



MAY 2010

# WALLEYE LINES



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

## MAY MEETING



(Above) Nathan Olson – Minn. DNR

(Left) Lynn Schlueter – ND G&F

The Representatives from the North Dakota Game and Fish department and the Minnesota DNR will be presenting a information on ANS(Aquatic Nuisance Species) . Both Lynn and Nathan have been studying the effects of these nasty invaders on our local waters and will be giving their expert opinions on how to control them. They will be answering questions and handing out literature.

**THIS MEETING IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**WHEN: THURSDAY MAY 20th**

**WHERE: DOUBLEWOOD INN ON 13th AVE S, FARGO ND**

The social hour starts at 6:30pm and the speakers will start at 7:00pm

Remember Current Members get a free ticket for a chance at a Members Only door prize. This months prize is a entry into the "On The Water School" with Corey Heiser valued at \$200.00.

*There will be raffle tickets to purchase at the meeting.*

**Please come and join the fun.....bring a friend!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 18th**

Board Meeting - 7pm  
Doublewood Inn All Members are  
welcome to attend

**May 20th**

Lynn Schlueter with the NDGF & Nate  
Olson of the MN DNR

**May 22nd & 23rd**

Club Outing on Big Cormorant Lake.  
Headquarters: YMCA Camp

**June 4th & 5th**

Pelican Spring Classic Tournament

**June 9th**

Take a Vet Fishing Day  
Big Cormorant Lake, Buckhorn Ramp

**June 10th**

Board Meeting - 7pm  
Doublewood Inn

**June 13th**

Take a Kid Fishing Day  
White Earth

**June 19th and June 20th**

Club Outing on Lake Bemidji  
Headquarters: Lake Bemidji State Park

**July 17th and 18th**

on Leech Lake, Walker, MN  
Headquarters: Trails RV Park

**August 21st and 22nd**

on Big Detroit Lake, Headquarters:  
Legion Campground in Detroit Lakes

**SAVE THE DATE ...**

What: 2011 Annual Dinner Dance  
When: Saturday, January 22, 2011  
Where: El Zagal Shrine, Fargo ND  
More details to follow ...

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

## President's Comments...

Dear Club Members;

I want to thank everyone for attending last months meeting. Club members Don Denning, Chad Maloy and Dave Randash revealed their "Tips and Techniques" used on last years MWC tournament trail. Great Seminar Guys!!!

I would encourage you to get your entry forms in for the Pelican Classic Tournament, it will be here shortly.

Next months meeting will feature Lynn Schuelter with the NDGF and Nate Olson of the Minnesota DNR. Make sure to bring your questions and a friend. Have a fun Minnesota fishing opener!

See you on the water,

*Gary Sawagean President*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## CLUB OUTING UPDATE

### Waubay Lake, Webster, SD

*April 24th and 25th*

*By: Steve Hall*

It was another fun-filled weekend down in Webster, SD. The weather was on the uproar but we still had a good turn out. Saturday was windy with rain all day, but the walleyes were there! After the weigh-in we all got together for another good ol' fish fry. I would like to thank everybody for helping out. It was great. Everyone had there place in preparing the meal. Thank God Ron Sahr had his knife with - kept him from getting involved in the cooking! He likes it that way - we like it that way! Nothing like fresh fish, beans and chips to fill you up after a cool day on the lake!

Sunday the weather was the same, and cold. Apparently, the walleyes are just glad the ice is off the lake. They were plenty active. You know, when a person goes to one of these outings you can always pick up new fishing techniques. There Ron was, successfully pulling bottom bouncers, spinner rigs or heavy jigs with night crawlers, giving a few of us a real schoolin'. Turns out, it does not need to be 75 plus degrees out, in the middle of summer to use this technique. So the next time the fish don't seem to want it or it seems to be slow biting, give it a try - it will pay off.

Once again, the hospitality of the people in Webster is great. The Sportsman's Cove, the bait shop in town, has donated a rod and reel combo to be given to one of our junior members who fished at the Club Outing.

