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At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting. 5 new members introduced themselves. Thanks for coming, guys, and welcome aboard!

Mark then talked about our Awards Night banquet. Our Chapter caught more fish than any other Chapter, and also caught the most 50-inch class fish, with 25. We had a few people win or place in the International contest too. Great job everyone.

We talked a little bit about the Chapter Challunge, and explained what it consists of to the new members. The F-M Chapter always tries to make it a better event than it was the year before, and this year will be no different. Contact Brett or Brian about signing up.

We got a Thank You back from the Detroit Lakes Boys and Girls Club for our donation to their organization. It sounds like they have some changes in store for their program, which may allow the kids to get out fishing once a week. That's great to hear.

We then talked about the Motions that were going to be voted on at the Spring Board Meeting. We had a great discussion, as a couple of the Motions were very interesting.

A bunch of guys from the Fargo-Moorhead MI Chapter participated in the on-ice clean up of Detroit Lake.

Our logo is finished, and looked pretty cool to me. You can order a number of different items, but the longer you wait, the longer it will take to receive your order. Try to contact Brian, and get your order placed as soon as possible.

The Fargo-Moorhead Chapter will be hosting the Fall Board Meeting for the International. It will be held on October 21st, and be based out of the Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn. We presently have 30 rooms reserved. We will also need people to volunteer their boats and guide service on Friday, October 20th. Let Brett know if you can make yourself, and your boat available.

At the next meeting: We'll go over each of the Motions that were voted on at the Spring Board meeting, and talk about the results. You can see the results on the back page of this newsletter.

President's Message

Spring is here,

I know it's slow this time of year, between the Muskie shows and the Opener, but there has been some Muskie related excitement at the Spring Board Meeting that you may or may not be aware of. It seems things got dropped in our RVP's lap. I'm sure we'll have a discussion on that at the meeting.

The lake clean up on Detroit Lake went well. There was more trash on the lake this year, than last year, but ice conditions made it easier to remove. It took six of us about 8 hours to clean up Big and Little Detroit lakes. We found lots of interesting items, including cement blocks, brake drums, and a car hood. Our club got some nice recognition in the Detroit Lakes paper for our efforts.

There are a few people fishing for Muskies already. We'll give them a chance to report at our next meeting.

Mark Stenger FM President.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers:

<u>April</u>- Luke Ronnestrand, representing Holcome Tackle, and a Mille Lacs guide.

<u>May</u>- Brad Hoppe, manufacturer of Eagletail, Cowgirl, and Showgirl Bucktails, also a guide in the Alexandria area, and on Mille Lacs.

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Upcoming Events:

April 24th Regular meeting. 7pm West Fargo VFW.

Luke Ronnestrand is guest speaker. $\underline{\text{May }22^{\text{nd}}}$ - Regular meeting. 7pm West Fargo VFW.

Brad Hoppe is guest speaker.

<u>June 26</u>- Regular meeting. 7pm West
Fargo VFW.

We'll have our roundtable discussion as to where the fish are biting, and what lures are working.