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WALLEYE NES

Promoting conservation, sportsmanship and education in respect to walleye fishing.

Anglers Night-On Ice

with Brian Brosdahl

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009



Brian "Bro" Brosdahl, of Cass Lake, Minnesota, (or "Bro, as he's known), is a multi-species angler best known for his influence on the sport of ice fishing. Several popular ice fishing products are based on his ideas. In winter guiding, Bro has no rivals. He lives on the ice, stalking and hooking everything from trophy walleyes and lunker pike to Frisbee sized bluegills and tape-measure perch.

Join us for an evening "on ice" at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo. Doors open at 6:30pm and the presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

> This meeting is FREE and open to the public because of the following sponsors!



CALENDAR F EVENTS

December 1st Board Meeting - 7pm Doublewood Inn, Fargo

December 3rd "Anglers on Ice" Brian "Bro" Brosdahl Doublewood Inn, Fargo

December 15th Board Meeting - 7pm Doublewood Inn, Fargo

January 12th Board Meeting - 7pm Doublewood Inn, Fargo

January 14th Pete Harsh - "One of the most successful Walleye anglers' Doublewood Inn, Fargo

> January 23rd Dinner Dance - 6pm El Zagal Shrine, Fargo

March 18th Chase Parsons - "Son of Legendary Hall of Fame Angler Gary Parsons" Doublewood Inn, Fargo "Angler Night - On Ice"

ALL MEETINGS AT 7 PM AT THE DOUBLEWOOD **INN OF FARGO, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

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President's Comments...

Fellow Members,

While I shed a tear or two while putting my boat into storage this week, she needed the rest, and I know she will be ready for me in a few short months. My fall fishing experiences were successful, both on local lakes and also up north at Pine Falls. Barry Chouinard and I were fortunate enough to cash a check at their tournament. Several other club members also made the trip. Oh, almost forgot to inform you that if you ever need a really good net man, give Scott Stillwell a call!

After many years, I have decided to give ice fishing another try this winter. Bought a portable house, heater, flasher, and a couple of rod and reel combo's. Even bought the Ice Armor Extreme suit. Now if I can just get Chouinard to drill my holes!

Don't forget to purchase your Dinner Dance tickets!

Steve Garten, President



AT THE OCTOBER 15TH MEETING

At the October 15th Meeting, the members in attendance were provided great information on boat tarps and new 2010 fishing product.

Richard Migler has been with TRS for 10 years and had his own upholstery business for 15 years prior. TRS does products from truck covers to jet ski covers. They have a very large business in boat covers. Each cover is custom made specifically for your boat and motor. Most times, you can bring the boat in the morning and your cover will be done that afternoon. TRS has many fabrics to choose from. The most popular is the heavy vinyl. The covers are heat seamed making the seam as strong as the materials. These covers can withstand travel up to 75 MPH. TRS's "secret" is to insure the covers fit tightly to your boat and motor to eliminate the "flapping" of materials which will eventually remove the paint or gel coating. All pressure points are re-inforced such as the windshield, bow morring points. All covers are vented to prevent condensation from accumulating. All materials used on TRS boat covers will not crack down to minus 40 degrees.

Several methods of securing the boat covers can be used. The most popular are the black tarp straps. Most covers have a bundgee cord in the perimeter of the cover to hold it snuggly to the boat. Other methods are shock cords that have loops that attach to hooks on the trailer and a new system of winching the tarps tight from the transom of the boat.

It is very important to keep water from pooling on covers. Fiberglas bows or poles can be used to insure water does not pool.

Cleaning of covers is easy, soap and water will do the best job.

Joe Finneman has been with Scheels All Sport for 10 years and has been the Fishing Manager for the last 5 years. Joe shared information on new products and product changes for 2010 starting with ice fishing equipment.

Aqua View is no longer in business. There are no parts or warrantys available. However, if you bought an Aqua View from Scheels, they will work with you on the problem. There will only be 3 manufacturers of underwater cameras in the market. Also, Tecumseh is no longer in business and had provided light weight engines for both Strikemaster and Jiffy. Jiffy is working on its own motor and Strikemaster has teamed up with another manufacturer. Vexliar is celebrating its 50th Annversary by producing 500 special Anniversay packages, 250 have already been spoken for. Clam is introducing a new shelter that uses "pop up" supports and can easily be set up in seconds. The Chubby Darter line has been increased and a new line called "Slick Jigs" is being offered.

