



SUMMER 2011

walleye Lines



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

REGIONAL ANGLERS LOSE A DEAR FRIEND

Ed Carlson, or "Backwater Eddy" as many knew him, was a legend to those fishing the Red River and its tributaries. Ed died recently in an accidental drowning doing what he loved to do, fishing on the river. Over and over again friends posted their condolences and memories on his Facebook wall with a common theme of remembering his sense of humor, his willingness to share his knowledge and desire to help others become better anglers.

Throughout his life Ed was a fishing fanatic, growing up as a child near Rutland, ND in a family that regarded fishing and hunting as a way of life. As an adult he lived in Wahpeton, Fargo and most recently in Moorhead. Ed focused his attention on the Red River and tributaries from its origins in Southeastern North Dakota to its final destination in Lake Winnipeg. With 25 years of guiding experience as "Backwater Guiding, Ed on the Red" he made a career out of the resources found right here in our back yard. Ed had a passion for pursuing trophy "sumo kitties" and walleye in the Red River and teaching others how to be successful in their own angling experiences. It was these two qualities that built his reputation as a great guide, educator and friend.

Many knew Ed in recent years as a friend and valuable resource in his position in the fishing department at Gander Mountain and on-line through his posts on fishingminnesota.com, fishingbuddy.com or walleyecentral.com. He would frequently post reports and stories of his most recent outings, always willing to answer a question or share a tip or suggestion with others.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday • August 20th & 21st
CLUB OUTING • Upper Red Lake • Red Lake, MN

Thursday • August 18th
Annual Member Picnic
Sahr's Ranch
Kids Welcome • GAMES GALORE

September Speaker • Gary Korsgarden

Gary will be speaking on fishing opportunities around the Park Rapids Area and showing an inventive way to make a bait keeper

Questions on Club Outings? Call:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED
FEBRUARY 28TH - IF YOU HAVE
NOT RENEWED PLEASE DO SO

August 20th & 21st
Upper Red Lake, Red Lake, MN
See page 3 for details

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

President's Comments...

I just got back from the AYA "Angler Young Angler" fishing tournament on Devils Lake, ND. It was hosted by FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. and the Lake Region Anglers Association of Devils Lake.

The Young Anglers were very enthusiastic, had lots of fun, caught lots of fish and after all that they received many prizes. The winning team was Jacob Denning, Nathan Denning and Don Denning with a winning weight of over 20lbs, Congratulations on winning the Tournament!!!

After a rough start the Club outings are going great with many nice fish caught on Big Pine and a great weekend scheduled for Rose Lake this weekend, July 17th and July 18th. Remember that there is still another club outing coming up on August 20th and on Red Lake, MN. Contact Steve Hall for more information.

Don't forget that the annual club picnic is coming up on August 18th at Ron and Kathy Sahrs home. See the cover for more details.

See you on the water,
Gary Sawageau President

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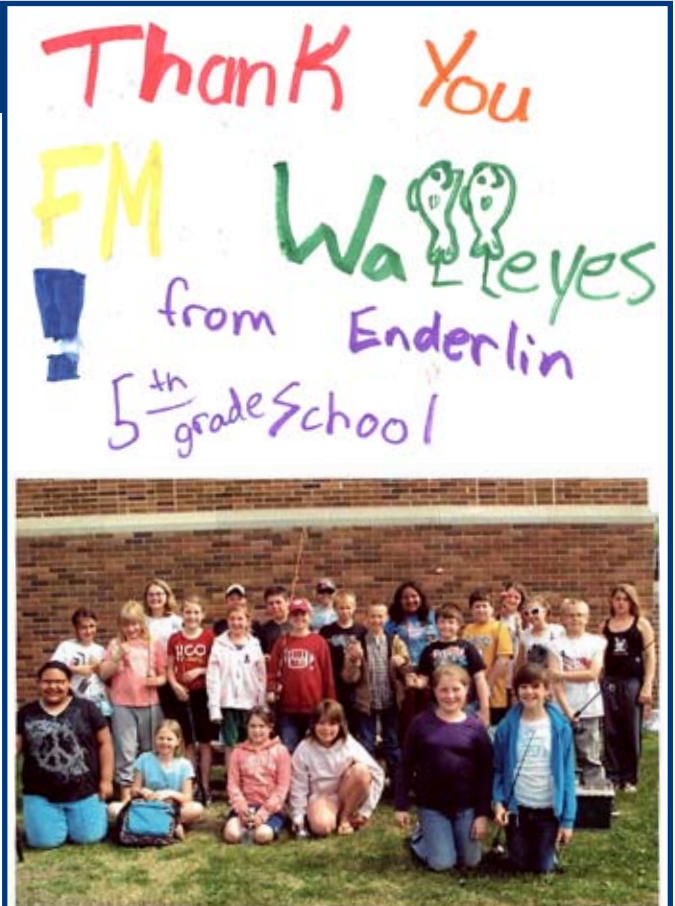
Ed served on the pro staff of several companies including Salmo, Vexilar and Frabill. He was a tireless advocate for his sponsors and always came up with new ways to utilize their products and share their attributes with others. His insight and experience was an asset to their product development, often sharing his ideas on how to improve an already successful product or bring new ideas to the market.

