



# Muskies Inc.

**Fargo-Moorhead**

**Chapter**

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### GoodSearch

Please remember to use GoodSearch for all of your internet searches. Simply go to the GoodSearch website, type Muskies Inc. in the "Who do you GoodSearch for?" box, and MI gets one cent per search. By the end of the year, it may add up.

### Membership Renewal Reminder

If your name is listed here, your membership to Muskies Inc. is due to expire within the next 30 days. Disregard this notice if you've already renewed. Thanks.

**Jeff Bommersbach**  
**Darrell & Karen Byram**  
**Brian Johnson**  
**Shane Koziol**  
**Jim Wolters**

### Attention

Even if you've entered your fish online, you must fill out an entry form for Shawn. Your fish will not appear on the Standings page if you do not. Please get all entry forms to Shawn as soon as you can. Thanks.

You can now renew your Muskies Inc. membership on the computer with a credit card. You can even donate to the Kermit Benson, Perry Smith, or Gil Hamm Funds. They are requesting that you renew with your 90-day notice to save postage costs. That's up to you.



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**Brad Waldera**

**At our last meeting:** President Mark Stenger began the meeting by talking about our largest yearly fundraiser, Angler's Night. It was held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and once again, it was a huge success. Rick may give us an update on the amount of money raised when we meet at the February meeting. At the January meeting a sign-up sheet was passed around. The same names seem to appear on it every year. It is just as much fun to work at this event as it is to attend it, so please sign up to help next year. You'll be glad you did.

I talked about the Motion I plan on presenting at the Spring Board meeting, and it was decided that it be presented by our Chapter, rather than by me, personally. This means it has the full support of our Chapter. Thanks guys.

I then talked about a new fundraising technique that MI International has begun. For once, it is something we can't possibly lose money on. It's called **GoodSearch**, and it works like this: Go to the GoodSearch website, type Muskies Inc. into the "Who do you GoodSearch for?" box, then do your internet searches just as you normally would with Google or Yahoo. Muskies Inc. receives one cent for each time you use GoodSearch. It doesn't sound like much, but some companies raise over \$2000.00 per year this way. The money raised may go to Youth, Fisheries, and Research, so we'd start each year with a little money going into those accounts. I'm not 100% sure that has been finalized yet, but that was the tentative plan. Check it out and see what you think of GoodSearch.

Brett talked about the Strategic Planning Commission's plan on restructuring Muskies Inc. They'd like to streamline the organization and cut down on the amount of voting members of the Board of Directors. They feel 15 voting members would be adequate, and would also like to hire an Executive director to run the day-to-day operations of the organization. Watch future newsletters for information on when our Chapter's Board will be fully discussing this plan in detail.

Congratulations to Will Hardy, Joe Hardy, Evan Twa, and Jerry Sondag. Jerry had the International Lunker of the month for November, Evan finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior division, and Joe and Will were top 10 finishers in the Mens Masters division of the International Members Only Fishing Contest. I believe all will receive plaques at the Awards banquet in Columbus, Ohio. Great job, guys.

**Brad Waldera-Newsletter Editor**

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**Special Notice**

Our Awards Night Banquet will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, at the West Fargo VFW. Doors will open at 6pm with dinner served a short while later. The meal will consist of Prime Rib or Shrimp, but we must know your preference in advance. Please let Brian Grote know your choice at the February meeting, or by phone, to make sure we have enough food available for everyone attending. The cost is \$15.00 per person. This is always a fun evening, so please come and show your support for the members of our Chapter who had successful fishing seasons. There is also a raffle held with nice prizes available. Be there.

## President's Message

We now have the ability to make Muskies Inc. better.

For those of us that have wanted a better MI, the wheels of change are rolling. The Strategic Planning Committee is taking comments and suggestions, and writing a possible direction as to where this organization may go.

The Strategic Planning Committee's suggestions, and your suggestions, will be addressed at our regular meeting. Please read the Strategic Planning Committee's section on the Muskies Inc. website for ideas already offered.

Please attend our monthly meeting, as it is your best opportunity to change this organization into what it will be.

Mark Stenger  
Pres. 02

## Upcoming Events

February 26- Regular meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

March 9-11- Minnesota Muskie Expo in Blaine, MN.

March 16- Awards Night Banquet - West Fargo VFW.  
Doors open at 6pm.

March 26 - Regular meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

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