Johnson who owns Minkota, Hummingbird and Canon has developed a new trolling motor that can hold speeds to a 1/10 MHP. The motor uses GPS to follow contours. A new feature is called "Spot Lock" which will keep your boat within 5 feet of the set point. The GPS can be an add on feature to Minnkota V-2s and Terrova. However, you lose the foot control when in the GPS mode. Motorguide will be the standard electric trolling motor on factor installed boats with Mercury engines.

Hummingbird will now be able to accept Lake Master chips. The new models will have the ability to adjust for lake level changes. Another new feature is the contours at specific depths can be color coded.

Lowrance has a new digital 3D view that is so precise, the fins on fish can be distinguished! The problems associated with the HDS models has been fixed (cracked transducers and software issues). Eagle models will no longer be manufactured after this year. Lowrance will have a couple of new models to replace the Eagle line.

Several new lures have been introduced. "Flicker Baits" will be replacing the Frenzy Baits. Another new lure is "Live Target" and Joe indicated it was well made and will be available in specials Scheels colors. A lighted "Lazer Lure" is currently at Scheels and showed impressive results in trigger fish. Nordmark has 2 new lures, the "15" and 20" sizes. If you troll at 2 mph with 100 feet of line, the lures will go to either the 15 ' or 20' depth as indicated by the type of lure. Very easy for the casual fisher person to understand.

FM Walleyes Unlimited thanks both of our speakers for a very informative meeting!

WALLEYE LINES

RECEIPES

Potato Coated Walleye

- 1/2 cup flour •
- 1 tsp. paprika •
- 1/2 tsp. salt .
- 1/4 tsp. pepper •
- garlic powder

- parsley
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup instant potato flakes .
- 1/ 1/2 lbs. walleye fillets •
- oil for frying

Combine flour and seasonings in a shallow bowl. Put potato flakes on a plate. Dredge filets in the flour mixture, then dip in eggs, then roll in potato flakes. Heat about 1/2 inch of oil in a large skillet. Fry fillets a couple minutes per side, until golden brown, and drain on paper towel covered plate.

Serve with lemon wedges or tartar sauce

Yellow Perch, Cocktail Style

- water
- salt •
- 1/4 of a lemon, sliced .

- 1 pound of perch, cut into bite sized pieces
- seafood cocktail sauce

Boil water with salt and lemon added in a 3-quart pan. Reduce the heat to about medium and add the perch pieces. Cook for several minutes, until fish is opaque and beginning to curl up. Remove the fish and drop it into iced water. When fish has cooled completely, drain and serve with cocktail sauce as you would shrimp.

Serves 2-3

Southern Fried Catfish

- 1/2 cup buttermilk •
- 1/2 cup water
- salt and pepper to taste •
- 1 lb. catfish fillets, cut in strips •
- 1 1/2 cups fine cornmeal •
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. seafood seasoning like Old Bay •
- 1 gt. vegetable oil for deep frying

In a small bowl, mix buttermilk, water, salt, and pepper. Pour mixture into a flat pan large enough to hold the fillets. Spread fish in one layer over bottom of pan, turning to coat each side, and set aside to marinate

In a 2 gallon resealable plastic bag, combine the cornmeal, flour, and seafood seasoning. Add fish to mixture, a few fillets at a time, and tumble gently to coat evenly.

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Heat oil in deep fryer to 365° F. Deep fry fillets until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Avoid overcrowding so fillets have room to brown properly. Fish should be slightly crisp outside, and moist and flaky inside. Drain on paper towels.

Serves 2

Fish Cooking Tips

- When batter frying fish, make sure the batter is cold; it will prevent soaking up too much oil. •
- Make sure your oil is hot by dropping in a small piece of bread; it should brown within a minute. •
- Never be afraid to experiment with recipes. Change the seaonings to reflect your personal tastes. •
- To keep fried fish crispy while cooking, place cooked pieces in warm oven on a wire rack over a paper towel lined plate.
- Spend the extra time making sure no bones remain in your fillets. Nothing puts off the appetite • more quickly than finding bones in your fish.
- Leftover fish? Cut it into bite sized pieces and add it to a salad.
- Try the microwave if you're dieting. Fish cooks guickly and tastes great with just lemon juice and • seasoning. Watch the fish carefully, the microwave cooks it quick.
- Fish are delicate. Do not cook your fillets too long or at too high of a temperature. This will make . the fish tough and rubbery. Cook the fish only until it flakes easily at the touch of a fork.
- Basting lean fish such as walleye and bass when broiling will help keep them from drying out •

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GET READY FOR ICE-FISHING

by Bob Jensen



It's time to get ready to go ice-fishing! Every year so many of us realize in amazement that the ice-fishing season is fast approaching. Where does the time go?