In September of 2009 Ed was the featured speaker at the monthly FM Walleyes Unlimited meeting. There, he shared his ideas and suggestions for catching trophy class walleye on the Red River. He dissected the river into sections beginning near Wahpeton and ending up on Lake Winnipeg and seemed to know all of the important characteristics of each section of the river and where walleyes could be found and the techniques that would bring them to the net. Although these techniques weren't always the standard mind set for river fishing, Ed had the experience to prove that they worked well in triggering the big walleyes he was after. He was an avid proponent of using soft plastics and crankbaits to target large walleye and sauger. He often used this approach at night and during the fall when the "big girls" were hungry and feeding.

Many who have attended the FM Walleyes Lake Winnipeg Ice Fishing Excursion have been influenced Ed's experience and knowledge. He was one of the pioneers of chasing trophy greenbacks through the ice, long before it became the popular destination that it is now. He assisted many attending the "Excursion" or heading up on their own in selecting the right equipment for the techniques that would bring a "piggy" onto the ice.

I, for one, will particularly miss the visits that I had with Ed as he pitched plastic minnow baits for walleye or cut bait for catfish into a favorite fishing hole that was along my route into town. He was always happy to see a visitor and quick to strike up a conversation about where he had been fishing and what was biting. There was one cold autumn night specifically, when I remember seeing his van parked near the fishing hole and wondered, "Why would he be out fishing in this weather?" Later that night he posted a picture on Facebook of a walleye that easily exceeded ten pounds. It was his second fish of that size caught in two nights.

Ed will be greatly missed by many, but his influence lives on in those who continue to pursue his passion of learning the Red River and uncovering it's secret treasures that are found so close to home.



2011 CLUB OUTINGS

Date: August 20th & 21st

Location: Upper Red Lake, Red Lake, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday

7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday

Weigh In: Big Bog State Campgrounds, Waskish, MN

Lodging: Big Bog State Park

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25TH ANNUAL PELICAN SPRING CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The 25th Annual Pelican Spring Classic Tournament brought the area's best anglers to Pelican Lake in Ottertail County in a full blown "walleye shoot out". With the late spring weather the majority of the anglers fishing the first of two FM Walleyes Unlimited Classic Cup tournaments were following the shiner bite. Most were using the traditional walleye fishing methods of lindy rigs or jigs fished on the sand flats and in the dense cabbage beds. These techniques proved successful during the first day's weigh-in as over 70% of the field weighed 4 or more walleyes with over half weighing a 6 fish limit. "Although the number of participants was down slightly this year, the best anglers were still here" shared Barry Chouinard, Tournament Director.

As is often the case in the Classic Cup Tournaments, a good day one is no guarantee of a top tournament finish. The successful anglers are the ones who can bring full bags to the scale two days in a row. With clear skies and a slight breeze, day two presented the anglers with near perfect fishing conditions. With much anticipation, the anglers brought their fish to the scales in the late afternoon. Tournament Director Barry Chouinard anticipated "a fantastic finish, with a very competitive field of anglers who will need to be 'on their game' for the entire tournament to end up on top".

