

MSSFA State Board Meeting
MUCC Headquarters, Lansing, Mi.
Sept. 22, 2010

1. The meeting was brought to order by President Rick Balabon at 7:00 pm. with a 21 member quorum present.
2. Jennifer Swinehart of Grandhaven Offshore Challenge Inc. (501C3) is canvassing Steelheader clubs to sell raffle tickets for "The Tournament Weekend Experience for 4 ". The tournament is scheduled for June 4&5, 2011. Motion (Belter), to approve of this event and encourage local chapters to sell tickets for this raffle. GHOC Inc. has proffered much help to Steelheader programs on the Lake Michigan side of the state; Second (Pietila); passed.
3. Motion (Merckel), to accept meeting minutes as presented; Second (Hunt); passed.
4. Financial Report (Haddad): A finance committee meeting will be held before the next board meeting to address 2010 line items that have exceeded budget allocation. A 2011 budget will then be assembled. YTD revenue is \$xxxxxx; YTD expense is (\$xxxxxx); Balance is \$xxxxxx. Motion (Hunt), to accept report; Second (Davis); passed.
5. Communications and Letters (Balabon / Eade): The "Holland Stealheader Salmon Challenge" will be held again on May 21, 2011. Hotel packages for this weekend are being pursued. The possibility of a "team structure" whereby a local (Holland) crew would team up with an "out of town" crew is being researched. Eade reported on the charter boat outing that Holland Steelheaders provided to legislators from the west and central area of the state. It was a very successful fishing and learning experience. Motion (Sickon), to compensate the Holland chapter (\$xxxx) for the coolers and plastic bags that were needed for the legislators' fillets; second (White); passed.
6. Executive Directors Report (Pelt): Andy Pelt reported that he supports the separation of the MSSFA executive director position and the GLSFN newspaper editor position. He advised that he is willing to act as executive director without a contract.
7. Old Business
 - A. Membership (Gumbrecht): Membership is xxxx. The peak membership at one time was xxxx.
 - B. Executive Director Committee Report: Norm Anderson reported that the committee advises that the contract for MSSFA Executive Director and GLFSN Newspaper Sales Manager (both currently held by Andy Pelt) not be renewed, and that current representation by Andy Pelt in these positions be terminated immediately. Motion (Anderson), to terminate immediately the contracts for MSSFA Executive Director and the GLFSN Sales Manager. All salaries for contracts and advertising ads will be paid until December 31, 2010; Second (Wilson); roll call vote was (9) yes, and (4) no; passed. Motion (Hunt), that temporarily, Dennis Eade act as MSSFA Executive Director and that Debbie French act as GLFSN Sales Manager; Second (Davis); passed.
8. New Business
 - A. Mid-Michigan chapter by-laws review: Motion (Pietela), to approve the Mid-Michigan chapter by-law changes; Second (Merckel); passed. All chapters should have a hard copy of their by-laws stored at the state office.
 - B. Open Nominations for State Officers: Dennis Eade (Vice-President); Gerald Sickon (Sec. / Treas.); Ken Merckel (President); Rick Balabon (President). Nominations will close after the November 10, 2010 meeting.
9. Legislative Report (Merckel): Presently researching an appropriate date for a "legislator's night" in the spring of 2011. State budget balancing issues will be a front and center issue.
10. Lake Committee Reports

A. Lake Huron (Merckel): 2 million lake trout are coming from the renovated Jordon River hatchery; 120K brown trout will be planted; 50K net pen steelhead will be shared by (Harrisville, Oscoda, Harbor Beach), and another 50K will be directly planted; atlantic salmon will be hatched in Thompson Creek then moved to Platte River after the heads are fused.

B. Lake Erie (Sickon): Kalamazoo oil spill survey shows low apparent immediate effect on fish mortality. Asian Carp response plan is being finalized (the Federal District Court judge in Chicago seems to "get it"). Regulation changes in 2011..."one/day" Lake Superior lake trout over 34"; 224 miles of inland trout gear restricted areas; Lake Erie walleye daily bag limit will be announced and published every May 1st and reflect the revised total allowable catch for Michigan waters that is agreed upon in the multi-jurisdiction Lake Erie Committee. A 2011 budget is still not available from the legislature. The 5 year bass study shows that mean annual air temperature has effect on spawning periods (18" bass are 1st to spawn and 12"are last to spawn). Once the bass reach 15", their growth rate slows dramatically. Estimated 16,000 sturgeon in Lake Erie and Huron corridor (2400 have been PIT tagged).

Motion (Merckel), to adjourn at 9:35pm; Second (Saladine); passed

Respectfully submitted,
G.Sickon, Sec. /Treas.