
MUCC Headquarters, Lansing, Mi.
Sept. 23, 2009

The meeting was brought to order by President Rick Balabon at 7:05 pm. A 22 member quorum was present.

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

Financial Report (Haddad)...YTD income \$xxxxxx...YTD expenses xxxxxx...Balance as of 8/31/2009 is \$xxxxxxxx. Motion (Merckel) to accept report as presented...second (Potts)...passed.

Letters & Communications (Balabon)... Larry and Jeri Hoort (Mid-Michigan) have resigned their chairmanship of the membership committee due to personal reasons. Their outstanding organization of the annual membership drive awards program will be missed.

Old Business

Membership (Balabon)... The recruitment awards program needs a new chairperson. Motion (Potts) to provide funding for the awards...second (White)...passed. Bud Potts (Grand Rapids) volunteered to chair the 2009 recruitment awards program. Presently, there are xxxxx members. As of 1/1/2010, any member that is 2 months delinquent will not receive the state newspaper. It is very important that local chapters promptly process their membership renewals to the state.

It Pays to Belong (Davis)... Rx Optical has provided a new plan for MSSFA. Tri-folds were given to the directors for distribution.

New Business

2010 Shows (Balabon)...The local chapters that want their shows to be publicized in the state newspaper must contact Debbie French by 10/1/2009 with the pertinent information.

State Newspapers for Shows (Balabon)... There are concerns about the cost and availability of MSSFA state newspapers for the fishing/outdoors shows that are sponsored or attended by the local chapters. The communications committee will report on the cost/copy and alternative funding mechanisms (ex. Ad sales) at the 11/11/2009 board meeting.

Dues Increase Survey (Balabon)... Rick asked the directors to canvas their membership for either a \$5.00/year dues increase beginning year 2011, or a \$5.00/member chapter special assessment for year 2011, and to report the canvas results at the 11/11/2009 meeting.

Executive Directors Report (Pelt)... The DNR and DEQ are about to be re-combined after 10+ years of separate management. Budget constraints and duplication of effort appear to be the key drivers for this downsizing.

Committee Reports

DNR Fisheries

Lake Huron (Merckel)... 70,000 Atlantic salmon (using Lake Superior State College eggs) will be raised at the Platte river hatchery for Lake Huron. Deep water Ciscoes (Lake Superior Herring) will be raised at Wolf Lake hatchery. Funding is being sought to research multi-species breeding (ciscoe, herring, and whitefish) in a common hatchery location (Platte river hatchery). The Lake Huron coordinator (Kurt Neumann) is leaving the DNR for a job with the Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor.

Stream Committee (Pollock)... The Cedar River bank restoration project is moving forward.

Motion (Saladine) to adjourn at 9:15 pm... second (White)...passed

Respectfully yours,
Gerald Sickon
MSSFA Sec. /Treas.