With nearly three quarters of the field in the running for a place "in the money" the suspense was high going into the awards ceremony. The top ten places were announced as follows:

- 10th place – Team Wisner & Bahr, 24.43 lbs.
- 9th place – Team Frisco & Frisco, 26.13 lbs.
- 8th place – Team Meyer & Meyer, 26.53 lbs.
- 7th place – Team Kinslow & Kinslow, 27.44 lbs.
- 6th place – Team Baker & Lura, 27.99 lbs.
- 5th place – Team Nelson & Nelson, 28.22 lbs.
- 4th place – Team Carr & Miller, 28.37 lbs.
- 3rd place – Team Bolgrean & Buth, 28.39 lbs.
- 2nd place – Team Kerzman & Weiss, 30.04 lbs.
- 1st place – Team Fox & Irons, 31.04 lbs.

The Big Fish Award for the tournament was won by Team Baker Lura with a walleye over 7 lbs.

Special thanks to the volunteer team who worked behind the scenes and during the weigh-in & awards ceremony to make the whole tournament experience a success for the participants. Volunteers included Tournament Director Barry Chouinard, Weigh-Master Gary Sauvageau and Lead Boat Inspector Jon Chose. Assisting were Tami Stillwell, Paulette Sauvageau, Lee & Jean Nygaard & Gage, Dan & Sharon Kaup J.W. Schroeder, Paul Etterman, Marcus Welk and Kyle Agre.



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



4th Place



5th Place



6th Place



7th Place



8th Place



9th Place



10th Place

FM WALLEYES PELICAN SPRING CLASSIC RESULTS: June 3-4, 2011



Pelican Volunteers

Final	P1Name1	P1Name2	P2Name1	P2Name2	End #	End Wt	Payout**
1	Ryan	Fox	Justin	Irons	12	31.04	\$1800
2	Mike	Kerzman		Weiss	12	30.04	\$1176
3	Jason	Bolgrean	Richard	Buth	12	28.39	\$1076
4	Jacob	Carr	Jimmy	Miller	12	28.37	\$1102
5	Ben	Nelson	Marsh	Nelson	12	28.22	\$700
6	Shawn	Lura	Doug	Baker	12	27.99	\$966
7	Jamie	Kinslow	Donovan	Kinslow	12	27.44	\$776
8	Steve	Meyer	Blake	Meyer	12	26.53	\$550
9	Gary	Frisco	Joe	Frisco	12	26.13	\$676
10	Jon	Wiser	Rob	Bahr	12	24.43	\$626
11	Victor	Klosterman	Steve	Kruse	10	23.29	\$626
12	Dave	Randash	Ron	Broby	12	23.02	\$576
13	Fred	Sanchez	Chris	Roehl	12	22.54	\$576
14	Bruce	Boedighelmer	Shawn	Mcpherson	12	22.48	\$400
15	Dan	Carey	Joe	Savre	12	22.30	\$350
16	Shawn	Peterson	James	Asplin	12	21.68	\$350
17	Greg	Schonauer	Dan	Oyos	10	21.42	\$350
18	Bill	Carr, Sr.	Bill	Carr, Jr.	12	21.24	\$250
19	Nate	Weise	Bruce	Ramlo	12	21.24	\$250
20	Tracy	Soule	Sam	Soule	10	20.23	\$250
21	Danny	Anderson	Josh	Hansen	12	19.74	
22	Joe	Finneman	Sean	Finneman	12	18.38	
23	Jesse	Isaman	Rich	Isaman	12	18.37	
24	Tim	Reltan	Jim	Reltan	10	17.70	
25	Brad	Carr	Jared	Carr	9	17.56	
26	Tim	Noteboom	Ron	Wieck	11	17.50	
27	Ron	Sahr	Bob	Jensen	10	17.28	
28	Lee	Krause	Jason	Stetz	10	17.00	
29	Jeff	Abele	Darwin	Chhak	10	16.94	
30	Dean	Fischer	Jeremy	Kropuenske	9	16.48	
31	Brian	Fitch	Darren	Fitch	9	16.44	
32	Jason	Benson	Kyle	Marohl	9	16.37	
33	Rick	Samson	Chad	Samson	11	16.23	
34	Matt	Morrissey	Rod	Ambuehl	10	15.86	
35	Scott	Brewer	Todd	McComb	8	15.78	
36	Chuck	Waller	Aaron	Isaman	9	15.46	
37	Steve	Garten	Bruce	Ridgway	10	15.29	
38	Bob	Wagner	Brett	Wagner	10	15.20	
39	Jeff	Bolgrean	Dan	Bolgrean	11	15.11	
40	Scott	Skogen	Jeremy	Skogen	10	14.29	
41	Jerry	Johnson	Pat	Winkler	9	14.12	
42	Mike	Olson	Tony	Stetz	7	14.08	
43	Gene	Schroeder	Chris	Schroeder	10	13.86	
44	Brad	Neyens	Brian	Halvorson	9	13.81	
45	Jon	Pauna	Jim	Kendall	8	12.72	
46	Keith	Nelson	Thomas	Spieker	7	12.37	
47	Todd	Stetz	John	Lewis	8	11.96	
48	Blake	Meland	Daryan	Hendricks	4	11.84	
49	Curt	Brewer	Derek	Brewer	8	11.79	
50	Mike	Miller	Jay	Beutler	8	11.72	
51	Dan	Doschadis	Rick	Olsen	5	11.40	
52	Kyle	Anderson	Dave	Longtine	6	10.61	
53	Cody	Parr	Jason	Savre	5	10.58	
54	John	Weitzel	Bruce	Lucken	4	10.08	
55	Brian	Ham	Wayne	Ham	4	9.74	
56	Gary	Enger	Jeremiah	Enger	3	9.35	\$190
57	Ed	Liberda	Scott	Nelson	5	8.93	
58	Don	Marty	Larry	Williams	4	8.84	
59	Paul	Haug	Todd	Tableman	4	8.72	
60	Tom	Saunders	John	Dickelman	6	7.99	
61	Keith	Hoy	Tim	Burkhart	4	7.53	
62	Mike	Dahl	Richard	Preston	5	7.00	
63	Pete	Geroy	Dave	Tufte	3	6.59	
64	David	Asplin	Ben	Asplin	5	6.48	
65	Dennis	Erdle	Steve	Busch	4	5.85	
66	Peter	Moen	Edward	Peickutowski	2	5.26	
67	Don	Wacker	Lyle	Swanson	3	4.88	
68	Mark	Olson	Todd	Dronen	3	4.67	
69	Dale	Gnoinsky	Scott	Rieber	2	3.09	
70	Devin	Pavlacky	Dustin	Pavlacky	1	2.85	
71	Dan	Thompson	Karl	Hoppe	2	2.55	
72	Jeff	Peterson	Jason	Hendrickson	2	2.49	
73	Jerome	Borgen	James	Vermillion	1	2.43	
74	Mark	Rickert	Schmitt	Laurie	1	1.93	
75	Nick	Braseth	David	Braseth	1	1.61	
76	Byron	Klebe	Tom	Ackman	1	1.46	
77	Jeff	Olson	Dennis	Carlson	1	1.45	
78	Dick	Roswick	Gerald	Hanson	0	0.00	
78	Joe	Roach	Jim	Wood	0	0.00	

