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**Brad Waldera**

**At our last meeting:** President Brian Grote brought the meeting to order. We then talked about Angler's Night, and members signed up to work the booths and set up for the event. Tim Shultz mentioned a new prize game we could try and even offered to run it himself. We decided to give it a go. I wasn't able to attend, but I hear attendance may have been down slightly. I heard that Jon Jacobson won the Rifle, Owen Beckerleg won the Shotgun, and William Shulte won the \$50.00 Gift Card. Congratulations to them. Rick Eagleson will give us the actual dollar totals at the February meeting.

We then talked about our annual Awards Night Banquet. This year we will again hold it at the West Fargo VFW, and the date is set at April 11<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be Prime Rib or Shrimp, and is always great. This event has gotten bigger every year since I became a member in 2001, and I encourage everyone to attend. Show your support for our members who had an extraordinary fishing season. I have not yet heard if we'll have some type of entertainment, but we usually do. Keep in mind that Awards Night is one week prior to the annual F-M Sturgeon trip. Contact a Chapter officer for information on that outing. Brian also mentioned that we received a couple of very nice prizes for Awards Night from Dr. Byron Danielsen and John Baird. Thanks a bunch guys.

We talked about our annual Chapter 02 on ice clean up of Detroit Lake. A date has not yet been set, but we could use all the help we can get. Watch the newsletter or our Chapter website for updates.

The 2008 Chapter Challenge will be held in the Bemidji area of Minnesota. The lakes included are Winnibigoshish, Big, Bemidji, Cass, Plantagenet, and Andrusia. The Challenge will take place in the last week of September, and it looks like the F-M Chapter will have at least two 6-man teams. Contact Mark, Brett, or Brian if you're interested in fishing this event. There should be plenty of big fish caught, so mark your calendar if you're interested.

John Skarie mentioned that we have 1 cabin on Cass Lake reserved for this year's Chapter Challenge, but we may be able to get another one if we have enough F-M members interested in fishing the event. The cost will be \$25.00 per person for each night you stay. Please contact John for more information.

### At The Next Meeting

At the time the newsletter was printed we did not have a speaker lined up, but we may still get one to come. Be sure to attend the March meeting as Mille Lacs guide Lee Tauchen will be our guest speaker. He puts a lot of big fish in the boat, and I'm sure he'll have good information to share.

### Latest News

We may talk about the Minnesota DNR's long-range plans for Muskie and Northern Pike. They have put together over 60 pages of information that you can access on their website that covers much of what they want to do between now and 2020. Here is the link to type in:

[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/muskiepike\\_2020.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/muskiepike_2020.html)

There has also been talk recently about imposing a 48" minimum length restriction on other stocked lakes, some of which are in our area, such as Detroit, Pelican, and West Battle. At this time it is still being discussed, and at best this will probably not happen for another year or two.

Brad

I decided to start a Fargo-Moorhead Chapter website. You can access it by the link listed below.

[www.freewebs.com/fmmuskiesinc/](http://www.freewebs.com/fmmuskiesinc/)

Don't forget to check out the Muskies Inc. myspace page at this link:

<http://www.myspace.com/muskiesinc>

It was decided that we eliminate the ads in the newsletter to be able to accommodate more information. There are usually a few things that don't get mentioned in the newsletter due to the amount of space available, and we'd like to keep you as informed of our Chapter's projects as possible. We also would like to post a monthly photo in the newsletter of anything Muskie fishing related. The photo can be of a person with a fish, a sunset, or similar subjects. E-mail the photo to [bradwaldera@yahoo.com](mailto:bradwaldera@yahoo.com), or bring it to the next meeting. Photos of our Junior members with their catches are strongly encouraged. Thanks.

**Brad Waldera-**  
Editor/Publisher

### Upcoming Events

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>**- The Minnesota Muskie Expo at the National Sport Center in Blaine, MN. 105<sup>th</sup> & Central Ave. NE. \$10.00 daily or \$15.00 for a weekend passes. Great show to attend, with tons of lures and guest speakers. Friday's speakers are Jim Saric and Bob Mehsikomer, and Sunday you can hear Rob Kimm and Jack Burns from Esox Angler magazine. Check it out.

**March 24**- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Lee Tauchen, so don't miss this one.