#### Results:

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

1ST PLACE – *JACOB DENNING* 3 FISH 9.60 LBS.  
 2ND PLACE – *BLAKE MEYER* 3 FISH 6.60 LBS  
 3RD PLACE – *BRIANNA FITCH* 3 FISH 4.92 LBS

#### ADULT DIVISION

1ST PLACE – *RON SAHR* 3 FISH 5.06 LBS  
 2ND PLACE – *BRIAN FITCH* 3 FISH 4.44 LBS  
 3RD PLACE – *DARRIN RUDE* 3 FISH 4.28 LBS

## UPCOMING CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

#### May 22nd and May 23rd

on Big Cormorant Lake. Headquarters: YMCA Camp

#### June 19th and June 20th

on Lake Bemidji. Headquarters: Lake Bemidji State Park telephone for reservations: 218-308-2300

#### July 17th and 18th

on Leech Lake, Walker, MN Headquarters: Trails RV Park Call Dave for reservations at 218 766 2960

#### August 21st and 22nd

on Big Detroit Lake, Headquarters: Legion Campground in Detroit Lakes

**MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN ASAP FOR THE LAKE BEMIDI & LEECH LAKE OUTINGS. SEE ABOVE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

## Top 5 Reasons to Fish the FM Walleyes Classic Cup Tournaments

5. There is an empty spot on the wall just made for that top 10 plaque.
4. Qualify for both the AIM and NTC Championships with a season points win.
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2. You've been working hard, and waiting all winter to spend some time on the soft water.
1. The sun always shines, the wind never blows, and it absolutely never rains at an FM Walleyes Tournament!

The 24th Annual Pelican Spring Classic tournament is approaching fast. The rules meeting & banquet will be held at Fair Hills Resort on Thursday, June 3rd.

Please pass the word to anyone that you know that may be interested in fishing this event. Entry forms are available on [www.fmwalleyes.com](http://www.fmwalleyes.com) or you can contact Barry Chouinard, tournament director.

## ON THE WATER WALLEYE SCHOOL



For the first time in the region, there will be an opportunity for walleye anglers to participate in an on-the-water seminar. FM Walleyes Unlimited members, Corey Heiser, Johnnie Candle and Don Denning have developed this “hands on” class and will also be the instructors. The idea for this type of seminar came to Corey Heiser following an e-mail from an attendant at a traditional seminar. “I got an e-mail asking if I’d take this guy fishing sometime, so I could show him real time what the sonar looks like and how to determine how deep his leadcore was running. So, I thought what better way than to offer a whole day for people to do this.”

The school will take place on Saturday, June 19th at the Y Camp on Big Cormorant Lake and will provide an opportunity for the participants to drive the boats, watch electronics and see how all aspects of walleye fishing come together out on the water. The full day seminar will allow participants to spend ample time with each of the instructors in their professionally rigged boats. Topics that will be covered include; Trolling, Rigging, Slip Bobbers, Boat Control, Electronics, Leadcore and Boat Rigging. In addition to 8 hours of on the water instruction, the day will include breakfast and lunch at the Y Camp and dinner at the Roadhouse with the instructors and other attendees, allowing plenty of time for questions and discussion of the tactics demonstrated on the water. Those who attend will need to bring only appropriate clothing, camera and a notepad if they would like. Food, beverages and fishing equipment will be provided by the professional angler instructors.

A free entry into the “On The Water Walleye School” will be given away in the membership raffle during the May FM Walleyes Membership Meeting on May 20th at the Doublewood Inn. All FM Walleyes members who attend the meeting will automatically be entered in to this drawing.

If you have any questions, would like additional information or are interested in enrolling in this “On The Water Walleye School” please feel free to contact Corey Heiser at 701-361-1331 or e-mail him at [corey@fargo-games-galore.com](mailto:corey@fargo-games-galore.com).

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



### ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

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## FISHING BUDDY

by Johnnie Candle

A fishing buddy is more than just a friend that you fish with. He is more than your best friend. It's hard to explain, he is ...well, your fishing buddy.

I don't really know how to explain it, but one thing is for sure, there is no other relationship in the world like the one you have with your fishing buddy. There is a bond there that can never be broken. You could not see or speak to him for years and know exactly the right words when it came time to say them. You have an understanding between each other about life that never has to be spoken, but yet is always understood. Your bond is greater than that of even your closest family member. I don't know if I dare say it here, but you love him.

