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Brad Waldera

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Newsletter Editor/Publisher Club Photographer 2nd Vice President/ ALD Research Director Chapter News Writer Brad Waldera At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting by having our new members introduce themselves. For the third or fourth straight month, we had new members present, and that's a trend that we sure hope to continue. Thanks a lot for coming, guys.

Brett attended a meeting at the Fergus falls DNR headquarters. They talked about the DNR's "Plan" for Pelican Lake, and then announced that this Fall, they will begin stocking 1600 Muskies into Pelican Lake bi-annually. They are also finding proven natural reproduction on Pelican Lake. Only one person attending the meeting had some issues with Muskies in Pelican, but by the end of the evening, his questions were answered and he was satisfied. That's good news.

Brett also talked about the Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting that he and I attended. The votes went pretty much the same way as our Chapter had hoped. We spoke just a little bit about each motion.

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 May meeting. Thanks.

We talked about purchasing a light for the West access on Pelican Lake. The DNR said that we'd need written permission from the landowners on each side of the access, before they'd even talk to us about it. You wouldn't think it would be that much trouble just to have a street light put in so boaters could see better when launching and landing their boats, but these days everything is "By the book".

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 <u>which days of that week you plan to be there</u>. Thanks.

We'll be having our annual get-together at the Shorewood Pub for the opener. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the May meeting. We need to know how many people plan on being there, so we'll have enough food available for everyone. If you can't make it to the May meeting, but plan on being at this gathering, contact Bob Collins to have your name added to the list. His number is 218-847-7714.

We will be making leaders again at the May meeting. If you'd like some leaders, but can't be at the meeting to pick them up, call Shawn Earley and he'll be glad to make arrangements with you. 701-306-7228.

The Board of directors for the Fargo-Moorhead Chapter met, and decided on the dates for Wednesday Night League. You'll find them on the next page, and we hope to see some new faces this year. There will also be a different scoring system in place, and you'll get credit just for showing up. Find out more at the May meeting. The Board also decided to purchase 100 P.I.T. tags per year, for four years, for the 1st Wisconsin Chapter's study they are doing regarding the growth of different strains of Muskie.

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 be making leaders, and talking about the opening day gathering at Shorewood Pub. We'll also have Brad Hoppe as our guest speaker for the night. Brad is the manufacturer of Eagletail, Cowgirl, and Showgirl Bucktails, along with being a guide on Mille Lacs, and also guiding in the Alexandria area. Be sure to make it, as I'm told he'll be bringing lures to sell.

President's Message

As most of the recent goings on with the F-M Chapter are listed on the previous page, we will skip our President's Message this month. There also were so few fish caught that we will hold off on posting the fish list until the June newsletter.

Instead, I'd like you to take note of the dates listed below for Wednesday Night League this year. We will not be fishing Beers Lake, and will be fishing Lake Sallie only once. With the high cost of Gas, the board felt that it would be in our best interest to concentrate on the higher producing Muskie lakes in the area. The board also decided to change some of the details with the scoring system for league, in an effort to give even more people a shot at the big year-end prize. It will be explained further at the May meeting.

Wednesday Night league is kind of a Mini-Tournament circuit that the F-M Chapter puts on. It costs \$6.00 per outing that you attend, and is a lot of fun. Quite a few 50-inch fish get caught during league, and a little money is won too. Be sure to make it, as I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

Brad Waldera-Editor

2006 Wednesday Night League Schedule

June 14th- Little Detroit and Deadshot Bay only. June 21st- Lake Sallie. June 28th- Pelican Lake- Meet at East access. July 12th- Detroit Lake- All waters included. July 19th- Pelican Lake- Meet at East access. July 26th- Detroit Lake- All waters included. August 2nd- Pelican Lake- Meet at East access. August 26th- Open fishing. Your choice.

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Upcoming Events:

May 22nd- Regular meeting. 7pm West Fargo VFW. Brad Hoppe is guest speaker. He's the manufacturer of Eagletails, and Cowgirl and Showgirl bucktails. He's also a guide on Mille Lacs, and in the Alexandria area. June 26- Regular meeting. 7pm West Fargo VFW. We'll have our roundtable discussion as to where the fish are biting, and what lures are working.