Although there are still lots of open water fishing opportunities available, many anglers have put the boat and open water gear into storage. Now is when we should be getting the ice-fishing gear out of storage. I recently woke up to a covering of snow: Ice can't be far behind. We had an early start to ice-fishing last year, this season we could see the same thing. Following are some ideas for preparing for the ice-fishing season.

First, start with the gear you already have. Get the auger out and make sure it starts. Modern ice augers are amazing tools. They are used in brutal conditions, but they are very reliable. Nonetheless, if it isn't going to start, it's better to find out now than when you get on the ice.

Make sure the blades are sharp. If you had trouble getting through the ice last year, and if you didn't sharpen or replace the blades then, they sure aren't going to be sharper now.

Charge the batteries on your depth finder. A good sonar unit will put fish on the ice. Many of the most successful ice anglers won't go fishing without a sonar.

If you have a portable shelter, erect it and air it out. Make sure no mice found that candy bar that you forgot in the shelter when you stored it after your last ice-fishing trip. If some parts are missing, get them replaced now. We want to be ready to hit the ice as soon as it's safe.

Give your ice-fishing clothing a quick going over. Make sure it still fits. I discovered last year that some of my ice-fishing stuff shrunk over the summer. Funny how that happens: It fit when I put it away six months ago, now it's too small.

Now for some new stuff you might want to check out. Frabill has added to or altered it's existing line of outstanding portable shelters. Maybe this is the year you start introducing a youngster to ice-fishing and need more room in the shelter, or maybe it's time for you to treat yourself to a new shelter with modern features. If a large shelter at a nice price interests you, check out the Excursion from Frabill. If you can, visit a Cabela's store and spend some time sitting in all the shelters that are of a size that interest you. Make sure your knees aren't at nose-level when you sit, check zippers on the doors for ease of operation, just spend some time determining which shelter best fits your needs.

Be sure to check out the new Hexi Fly from Northland. This jig was designed to return a strong signal on your sonar unit so you can always see it, even in vegetation. If you know where your bait is, you can more easily detect if something is looking at it. The Hexi Fly will be easier to keep track of.

Ice-fishing season is closing in. You'll enjoy your ice-fishing more if you're ready to go when it's time to do so. For more fishing information visit fishingthemidwest.com and watch all the 2009 episodes of Fishing the Midwest television on WalleyeCentral.com in the video section and on MyOutdoorTv.com.

AGGRESSIVE TACTICS FOR FIRST-ICE WALLEYES

by Ted Takasaki and Scott Richardson



Most good walleye anglers get real excited when the first good ice of the year appears. The fish are aggressive and still willing to swim a fair distance for something to munch on. As a result, it pays to be aggressive in your tactics to catch them. New rattling spoons and advances in lure design will allow you to be even more successful than traditional methods.

For example, the Rattlin' Flyer Spoon offers the fish a vertical presentation, holographic flash and sound plus the ability to "cast" under the ice that's deadly when walleyes are nearby. Another new aggressive vertical jigging lure that is now available is the Lindy Darter. This bait can be pumped aggressively, has an irresistible, life-like action plus brass rattles which bring fish in.

Other baits can be effective, but they often peak in performance during the golden hours around sunrise and sunset. While these low-light periods are still the best times to have a lure in

the water, aggressive tactics will help you catch walleyes all day long.

Location

Finding the best location is the key to catching fish. While there is no such thing as a magic lure that will catch fish all the time and everywhere, you must drill holes in their neighborhood.

In natural lakes, first ice will find walleyes near the steepest breaks on shoreline structure. Study a hydrographic map and look for the fastest drop-off to the deepest part of the lake. Humps and points are good spots as well.

