



Muskies Inc.

Fargo-Moorhead

Chapter

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Brad Waldera

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At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting. Attendance was low. 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 and door prizes at each meeting. Mark then mentioned how well everything went regarding the Chapter Challenge, and Brett gave a report on some of the details related to the Challenge and the fish caught. Mille Lacs is a unique fishery, with quite a few fish being caught in three feet of water or less in some areas of the lake. Rick also mentioned that we did well with our Raffle, and that after all of our expenses are paid, it didn't cost us much to host this event.

Brett talked about the International Fall Board meeting, and stated that some of the attendees flying into Fargo may need transportation to and from Detroit Lakes. If you'd be willing to volunteer for this, or to provide the use of your boat and guide service the day before the meeting, please let Brett know.

F-M member John Skarie presented three Motions that he'd like to see voted on at the Fall Board meeting. Our Chapter voted in favor of all three, and we will do everything needed to have them voted on at the Fall meeting. Here is a short "nutshell" version of each of them:

#1. Motion to not allow past Presidents to vote at the international Board meetings. John feels that past Presidents of MI should NOT have the same power of voting as entire Chapters, and should not have the ability to have a motion tabled, as their term of office has expired.

#2. Motion to alter the voting process from a "Show of Hands" to having the International Board provide a tally sheet of eligible voters and to record how each of them voted. It's been said that at some of these meetings, there were people voting that were actually not entitled to be. This would eliminate that and also allow each Chapter to see how the other Chapters voted.

#3. Motion to require the use of Digital cameras and bump boards instead of Judge boats in any Muskie tournament hosted by the Muskies Inc. International Board. That one pretty much speaks for itself. As mentioned above, all three of these were talked about at length at the August meeting, and all were in agreement that our Chapter should present these Motions at the Fall Board Meeting.

We finished the meeting by talking about Motion 7 that was tabled at the Spring Board meeting. That Motion would eliminate the International from the Members Only Fishing Contest. There is some question as to the fairness of the MOFC as it is presently set up, and most all of our members agree that they should go back to the old contest qualifications or come up with something new that would be fair to all participants.

Brian has the totals ready for the clothing order our Chapter placed. If you ordered anything from him, or if you'd like to place another order, contact him as soon as possible.

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 Motions to be presented and voted on at the Fall Board Meeting.

President's Message

For those of you out there that are putting in the time and getting fish, I salute you. You are there in all weather, you fish day and night, and you study the lunge log. You guys and gals deserve to catch those Muskies.

I myself have tried a little different approach. I have been using the Luck strategy. In July I won a lure in the door prize drawing at our monthly meeting. The next time out, I caught a 52" Muskie with that lure. If that wasn't good enough, it won me \$44.00 for League night's biggest fish. It then also entered me in the end of the year drawing. I won about \$450.00 in that one.

At the August meeting, I won another lure in the door prize drawing. The first time out using that lure, I cast it 15 times and caught a 43" Muskie. I can hardly wait for the next meeting, as I hope I'm lucky enough to win another lure.

So for those of you that have put in the time and caught lots of fish, congratulations, and for those of us that haven't caught many fish, I wish you "Luck" too.

Mark Stenger,
President FM 02.

2006 Wednesday Night League

President Mark Stenger was our big winner this year. He took home \$452.00 for his efforts. Mark also caught the largest fish registered during League this year with a 52". Congratulations Mark.

Upcoming Events:

September 25- Regular Meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

October 7- 1st Annual West Battle Challenge.

October 23- Regular Meeting West Fargo VFW 7pm.

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Member's Only Fish Totals

<u>Member</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>Men's Division</u>		
Loren Crawford	29	550.5
Jerry Sondag	30	500.5
Jeff Cadwell	15	270
Ben Swanson	13	228
Jason Benson	6	107
Jeremy Spaeth	9	86
Matt Aaser	4	74
Rick Eagleson	5	69
David Hovda	5	68
Rod Aaser	3	64
Brent Bushy	4	49
Don Schrom	2	45
Chris Schrom	2	33
Jeff Bommersbach	2	32
Jeff Samson	1	27
Mark Stenger	1	26
Greg Harvey	1	25
Brian Grote	1	24
Mike Flohrs	1	22
James Walters	2	20
Troy Van Raden	1	19
Jon Jacobson	2	16
Brad Waldera	1	15
Dan Trustem	1	14
Jesse Frolek	1	12
Skeeter Kingsberg	1	4

Master's Division

Joe Hardy	100	886
Shawn Earley	32	504.5
Brett Waldera	30	449
Bud Anderson	29	268.5
Bob Collins	5	97
Daryl Riley	6	83

<u>Member</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>points</u>
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Women's Division

Ruth Anderson	22	199
Jane Bartlett	2	40
Nancy Hardy	2	32
Jen Matthees	1	26
DeAnn Grote	1	23
Karen Scheve	2	20

Junior's Division

Evan Twa	82	696
Brady Crawford	1	26.5
Amy Crawford	1	22
Ryan Sailer	2	17
Eddie Stenger	1	11

Professional Master's Division

Will Hardy	131	1079
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Lunker of the Month

January- Troy Van Raden 45"

May- Daryl Riley 36"

June- Will Hardy 53"

July- Brady Crawford 52.5"

August – Jerry Sondag, Jeff Samson, and
Jeff Cadwell, all with a 53"

September – Jerry Sondag 52"?