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At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting with everybody introducing themselves. We had some new members present again, and this makes it easier to put a face with a name. Even though we've had new members attending the monthly meetings for quite a while, the overall attendance is down. Please try to make it to the monthly meetings, as you can really keep up with what is going on with Muskie fishing in this area, and get lots of good advice too. Don't forget, we also give out lures door prizes at each meeting.

Mark then mentioned that on October 20th, we'd need some of the F-M Chapter members to donate their time and the use of their guide services to take the Fall Board meeting attendees out fishing. If you'd be interested in being a "Guide for the Day", contact Brett or Mark.

Also on October 20th, we'd like to arrange for some activities to occupy the women who won't be fishing. If you have any ideas, contact a Board member, Jean Alrich, or Jo Trustem to let them know. In the past, some of the women have gone to Antique shops and Maplewood State Park.

Brett gave a short update on the stocking of Muskies into Pelican Lake. It was decided that instead of 1000 fish every other year being stocked, they would raise it to 1625 fish. This stocking will begin in 2007, NOT this Fall, as was reported in this newsletter last month. I am sorry for the error.

Brian has the totals ready for the clothing order our Chapter placed. If you ordered anything from him, contact him to see what the amount is, then you can square up at the June meeting. Thanks.

If you are serious about attending this year's Chapter Challunge, you'll need to make a \$100.00 deposit by the June meeting. We need to have an accurate count of who's going, to make sure we have the appropriate amount of space available. Contact Brett or Brian to let them know if you plan on attending. At the June meeting, we'll also need to know which days of that week you plan to be there. Thanks.

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 will talk about the fish caught on the opener, and begin our "Summer Roundtable", which I'll explain here for the new guys.

We go around the room after the general meeting, and each member gives a short update on what Waters, Tactics, and Lures are working for them at the moment. This information alone is probably worth the cost of your membership. You can learn new spots, find out what the "Hot" baits are, and what area lake is producing the most fish at that time. This is another reason why I recommend attending the monthly meetings. Hope to see you there.

President's Message

Hello all,

I hope the opener was as successful for you as it was for me. Although I didn't catch a Muskie, I had a great day with my favorite fishing buddy. And for those of us who can't catch fish that turns into the most important reason to be out there.

As always, "The Hedrick Peer Opener is Here" get together was a lot of fun. The club feeling is so optimistic and rewarding. To be a part of such a generous bunch of men, women and kids was great. No secrets kept, just information and stories shared by everyone at the Shorewood Pub. Also, a big thank you must go out to Shirley and the whole staff at the Shorewood Pub. We were treated great. If you get a chance, please stop by and patronize the Pub and say thanks to the staff.

Sincerely,

Mark Stenger, F-M President

The Vikingland Chapter has accepted our offer, and will send some fishermen to compete in the First Annual West battle Challenge. It will be held on October 7th, but the rest of the details have yet to be finalized. We'll meet up afterwards to discuss the events of the day. Make arrangements to be there, as it should be a great time.

2006 Wednesday Night League Schedule

June 21st- Lake Sallie. Don't forget the "Snake Pot".

June 28th- Pelican Lake- Meet at East

July 12th- Detroit Lake- All waters included.

July 19th- Pelican Lake- Meet at East

July 26th- Detroit Lake- All waters included.

August 2nd- Pelican Lake- Meet at East access.

August 26th- Open fishing. Your choice of the regular League waters.

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Upcoming Events:

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

<u>July 24</u>- Regular meeting. 7 pm West Fargo VFW.

<u>August 9-11</u>- MI Chapter Challunge at Mille Lacs.

<u>August 28</u>- Regular Meeting. 7 pm West Fargo VFW.

October 7 - 1st Annual West Battle Challenge.