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At our last meeting: President Brian Grote brought the meeting to order. Rick then talked about our budget for 2008, and Brian mentioned that we have money to fund a few projects. If you have any ideas, pass them along to a member of our Board.

Brian mentioned that our Chapter is currently checking into holding a Veteran's event. Many Muskies Inc. Chapters do events for Veterans that are very successful, and we'll decide on some type of outing in the near future. We'll have more info on that, as it's available.

Lee Tauchen was our speaker for the night, and gave an information packed seminar on Mille Lacs. He talked about how to tell the difference between the Wisconsin strain and the Leech Lake strain of Muskies. He mentioned that not only are there physical characteristic differences, but also pattern differences. Each strain of fish seems to prefer different water, and he feels the Wisconsin strain fish are more bothered by bright sun than the Leech Lake fish. He considers Mille Lacs to be a person's best opportunity at catching a 40lb Muskie while casting, and also calls the lake the biggest success story of stocking Muskies.

We had a great time hosting the NWTf Women in the Outdoors group last year, and we decided to do it again. This year's event will be held August 16th, and we'll need as many of our members to volunteer their guide service and boats as we can get. We'll be expanding the event a bit to include Lake Sallie, Pelican, Beers, and Detroit Lake. We'll be fishing from 8am to 1pm, then possibly meeting at the Shorewood Pub for lunch afterwards. The Pub is currently for sale, so we may need to meet at another location. We'll have more updates on this event as it gets closer. Please mark your calendars though, as we really could use the help.

The 2008 Chapter Challenge will be held in the Bemidji area of Minnesota. The lakes included are Big, Bemidji, Cass, Pike Bay, Plantagenet, and Andrusia. The Challenge will take place September 24th-26th. We have 2 cabins 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, and at least two meals will be provided. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the February meeting. Please contact John Skarie or Brian Grote for more information.

Spring Board Meeting

There were some new officers elected at the Spring Board meeting in Green Bay. Dan Narsete of Chapter 44 Colorado is our new MI President. Below is a list of the Vice Presidents.

VP of Fundraising- Jim Shannon

VP of Communications- Jay Zahn

VP of Internal Affairs- David Rautmann

VP of Marketing- Dale Vercauteren

VP of Fisheries, Research and Youth- Tom Betka

We'd 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, or bring it to the next meeting. Photos of our Junior members with their catches are strongly encouraged. Thanks.

At The Next Meeting

Be sure to attend the March meeting, as Tim Anderson will be our guest speaker. He is probably better known as Captain Big Fish.

We'll also talk about the Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting, the Lake clean up of Detroit, Sallie, and Pelican, Awards Night, and the annual Sturgeon trip. Be there.

A special thank you also goes out to the Sunlite Bar and Grill for serving up the Chili and sandwiches after the lake clean up. We really appreciated it.

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.

**Brad Colman, Gerry and
Skeeter Kingsberg**

**Ed Sweeney
Brett Waldera**

Upcoming Events

April 28- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

May 26- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

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

August 16- NWTFF Women in the Outdoors outing.

September 24-26- Chapter Challenge in Bemidji area.

Want to order apparel?

Brian will be sending off an apparel order soon, so if you'd like a sweatshirt, hat, t-shirt, or anything else, please contact him as soon as possible to get your order in.

Fargo-Moorhead Chapter website.

www.freewebs.com/fmmuskiesinc/

Find new Muskies Inc. clothing here:

<http://muskies.promoshop.com/>

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

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

New MuskyLink.com website:

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