** Payout includes Bonus payments, and Big Fish Payout

FM WALLEYES UNLIMITED COLLABORATES WITH RESORT AND THE MINNESOTA DNR TO FIGHT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES



The topic of many conversations during the Pelican Spring Classic Tournament was focused on the effects of the zebra mussels now residing in Pelican Lake and how to keep them from spreading to other area lakes. It is a concern shared by tournament participants and casual anglers, recreational boater and lakeshore property owners alike. And rightfully so, any invasive species entering a “clean” body of water is a concern that affects everyone using that water, whatever their purpose.



Going into the 25th year of the FM Walleyes Unlimited Pelican Spring Classic Tournament Director Barry Chouinard was not about to let the tiny zebra mussels be the demise of the event. Rather, Barry looked at the tournament as an opportunity to bring in some of the major players in the battle against invasive species in Minnesota to collaborate in finding ways to educate participants and introduce the newest technology in sterilizing watercraft leaving infested waters.



During the rules meeting the evening prior to the start of the tournament, an explanation of the necessity to enforce rules regarding removing water from the lake in any watercraft’s live well or bait well. Despite the inconvenience that this caused for tournament anglers trying to transport bait to and from Pelican Lake, everyone understood the reason for doing so and the need to uphold the Minnesota state laws aimed at reducing the spread of invasive species.



Through cooperation of Fair Hills Resort, the Minnesota DNR and FM Walleyes Unlimited, all tournament anglers were provided the opportunity to have their boat disinfected upon leaving the lake. The Minnesota DNR set up the first of its kind prototype portable “closed loop” watercraft sanitation station. This equipment is the state-of-the-art in invasive species prevention. The fully self-contained unit heats water up to 165 degrees Fahrenheit and uses over 3,000 lbs. per square inch of pressure to remove and/or kill any zebra mussels or other invasive species that may have remained on the watercraft. Water used in this procedure is then captured, filtered and re-used throughout the use of the station. No water is left behind to enter the local drainage system or watershed.