Early ice is often the time to visit those shallow prairie lakes that were too weedy to fish effectively in summer. Focus on hard-bottomed spots like rock piles and even small structural features. A slight rise or hard spot on the bottom can be holding areas for walleyes.

Stick with shoreline structure on bigger lakes like Mille Lacs or Lake of the Woods. Check out spots where reed beds stick up through the ice. The edge of the reed beds will hold walleyes.

As always, points are the prime real estate in reservoirs, but look for the ones with the sharpest breaks into the old channel, which will be the deepest water in the system.

Gear

It is best to use an ice rod that is fairly stout with a stiffer tip, like St. Croix's Legend Ice - LIR24M. If the rod is too limber, you can move and jiggle it all day long and little of the action will be transferred to the bait. You must be able to shake a Rattlin' Flyer Spoon or Darter hard enough to get them to make some noise and work well. Remember that whatever the rod tip is doing, the lure is doing below.

Start by using low-stretch mono in 6- to 8-pound-test. If you're fishing deeper water, try using a super braided line, like Power Pro, to increase your sense of touch-detect bites, feel bottom, and transfer action to the lure.

A hand-held GPS helps to locate spots you hopefully programmed in during the open-water season, when moving around to scout was much easier than after the ice formed.

AGGRESSIVE TACTICS FOR FIRST-ICE WALLEYES-CONT

A flasher or electronics is critical. Humminbird's new ICE 55 is awesome and easy to use. Sonar offers the ability to detect walleyes that move close to your bait. You can also watch the display color change as the fish move ever closer. Gauge their mood and the action they want by whether they continue to move to the center of the hole and take the bait or veer off. Too many near misses are an invitation to change jigging action or color.

Keep your color choices simple. In low-light periods, red Techni-Glo works well because red glow is the brightest. When you charge it with your Tazer (a small hi-intensity flashlight which is designed to light up glow lures), fish can see it the farthest away. At sunrise and sunset, they will be attracted a long ways.

Blue glow lasts the longest, so it's a good night color when bigger fish are more apt to bite. Effective daytime colors vary according to water color and walleye preference. Chartreuse is always a good choice, but play with the greens, the oranges and the yellows. Keep adjusting the color to what the fish are telling you.

By using and understanding your electronics, you can tell when fish are coming by and not biting. If that happens, make color changes, adjust your jigging motion, or change lures entirely. An underwater camera can help if you aren't moving around a lot.

Fishing a Spoon

The design of the Rattlin' Flyer Spoon mimics its predecessor, the Flyer Jig. They glide when they are dropped down the hole, allowing ice anglers to cast a 6-foot radius around their hole. What you do next is critical.

Don't just lift it and let it 'pendulum' back below the hole. Slowly drag and twitch the spoon as you bring it back. You're "casting" almost fishing like you would in open water, thus covering more fishing areas from one spot.

Walleyes often inhale it right from the bottom. But if not, the next step is to pound it into the bottom over and over. It puts the "poof" factor on your side. There's always sediment on the bottom. When you lower the bait to the bottom and shake it or pound it, it will cause the sediment to mushroom up. It looks like fish feeding on bloodworms and larvae. It can cause a feeding frenzy of perch and then the bigger fish come in to feed on the perch.

