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# **Urgent- Help Needed!**

The Fargo-Moorhead Chapter offered to take some of the Fall Board meeting attendees fishing on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. At first we didn't get any replies, but we have since been overwhelmed with responses. We need a lot of our members to offer their guide service to take these guys out fishing that day. If you can help out, please contact Brett as soon as possible. His contact information is on this page. We'd sure appreciate your assistance with this.

At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting. Attendance was very low, and as always, we urge you to attend the monthly meetings. In the past year, our Chapter has lost 31 members, which doesn't help our cause. Please try to get involved and show up each month for the meetings, as you'll get much more out of being a Muskies Inc. member. If you'd like, Ron Groeschl, the web guy, can send you brochures and labels with the new MI address. We need to work on attracting new members to our Chapter, and also try to do a better job of hanging onto the ones we already have.

We decided to donate to the Muskies inc. calendar fundraiser again. It is one of the few fundraisers that actually are successful for the international. I have heard that 37 Chapters donated to the calendar project last year. So far this year only 16 have. It seems that quite a few Chapters do not agree with some of the International Board's decisions lately, and are showing their frustration either that way, or by not attending the "Best of the Best" tournament. At last count, only 10 boats had signed up to fish it, with less than two weeks left to sign up.

We didn't talk about much else at the last meeting, other than the Fall Board meeting coming up. There will be a lot of tough decisions made, and changes may be in store for Muskies Inc. in the near future. The members of Muskies Inc. want a balanced budget and accountability for the International Board's decisions. I am on the finance committee, and sat through a couple two and a half-hour long phone calls regarding the budget. Due to space limitations I can't list what was mentioned here, but I was very pleased with the outcome. I may be able to answer a few questions you may have at our next Chapter meeting, or you can attend the Fall Board meeting to see firsthand what we have in store for us.

At the next meeting: We will have our "Summer Roundtable" discussion on where, when, and how fish are being caught in the area. We'll also talk about the Battle Lake Challunge, the Fall Board meeting, and about what Motions passed/failed. Be sure to make it.

You now have the ability to renew your Muskies Inc. membership on line with a credit/debit card. You can also donate to the Gil Hamm, Perry Smith, or Kermit Benson funds. We've been asking for this for quite some time, so I'm glad they are finally getting it finished. Next they will work at setting up the site so <u>new</u> members will be able to do this. I hope it gets done soon.

## President's Message

There is no President's Message this month. Instead, I'd like to use this space to mention an event that is being looked into right now. Some people want to schedule a gathering of the Minnesota Muskies Inc. Chapters. It may be similar to the Gil Hamm Memorial, or it may not, but I believe it would only be open to the Minnesota Chapters. They have yet to pick a date, time, and location, as they are still in the planning stages, but I thought I'd give you a head's-up. It sounds like it could really be a fun event. We'll keep you updated.

#### 1st Annual West Battle Lake Challunge Results

40mph winds may have kept the crowds away, but the fish bit. 13 Muskies were caught, and almost 20 fishermen braved the windy conditions. Jeff Anderson caught the largest fish of the day with a 51". Here are the rest of the results:

Brett Waldera-35", 43", & 45". Steve Voss- 34" & 46".

Jody Webeck- 41"& 43". Dave

Williamson- 41".

Jim Wohlters- 40".

John Skarie- 48.5".

Bob Collins- 41".

Brent Dovre- 43".

It was a great time, and we'll try our best to schedule a similar outing or two with the Vikingland Chapter next year.

#### Upcoming Events:

October 23 - Regular Meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

November  $27^{\text{th}}$ - Regular meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

<u>December 18</u>- The Big one. Our largest, and most important meeting of the year. Elections, Chili Feed, DNR Speakers, Tackle Auction, etc. **DO NOT MISS!** 

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<u>Member</u>	# of fish	Points	
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Jerry Sondag	33	551	
Jeff Cadwell	19	324	
Ben Swanson	14	248	
Jason Benson	6	107	
Rick Eagleson	6	88	
Jeremy Spaeth	9	86	
Matt Aaser	4	74	
David Hovda	5	68	
Rod Aaser	3	64	
Don Schrom	3	58	
Brent Bushy	4	49	
Mark Stenger	2	43	
Chris Schrom	2	33	
Jeff Bommersbach	2	32	
Jeff Samson	1	27	
Greg Harvey	1	25	
Brian Grote	1	24	
Mike Flohrs	1	22	
Jim Wohlters	2	20	
Troy Van Raden	1	19	
Jon Jacobson	2	16	
Brad Waldera	1	15	
Dan Trustem	1	13	
Jesse Frolek	1		
	-	12	
Skeeter Kingsberg	1	4	
Master's Division			
Joe Hardy	112	991	
Shawn Earley	36	586	
Brett Waldera	36	566.5	
Bud Anderson	29	268.5	
Bob Collins	7	128	
Daryl Riley	9	124.5	

Member	# of fish	points	
Women's Division			
Ruth Anderson	22	199	
Nancy Hardy	4	62	
Jane Bartlett	2	40	
Jen Matthees	1	26	
DeAnn Grote	1	23	
Karen Scheve	2	20	
Junior's Division			
Evan Twa	109	914	
Brady Crawford	1	26.5	
Amy Crawford	1	22	
Ryan Sailer	2	17	
Eddie Stenger	1	11	
Professional Master's Division  Will Hardy 175 1422			
wiii Hardy	173	1422	
<b>Lunker of the Month</b>			
<u>January</u> - Troy Van Raden <u>May</u> - Daryl Riley <u>June</u> - Will Hardy <u>July</u> - Brady Crawford <u>August</u> – Jerry Sondag, Je Jeff Cadwell, al	36" 53" 52.5" eff Samson, and		
September - Jerry Sondag			
October- Brett Waldera			
<u>Attention</u>			
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