At the time of the Pelican Spring Classic this was the only machine of its kind and was run by the only certified operator in the state of Minnesota, Bruce Anspach of the Minnesota DNR. Bruce just recently completed certification to operate the very specialized equipment and was assisted by Colin Jorgenson, also of the Minnesota DNR. “The combination of such high pressure and heat make this equipment very effective, but also dangerous” shared Bruce. Training and experience are needed to operate the machine safely and effectively.

In the continued fight against the spread of invasive species FM Walleyes Unlimited, in fulfilling its mission, will continue to provide its members with the latest information on legislation and technology aimed at keeping our waters clean. If you would like to get involved in the grassroots effort to work with government agencies in either Minnesota or North Dakota please contact a FM Walleyes Unlimited board member. We all need every bit of input and help that we can get in an effort to win the battle.



Aquatic Nuisance Species PREVENTION

Make it Part of Your Routine Every Time You Leave the Water



Remove all aquatic plants from boats, trailers, fishing tackle and other equipment. Remove all aquatic plants from livewells and bait containers.

Drain all water from boats (including livewells) and other watercraft when leaving a water body. All boats coming in from other states must have all water drained before entering North Dakota.

Do not bring in live aquatic bait from another state, and do not release baitfish in any North Dakota water.



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“THANK YOU VETERANS” FISHING OUTING



“Thank You Veterans” Fishing Outing Continues to be a Highlight of the Summer for All Involved

YMCA Camp Cormorant once again was host to the 2011 “Thank You Veterans” Fishing Outing on Big Cormorant Lake. As in years past, members of FM Walleyes Unlimited and Muskies, Inc. donated their boats, equipment and time to spend an afternoon fishing with area veterans. The event continued into the evening with a hot barbeque meal and awards ceremony held back at Camp Cormorant.

“It’s a way to say ‘Thank you for what you have given to this country for our freedom’” shared Scott Brewer of FM Walleyes Unlimited. “It’s a small thing in comparison to what they have given us,” he added. Everyone involved shared this sentiment and gave 100% effort to making the fishing experience fun, exciting and successful for the veterans. There were fish of all kinds and sizes that were caught from walleye and northern pike to rock bass and bluegills. During the meal there were “fish stories” shared about the one in the landing net and the one that got away! Some of the stories might have been truer than others but were all told in the spirit of having fun and enjoying each other’s company.

The awards ceremony provided an opportunity to publicly thank each of the veterans for their sacrifices and dedication to our freedom. Awards were given for biggest fish of each species along with the most fish caught.

Special recognition and “Thank you” to the YMCA, Muskies, Inc. and each of the individuals who gave of their time and talents to make this event possible. It has truly become a highlight of the summer and a “don’t miss” event for the veterans and volunteers alike.



TAKE A KID FISHING THANK YOU

June 12, 2011

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The event staff of Take A Kid Fishing Day - 2011 Cedar Crest Fishing Contest, would like to thank you for your gracious donation of \$1,000. Because of your donation we were able to make this day special for the kids. During the event each child was given a grab bag for the boat and feed a free lunch. We'd also like to thank Ed Liberda who came with his boat and guided kids who were not lucky to have a family member with a boat.

Trophies were given for the largest fish caught in every one of the categories – walleye, northern, large mouth bass, small mouth bass, rock bass, sunny, perch, crappie and bullhead – and door prizes given to every child who fished.

Again a great big THANK YOU to you for making this possible again this year.

Mike Miller
 Pam Miller

Fred Brower
 Karen Brower

Denny Kruse
 Joyce Kruse



Sunfish - 0.80
 Shadaisa Stalberger



Walleye - 1.88
 Alex Luz



Northern Pike - 2.03
 Jordan Brower



Largemouth Bass - 1.89
 Brynn Stalberger



Smallmouth Bass - 2.81
 Dawson Hoban



Rock Bass - 1.28
 Jackson Anderson



Perch - 0.64
 Mason Bartos



Crappie - 1.29
 Tanner Warren



Bullhead - 1.36
 Jackie Munter

MINNESOTA TEEN CHALLENGE FISHING TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Gary Hasse, Pequot Lakes and his partner David Erickson, Nisswa, took first place honors in the third annual Minnesota Teen Challenge fishing tournament held June 4 on Gull Lake. Their 3 fish walleye limit weighed in at 11 pounds, 8.3 ounces and was more than enough for their first place finish in the walleye division. The contest is a multi-species event with five divisions in all.

