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At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting by talking about the Minnesota Muskie Alliance meeting he attended. They did vote to join MOHA, although there is an issue that has arisen regarding the possible loss of Waterfowl ponds due to the minnow production. We'll keep you posted on this.

Mark also talked about the discussion at that meeting regarding the stocking of Pokegama Lake and Gull Lake. The "Sportsmen for Responsible Muskie Management" want the DNR to write up what criteria a lake would need to meet that would make it favorable to Muskie stocking. Supposedly, the MN DNR already has such criteria, but they decided to put a hold on any stocking of Muskies into new lakes until new criteria is written. There is a small chance that one or both of those lakes could still get fish this Fall. We'll keep an eye on this situation.

We had one of our largest crowds ever for our Chapter's awards Night Banquet, which kept the cost to our Chapter down. It was a great time, and I urge you to attend next year. The food was great and we had a lot of nice prizes.

There will probably be some wording in the new Minnesota Fishing Regulations Handbook regarding the handling of Muskies during warm water periods. Watch for it when you purchase your new license.

We talked about the results of how our Chapter will vote on the Motions presented at the Spring Board meeting. You'll see the results of all the Motions on the back page of this newsletter.

At the May meeting, we will have our annual leader making done. You are sure welcome to bring your own components if you like, but we will have everything available to make leaders in any size you choose. The cost is usually around \$2.00 each.

At the Next Meeting: We'll talk about the Motions voted on at the Spring Board meeting. Our guest speaker will be Brett Erickson, who will talk about all aspects of night fishing for Muskies. Brett has over 30 years of Muskie fishing experience in Minnesota and Canada, and works for Thorne Bros.

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President's Message

Hello All,

I would like to take this chance to publicly thank everyone that showed up for clean-up day on Pelican and Detroit lakes. We had about 20 members working and cleaned the lakes in about 2 hours. Ice conditions were a little less than perfect, but safety precautions were taken and all went well. Also a big thank you goes out to the Crawfords at the Sunlite Bar and Grill. The meals after the work was done were great, and all donated by Sunlite.

This event was a great thing for our chapter in a couple of ways. The DL newspaper was on hand to do an article on the clean up and showed us in a very positive light. Another great thing about this day was that it was just fun. Everyone enjoyed themselves that day, although, Pugs enjoyed being on shore better than the ice. So thanks to all who helped with that day, and the next time on those lakes will be in our boats in about 2 months.

Mark Stenger, Pres. 02

Upcoming Events

April 20-22 - Annual F-M Chapter Sturgeon Trip. Contact Brett, Mark, or Brian if interested.

April 23 - Regular meeting. West Fargo VFW 7pm. Speaker is Brett Erickson.

May 28 - Regular meeting. West Fargo VFW 7pm.

June 2 - Minnesota Muskie Season Opens

June 13-15 - Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge

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