

MSSFA State Board Meeting
MUCC Headquarters, Lansing, Mi.
October 29, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Rick Balabon. A 19 member quorum present. **Presidents Report** (Balabon)...Rick introduced guest speaker (Curtis Aldridge). Curt presented a fundraising model, whereby non-profit organizations websites have a link to (Passport2Giving.com) which then acts as a travel purchasing network. Any sales which originate through the non-profit groups website link will result in a donation being made to the non-profit from the Passport to Giving organization. There is a \$499.95 one time cost to set-up the link on the non-profits website. Motion by (Saladine) to send materials to the finance committee for review and to report back to the board on possibility of implementation...Second (Potts)... passed.

Minutes (Sickon)...Motion by (Foster) to accept minutes as presented....Second (Saladine)...passed
Financial Report (Haddad)... YTD income \$xxxxxx... YTD expenses (xxxxxxx)...Balance is \$xxxxxx

Communications...The Great Lakes Sport-fishing Council, renewal request letter for \$75.00/year. Motion (Merckel) to renew...Second (Pilara)...passed. The MUCC yearly meeting place rental agreement renewal letter for \$150.00/year. Motion (Pilara) to renew...Second (Foster)...passed

Old Business

- 1- Website Update (Haddad)... If a membership chairperson finds a mistake in their chapters membership list, it is best to email the corrections to Steve Haddad at (SLH48@btc-bci.com).
- 2- It Pays to Belong (Davis)... Gander Bucks are available to local chapters. A local chapter official must contact the local store manager to arrange for pick-up.
- 3- Membership Challenge (Hoort)... Motion (Merckel) to establish a MSSFA Lifetime Member designation and that the membership committee chairperson recommend a price for that designation at the next board meeting... Second (Foster)...passed

New Business

- 1- Nominations and Election of Officers... Motion (Potts) to re-open nominations...Second (Saladine)...passed. Motion (Davis) to nominate Dave Anderson (Grand Rapids) for Vice-President...Second (Nowicki)...passed. The voting for Vice-President commenced. Sec./Treas. (Sickon) reported results to President (Balabon). Dennis Eade (Holland) was elected Vice-President. Motion (Foster) to elect by acclamation, Rick Balabon to President and Gerry Sickon to Secretary and Treasurer...Second (Saladine)...passed.
- 2- Communications committee (Pilara)... The latest issue of the State newspaper has been lost by the Postal Service. The Attorney General office has been contacted as the search continues.
- 3- Fundraising (Haddad)... The cost for a 6 inch diameter decal is (# 2000/\$xxx per),(#5000/.xx per), (#10,000/.xx per).

Legislative Report (Merckel)...The Natural Resource Commission will decide on the (3 lines/angler with a total of 6 hooks) proposal at their Nov. 6th meeting. The NRC will address the 5 salmon same species daily bag limit at the Dec. 4th meeting

DNR Fisheries Committee Reports

- 1- Lake Huron (Merckel)... The small harbor coalition meeting in Saginaw resulted in the realization that there is no government \$ for small harbor dredging. The open water acoustical studies are showing deep water chubs as the only abundant species. The DNR wants to use the 1986 data as the benchmark for angler success and charter boat catch rates.
- 2- Lake Michigan (Pilara)... The tribal net problems and violations continue. Net marking citations are abundant. The lake fishing was down about 30% from last year, but the fish are healthy. The lake perch are making a strong comeback. The one year old salmon are larger than last year. The river fishing has been bad with low water levels persisting. VHS regulations are hurting the Skamania broodstock collection for Indiana DNR.

Good of the Order ... Southhaven is having an open river tournament on Dec.6th

Respectfully Yours,
Gerald Sickon