The MN Teen Challenge tournament is a fund raiser hosted by Al Lindner with Steve Pennaz serving as honorary director. This year the 83 participating teams paid their entry fees as well as raising over \$125,000 in donations to Teen Challenge.

Hasse is a founding and life-time member of F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. and served for many years in every office and board member of the club. He is now retired and living in the Brainerd Lakes area where he serves as a mentor at the Brainerd Teen Challenge facility as well as volunteering with other community and church related organizations.



DNR WALLEYE STOCKING POND LEASE DONATION



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Friday, May 20, 2011

Barry K Chouinard, Treasurer
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Dear Mr. Chouinard and other Members:

Thank you for supporting the DNR's walleye rearing program again this year. We received your check for \$1,800.00 on May 17, 2011. This check will be forwarded to our Region Office, and deposited into the DNR Gift Account to be used for walleye rearing ponds. Detroit Lakes will utilize \$1,000.00, and Fergus Falls will utilize \$800.00.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 6pm Thursday, May 5th, 2011 @ Kelly Inn on Main Avenue, Fargo ND

Meeting was called to order @ 6.00pm by President, Gary Sauvageau.

Absent Board Member: Steve Hall

General Members Present: Fred Tuominen from Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations, COLA. Fred came to the meeting to talk about their group COLA and their fight against invasive species in Becker County lakes. COLA is working to get the word out to all who residents and visitors of Becker county on ways to help stop the spread. One effort is a flyer that the COLA is putting together and Fred came to ask the FM Walleyes for our endorsement with their efforts. Fred wants to use our logo and image in their flyer to say that our group, The FM Walleyes, is also helping to stop the spread of invasive species.

Ron Shar made a motion to endorse their effort, Scott Brewer 2nd the motion, all Yes. Motion carried. Fred will get back to us when the flyer is close to finalized for use to proof it.

Review of April board meeting minutes. Motion made by Barry to approve April's minutes, Steve Garten 2nd; all in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Barry is finishing the audit and will have for next month. Ron asked about putting a yearly treasures report in one of the Walleye Lines issues.

Current Membership: Members paid; 298. Total memberships; 370.

March general meeting attendance: 101

Update club's master calendar. Hooked on Scouting, May 24th and 26th. Volunteer opportunities to help with stations that will be set up. Please contact Tami if you can help. June Board meeting moved to June 9th. June 2nd is Pelican Tournament rules meeting. June 8th is "Take a Vet Fishing" at 4pm.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

OLD BUSINESS:

North Dakota Sportfishing Congress: Ron Sahr and Brian Dahlin attended the event in Bismarck and said it was a great meeting. This event appreciates the representation from FM Walleyes Unlimited and would really like to have someone from our club on their board. This would entail about 4-5 meetings a year in Bismarck. Ron Sahr is looking into this.

West Fargo Lions Meeting: Ron Sahr and Steve Hall were guest speakers at their monthly event. They had a great turn-out with about 50 people in attendance. Steve and Ron spoke about our club's achievements, our focus on youth projects and events and then Steve shared fishing tips.

Sponsorship. Barry Chouinard shared information about new AYA sponsors. Several new sponsors have been secured for 2011. LUND will sponsor a boat and shorelander trailer and will contribute \$2,500 contingency prize to the winner of Classic Cup if they are fishing in a Lund. Barry is in discussion with other sponsors and will up-date when he has firm commitments.

Pelican Classic- Barry: Entries are coming in slow but is still working on getting information out to all who are interested with e-mails, and mailings. Thanks Barry for your effort in filling this tournament.

FM Walleye Merchandise: Rick mentioned that we have steady sales of our merchandise.

