

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
September 26, 2007
Lansing, Mi.**

1. President Rick Balabon brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a 14-member quorum present.
2. Presidents Report (Balabon)...MSSFA Vice-President Ron Plekker has passed away. Ron championed the "It pays to belong" program from its' beginning. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ron's family. We too will miss him. Rick is asking that any member with an interest in the vice-president position contact him for an explanation of the duties and responsibilities. A search is underway for a new ISP website service provider for the MSSFA. We hope to add more powerful business features and interactive services that are both reliable and within our budget constraints.
3. Motion (Foster) to approve the minutes as presented... Second (Saladine)... Passed.
4. Financial Report (Haddad)... August revenue , August expenses ,The total balance. Motion (Saladine) to accept the financial report after the copy is amended to include the over/under column feature for each budget line item... Second (Foster)...Passed.
5. Executive Director Report (Pelt)... The DNR license fee increase proposal does not have legislative support. An alternative proposal to add a \$43 million appropriation to the DNR budget will have to pass through a conference committee before the legislature can vote on it. The inland hunting/fishing Indian tribal negotiations are concluded. No private property trespass is allowed, and no commercial harvest is allowed. The DNR biologists have determined that fish roe can be treated to eliminate VHS virus. Fish eggs can be legally purchased. The "baitfish receipt" regulation is being enforced, so remember to carry the receipt when using and transporting live baitfish.
6. Old Business
 - A. Webmaster Service... Motion (Pilara) to approve a \$500.00 yearly service fee for the MSSFA website administrator (Greg Gumbrecht)... Second (Foster)... Passed.
 - B. Officer Insurance (Haddad)... this issue remains under study.
7. New Business
 - A. Newspaper... The communications committee is working on a business plan for ownership of the MSSFA newspaper. All local chapters show dates must be sent to Debbie French by November 2, 2007 for publication in the 2008 newspaper "show issue".
8. Legislative Report (Merckel)... local chapters need to mobilize members to ask legislators to support the DNR funding package.
9. DNR Fisheries Committee Reports.
 - A. Lake Michigan (Pilara)...The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, in Lansing
 - B. Lake Huron (Merckel)... The next meeting is scheduled for November 7.
 - C. Lake Erie/St.Clare (Sickon)... The next meeting will be scheduled for winter 2008.
10. Good of the Order... Bob Schultz (Southwest Chapter) announced that 2 new schools in Southaven have started a "salmon in the schools" program.
11. Motion (Edwards) to adjourn... Second (Merckel)... Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Sickon
MSSFA Sec./Treas.