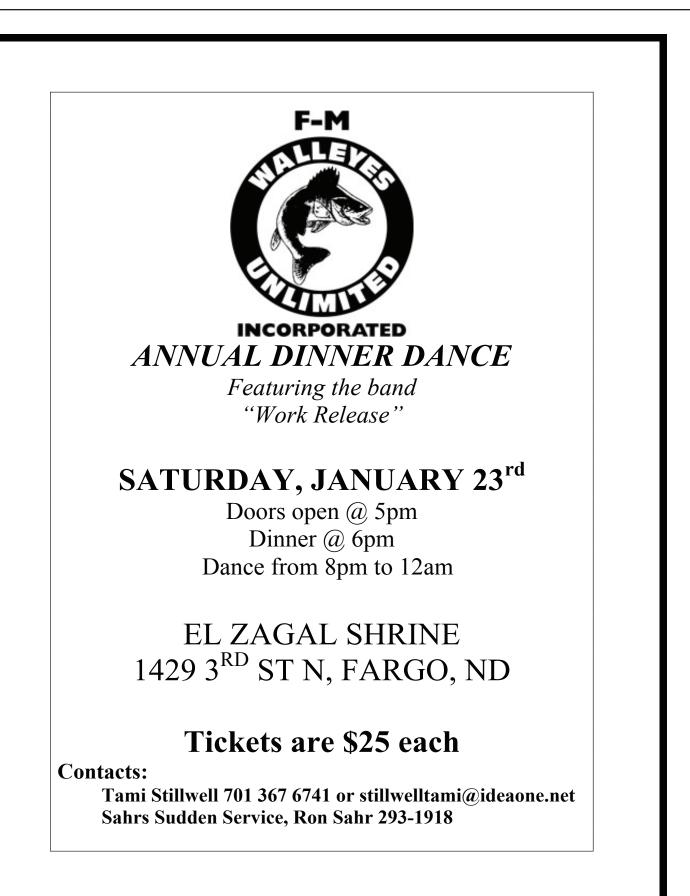
The last step is to lift the lure off the bottom and jig the bait aggressively to make the rattles work for you. It's like a dinner bell for a curious walleye. A major mistake many anglers make is to lessen the intensity of their jigging when a walleye shows up on the flasher.

When a fish shows up, don't freeze up! Keep jigging aggressively to keep the rattles working. If fish turn away, then try modifying your jigging action.

So, the lesson is: first drag, then pound, and then jig the spoon.

If you like fishing with live bait on a bobber, that's not a problem. Just leave one hole for aggressive jigging. There will be times when you'll be jigging and get nothing, then quit a moment and the bobber next to you goes down. It's not hard to figure out what happened. You called the fish in with the rattles, but maybe it wanted sometime more neutral looking so it turned off and took the minnow on the 'dead stick' or tip-up instead.

If aggressive jigging doesn't do the trick, try switching to a Genz Worm or a Fat Boy dressed with several colored maggots, or 'spikes' as they're also called. Poof the bottom with them, too, pounding the jig to send sediment into the water to attract perch and walleyes.



The FM Walleyes Unlimited Dinner Dance, scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010, starting @ 5 p.m. is approaching fast. The planning committee is working to secure sponsors who are willing to donate door prizes to be raffled off at the event. Proceeds generated from this event will be used to support FM Walleyes Unlimited club functions promoting conservation, sportsmanship and education in respect to walleye fishing. Please consider a donation of cash or merchandise to be used toward this event.

As in the past, "theme baskets" will be included in the raffle prizes. Wicker and plastic baskets are now being collected for the assembly of these prizes. If you have unused baskets of any kind that can be recycled for this purpose please consider donating them to the planning committee.

If you are interested in donating cash, a prize, or a basket please contact Tami Stillwell at 701 367 6741 or you can email her @ stillwelltami@ideaone.net.

FM WALLEYE UNIVERSITY MAKING YOUR OWN FISHING TACKLE

FM Walleye University will be holding their next class "Making Your Own Fishing Tackle" on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Doublewood Inn prior to the "Anglers Night On Ice" meeting. Attendees will:

- Learn to tie snells & spinners 0
- Paint custom jigs and spoons 0
- Build a selection of tackle to take home & use next fishing season 0

January 14

Please RSVP to reserve a spot in this or any of our future classes by calling Kyle Agre 701-526-0262 or kyle.agre@ gmail.com Provide your name, the name of the individual(s) that will be attending & your phone number.

2009-2010 SPEAKER LINE UP

Pete Harsh

Described as "One of the most successful Walleye anglers to ever to wet a line", according to the 2007 FLW Walleye Tournament video, Pete Harsh lives and breathes walleve fishing and promotions 24/7/365 days a year. Dedicated to his sport he has worked hard to promote Walleye Angling at all levels. A former National Sales Manager of a major boat company, he brings a wealth of knowledge to his sponsors pertaining to the sales, marketing, promotions and development of walleye fishing and boating products.

Doublewood Inn, Fargo

March 18 **Doublewood Inn, Fargo, Anglers Night** Following in his father's footsteps, Chase Parsons, son of Legendary Hall of Fame Angler Gary Parsons, entered the professional walleve fishing game in 2005 at the age of 22. Still being the youngest "Full-Time" walleve tournament angler, Chase has had numerous top finishes in the PWT and AIM circuits. He has just come off of a season placing second in the AIM (Anglers Insight Marketing) Angler of the Year standings, which includes most of the top name walleye fisherman in the country. Chase is a frequent host of "The Next Bite" television show and works with his sponsors in many aspects of the fishing industry.







BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND

- Meeting was called to order @ 7.03pm by President Steve Garten.
- Absent Board Members: Ed Liberda, Steve Meyer & Brian Dahlin
- Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Kyle Agre, second by Don Marty. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report, Barry Chouinard: Current balance ... \$8690. List of disbursement was handed out for review. Motion to approve list was made by Scott Brewer. Seconded by Kyle Agre, all in favor, motion passed.
- Current Membership: 269 members
- Last meeting attendance: September General Meeting...51

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cormorant Classic Review, Barry Chouinard: Tournament recap, overall good. Plenty of volunteers this year helped the tournament run better & he thought that it also seemed more organized. Discussion of the Calcutta, change is needed and different possibilities were brought up (Barry's idea that was handed out at the award ceremony, or still having the auction but having the past teams from the leader board being auctioned first or a silent auction). Barry welcomes any ideas & input that would be given.
- Dinner Dance, Tami Stillwell: To be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 @ the El Zagal Shrine in Fargo. Reminder that the time of the event has been changed...Doors will open @ 5pm, Dinner to be served @ 6pm, and the Band (Work Release) will play from 8pm to 12pm. Tickets are currently available, cost \$25 per person. NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SO IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS AND/OR FAMILY THAT WOULD ENJOY THE EVENING PLEASE LET THEM KNOW. You can contact Tami @ 701 367 6741 or Ron Sahr at Sahr's Sudden Service for tickets. We are currently in the process of requesting and receiving donations of cash/merchandise for the event. If you would be interested in volunteering or making any kind of a donation, please let Tami know.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Don Marty...Speaker Committee. He spoke of lunch meeting he had a few weeks ago with Chad Maloy & Lisa Gibson. Lisa has agreed to Chair the Speaker Committee. Chad passed along information, calendar and general guidelines. He also shared some info and tips that he has learned while he headed up this committee. Don asked that the board appoint Lisa. Discussion followed. Kyle Agre moved that we appoint Lisa Gibson as the chair of the Speaker Committee, Gary Sauvageau seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. It was also brought up that part of the job is to get the media to promote our general membership club meetings and to prepare the article for each speaker. Thanks to Lisa for stepping up to the plate to assist the club in this area.
- Steve Garten...Upcoming election. Terms expiring in 2010 are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and 2 board at large positions (Steve Hall's & Steve Meyer's). Next month at the board meeting he will name a nominating committee. The meeting is election is set to happen at the Annual Meeting/Chili Feed that is scheduled to be held at the El Zagal Shrine in February, 2010.

ROUND TABLE:

Scott	FM Walleyes Custom Rod raffle this year made \$1410 for the club's youth education fund. He did note that the rest
	of the raffles held during the general membership meetings are barely breaking even.
Kyle	Reminded us of the FM Walleye face book page & encouraged us all to join. The Youth Education Class planned for October has been cancelled due the fact that we only had 3 kids signed up. Upcoming classes plannedDecember – Building your own tackle, January - Fish Species identification, February – Fishing biology, March – Rod building with Chuck DeRemer & April – Fly Fishing Keep your eyes open for further information. He also mentioned that there will be some upcoming Adult Rod Building classes coming up on the last weekends of January, February & March.
Don Marty	Don & Steve Garten met with Don Meidinger of the Pelican Lake Association. They gave him the check for this year's donation for stocking walleye in Pelican Lake. They also visited with him about how healthy the walleye population in the lake is & how our tourney has a positive economic benefit to their lake and the surrounding area. They also spoke of possible volunteerism by their group to help out with boat inspections at next year's tournament
Barry Chouinard	Complimented Don Marty on how he is handling the club's sponsorship committee and it's activities. Also mentioned that it would be nice to get some additional sponsorship for next year's AYA Tournament here locally in the Fargo Moorhead area

Motion to adjourn @ 8.15pm by Steve Hall, second by Barry Chouinard. All in favor, motion passed. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th @ the Doublewood Inn. Please feel free to attend board meetings. *Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.*



Membership Application and Renewal

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