Walleye University Youth Education, Kyle Agre. Scheels Fish Fest, May 5 through 7th. We will be set up on Friday from 4-6pm for the casting booth and from 6-8pm for the tackle making booth. Saturday 10-12 with our casting booth & 12-2 for our tackle making booth. Scheels will provide the line, beads, blades, and hooks. 1st 50 kids at the both casting booth will receive a free t-shirt. The 1st 50 kids to the tackle booth will receive a Plano tackle box. We will need volunteers, about 4-6 people per session to run both booths. The booth will be set up all weekend with various shifts to volunteer. May 19th Jerry Raguse from the US Coast Guard and Lynn Schlueter from the ND Game and Fish will be helping lead youth programs before the general meeting. This will start at 6pm.

River Keepers: Kyle is again working with the Riverkeepers Club and their fishing derby on the Red River. This will be June 6th. They will have about 6-7 stations for people to go through and then will spend the rest of the time fishing.

Bill Carr has dug through our FM Walleye's storage and found a few more fishing rods for our youth activities. Bill made a new storage rack that will keep our rods in better shape. Thanks Bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

The May meeting we will be hosting Lynn Schlueter from the ND Game and Fish. Lynn has been working very hard on the ANS or Aquatic Nuisance Species. This should be a great talk on what we fisherman are facing. Jerry Raguse from the Coast Guard will also be speaking with a focus on boating safety.

Swap Meet: Also at the May meeting, we will be hosting a club swap meet. Scott Brewer is getting a list of people who are looking to unload some great equipment at great prices to our members. The doors open at 6pm.

Custom Rod: Chuck DeRemer has built and donated another beautiful custom rod with a Stella reel for the club raffle. Tickets for this prize are \$5 and can be purchased at the club meetings. Those wanting to sell tickets for this rod and reel package can win a \$50 Scheels gift card if they sell the winning ticket. See any board member for more info.

FM Walleye Web-Site: Brian has been working on up-dating our web-site. Brian has looked into a number of web hosting sites and feels "FatCow" provides the best deal for hosting a website for our club. The cost would be \$500 for an initial set-up and development. After, the cost would be \$99 a year to host this site. By doing this, our club can provide our members with more information, opportunities for members to purchase items through Paypal, and more direct control. The site allows training to board members as the years pass. Steve Garten made a motion to purchase the web-site for \$500. Barry 2nd the motion, All in favor, motion passed. Brian will get to work on this exciting new tool for us.

AYA: Barry said all entries are filled. Barry made a mistake on the AYA FM Walleye Young Angler Tournament sponsorships at last month's meeting. Barry asked for an increase from last years donation from \$500 to \$700, except last year we gave \$700. Barry is making a motion now to increase from \$700 to \$1,000, Gary 2nd the motion, All in favor, motion carried.

Sponsorships: GM Auto, Silver for \$1,000. Last year we had \$12,500 in entry fees and provided \$40,000 in prizes that were given away.

Take A Vet Fishing; Ron- set for Wednesday, June 8th at 4pm. Has contacted the Muskie's Club.

ROUND TABLE:

Barry: Looking at mailing to business' to market our tournaments better. Barry is also tossing around the idea of a new fishing tournament to add to the existing Classic Cup Tournaments.

Evasive Species: Barry says that the state of MN is getting very aggressive on the stopping the spread of this. The MN legislature is discussing increasing the fines. Barry is in weekly contact and will up-date as this moves forward.

Kyle: Enderlin Public Schools wrote a letter to the club recognizing our youth programs. They have been involved in fishing at their school and were asking for the club to donate a rod/reel combo Ron made a motion to donate and spinning rod and reel, and 1 set of our books along with an audio set to their class. Barry 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Fergus Falls also wrote a letter to our club requesting funds for their DNR pond leases for \$750. Detroit Lakes is requesting our sponsorship again for their rearing ponds. Last year we gave \$2,426. Discussion about waiting till August before committing the funds to FF DNR and DL rearing ponds. Briand made the motion to drop the sponsorship to DL Rearing ponds to \$1,000 and for \$750 to Fergus Falls DNR ponds. All in favor, motion carried.

Ron Sahr: Read an article about the decline in fishing licenses across the country. Our club has been doing a great job promoting fishing to adults and youth and feels we really need to keep this going focusing on our youth programs.

Brian Dahlin... Need Walleye Lines information as soon as possible!

Motion to adjourn by Gary Sauvageau, 2nd by Barry. All in favor, motion passed.

**The next board meeting will be @ 6pm on Thursday June 9th @ the Kelly Inn on Main, Fargo ND.
Please remember that all general club members are welcome to attend board meetings.**

Respectfully submitted by Scot Johnson, Recording Secretary.



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