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At our last meeting: We began the meeting by talking about the annual Anglers Night fundraising banquet. We sold 272 dinner tickets, which was one more than last year. The Hooter's gals sold a good number of tickets, but we had to pay slightly more for meals than last year. We made a little less than last year, but Rick said we pretty much did what we were expecting to do financially.

There was some discussion about next year's Anglers Night banquet, as apparently we would have to hold the event a week later than normal because of the Doublewood being booked. Some members asked if we should look into other venues and also see if we can get a cheaper cost on the meals. Other members felt that the deal we are getting at the Doublewood will be very hard to beat. A couple of members will take a look at what is available in Fargo as far as venues, and let the club know what they find out at an upcoming meeting.

The annual Fargo-Moorhead Chapter Sturgeon trip will take place April 17-19. We have a sign up sheet going around for those needing night crawlers. Call Brian or Brett for more details about this trip.

The DNR will be looking for volunteers to assist them with various projects this year. A sign up sheet was passed around at the February meeting, but you can also call Mark Stenger to get your name added to the list. You may end up getting a call to help net fish or something.

The annual on ice clean up will tentatively be held on March 28. We will be cleaning up the ice on Detroit Lake, Pelican Lake, and possibly even Lake Sallie. This annual club function is a really good time and makes a big difference in limiting the amount of trash that ends up in our area lakes. Be sure to participate if you can. We will have more info available at the March meeting.

Our April speaker will be Ted Gwinn. Ted is a guide on Minnesota's Leech Lake, and will talk about tactics that are productive there. Don't miss this meeting, as we may gain some good information we can use later this year. ☺

Mark your calendar for August 15th, as that is when this year's Women in the Outdoors event will take place. We'll have more info on that later.

2009 Muskies Inc. Chapter Challenge

The 2009 Chapter Challenge will be held Aug. 26-28 on Minnesota's Leech Lake, and based out of Grand Vu Lodge. The cost is \$225 to stay Sunday -Sunday, or \$50.00 per night. Docking fees are included in that. We have one full 9-bedroom cabin with 7-Man Hot Tub and also a private bar with seating for 30 people. We'll be getting another cabin as well. Grand Vu Lodge and Anderson's resorts have donated a weeklong stay for 4 people as a raffle prize, which is good at any of their resorts on Leech Lake. At the May meeting, the Chapter will be asking for a \$50.00 deposit from those planning on attending. Please contact John Skarie for info regarding the Challenge. Thanks.

Photos

As Photo Editor for Muskies I am always looking for pictures for the magazine. If you've got some big fish pictures or just some interesting shots, please e-mail them to me at bradwaldera@yahoo.com Thanks.
Brad Waldera

Chapter Website

If you haven't checked out our Chapter website yet, please do so and tell me what you think. There is information available there that is not featured in the monthly newsletter due to space limitations. Please check it out occasionally so you can find out the latest information about our Chapter happenings.

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.

Matthew Flahave Loren Petersen

Upcoming Events

March 23- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

April 17-19- Our annual Chapter Sturgeon trip. Be sure to sign up and contact Brett or Brian if needing night crawlers.

April 27- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

May 16- Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting in Iowa.

May 18 ???- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm. Not sure of date due to Memorial Day holiday.

August 26-28, 2009- Chapter Challenge at Leech Lake.

At The Next Meeting

We'll talk about the Awards Night banquet and have Doug Schultz from the Minnesota DNR as our guest speaker. He will be discussing a tagging study that will be occurring on Leech Lake this year. We will also be finalizing our plans for the Sturgeon trip and discussing the annual on ice lake clean up.

**To make your own
Sunrise/Sunset/Moonrise/Moonset
Calendar.**

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