



# Muskies Inc.

Fargo-Moorhead

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### 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.

Danny Colosky

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### 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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**At our last meeting:** President Mark Stenger began the meeting by talking about the suggestions and Motions being presented by Muskies Inc.'s Strategic Planning Committee. We will be holding a special Board of Directors meeting to discuss these ideas in detail. The meeting will be held at 7pm on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the West Fargo VFW, and is open to everyone. Please take the time to look at all of the SPC's suggestions and Motions. That information is on Muskies Inc.'s website for everyone to look over. You can even comment on the Motions they're presenting to be voted on at the Spring Board meeting. The Motions, if passed, will greatly effect the operations of Muskies Inc., so please go through all of the information and attend this special meeting if you can.

Brett spoke about the Minnesota Muskie Alliance meeting he and Mark recently attended. The MMA would like to join the Minnesota Outdoor heritage Alliance, or MOHA. Our Chapter voted to support that decision. Brett also mentioned that not only will the "Know the difference" page in the Minnesota fishing regulations handbook be in color, but all of the other fish species too. They may also include some wording advising to take special precautions when fishing for Muskies in warm water periods, but that was not finalized yet.

We also had a brief discussion on how Wednesday Night league will be operated this year. We may choose to require that members fish with a different partner each time out, and may add another Saturday outing. The F-M Board of Directors will talk about this further and make a decision at a later time. Please don't hesitate to offer any ideas you may have regarding Wednesday Night League. Contact a Board member with any suggestions you may have.

We talked about the "Hedrick Peer is Finally here' get together. Ideas are being looked at to see if we can't increase the attendance at this event. The Board will explore some options and make a decision on this at a later date. Contact a Board member with any suggestions or ideas you may have.

**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. If you'd like to attend, you must call Brian Grote at 218-790-0275 to let him know your meal choice, and to make sure we have enough food available for everyone. 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, including a Bud grant signed print. Be there.**

## President's Message

Nothing to report this month. Watch future newsletters for information on Strategic Planning committee business. Thanks.

Mark Stenger  
Pres. 02

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March 16- Awards Night Banquet -  
West Fargo VFW.

Doors open at 6pm.

March 19- SPC Board meeting-  
West Fargo VFW 7pm

March 26 - Regular meeting West  
Fargo VFW 7pm.



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The tentative date for our yearly on-ice clean up of Detroit Lake is March 31<sup>st</sup>. We talked about the possibility of adding Pelican Lake to our list, depending on the amount of people we can get to help out. It's actually a really fun time, and a good public relations move too. There is usually free Chili afterwards at the Sunlite Bar and Grill. We'll meet at the Zorbaz' access on Little Detroit Lake around 8 or 9am. We could use as many 4 wheelers and as much manpower as we can get. Be sure to bring a pair of good gloves. The date may change depending on the weather, so it may be best to contact Mark Stenger a day or two before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March to get more details. Please try to make it though, as I hear it's a real good time.

#### February Speaker

Our February speaker was none other than Fargo-Moorhead Chapter's own Brett Waldera. Brett talked about his fishing methods and how he alters his presentations depending on the time of the year and the structure he's fishing. For the most part, he has fished the same way since 1999, and with very good success. He suggests attending the summer meetings for our Roundtable discussion, stating that a lot of helpful, and current information is shared at those meetings. He mentioned where Muskies are most likely to be found throughout the year, and talked about how you can increase your catch ratio by targeting fish at certain depths, while avoiding dead water. He also shared his figure 8 technique and talked about what you can do to trigger followers into biters. He had a lot of good information to share, much more than I have room to relate here. Thanks Brett.

**Be sure to make it to our Awards Night banquet. You never know what may happen.**