Sometimes your fishing buddy may have started out as another acquaintance or even a family member. I know my best fishing buddy ever started out as my father. As I grew up and proved to him I was a man of my own, he transformed into a fishing buddy. Some times they will begin as co-workers or friends of a friend, and every once in a great while they will start out as a fishing buddy. What is really cool is when you introduce two of your fishing buddies and they too become fishing buddies.

As fishing buddies you will share many different things. Perhaps it is the fish of a life time, or maybe the trip of a lifetime. It could be an awesome sunset or losing the big one at the net. You will solve all of the worlds problems more than once. From time to time you will solve each others problems. You will share thoughts that you would never share with anyone else. What is said to your fishing buddy is never repeated and if it is then he wasn't really your fishing buddy any way. You can lean on your fishing buddy even if only for a short day at the lake, but it will help more than anything else you could do.

There are rules to being a fishing buddy, but no one really knows what they are. Its a funny thing too, they never seem to be broken. No matter what your fishing buddy is always your fishing buddy. You may have more than one, but none of them could replace the other. Your relationship will stand the test of time and everything else that will try to destroy it. It is a bond held together by Mother Nature herself and stands for all things good in the world of fishing.

I often wonder if our world wouldn't be a better place if the world leaders spent a little more time fishing together. I just think the world would be a much better place if all of us had a few more fishing buddies.

I personally have several fishing buddies and wouldn't trade any of them for anything in the world. I have also lost a few to the only thing that can take a fishing buddy away, death. That's ok though, some day we will fish together again, and the big one won't get away.

I hope by writing this I have made a few people think about some of their past fishing buddies, or maybe a current fishing buddy that you haven't talked to for a while, or maybe even someone you never thought of as a fishing buddy, but you would like to make him one. Perhaps you could drop them a line or say a little something extra to them in your prayers tonight, I know that when I do it really makes me feel a lot better about life. I always do when I spend time with my fishing buddy.

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## TAKE A VET FISHING

By: Ron Sahr

This will be the 5th year that the YMCA, along with F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. members, has been involved with the "TAKE A VET FISHING" program. We will be meeting Wednesday June 9th at the Buckhorn Ramp on the north end of Big Cormorant Lake at 3pm.

This is a feel good day for all who have taken place in the past. We need you and your boat. After fishing the YMCA puts on a barbeque and gives out prizes to all vets.

If you can give a few hours of your time please contact Ron Sahr at PH 293-1918 or 789-7510

**YOU WON'T REGRET IT!**

## 2010 CUSTOM COMBO RAFFLE

Over the past year FM Walleyes University has had over 300 kids go through the youth education program. While it is one of the best programs around, it's not cheap. Somehow each year we need to fund this wonderful program and for the past few years, the Custom Combo Raffle had provided 100% of the needed funding. One again we will have a raffle to cover all of these expenses.

This years raffle will have a first place prize of a Chuck DeRemer custom rod paired with a Shimano Stella reel. The retail value of this combo is well over \$1000.00. We will have a second place prize this year of a Chuck DeRemer custom ice rod. There will also be another custom ice rod given out to the person who sells the first place ticket. Yup, that's three chances to win.

Ticket will go on sale at the May meeting and the drawing will be at the September meeting. To have a successful raffle, we need all of you to go sell these tickets. To get a book or two of tickets to sell, you can either get them at the May meeting or contact me (Scott Brewer, 388-4408). Remember, each ticket you sell gives you another chance to win the sellers prize.

## APRIL MEETING RECAP

The April 2010 Membership Meeting brought talent from within FM Walleyes Unlimited to the stage as Chad Maloy, Don Denning and Dave Randash shared information about their 2009 MWC tournament experience. The three, along with a number of other FM Walleyes members fished the West Division of the MWC series including tournaments at Lake Oahe in Mobridge, SD, Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND and Waubay Lake, Webster, SD. Several FM Walleyes members also fished the Central Division tournament at Lake Pepin in Lake City, MN.

The first tournament of the season on Lake Oahe brought the participants to conditions that were less than favorable. The lake had risen nearly 20' in the past two weeks causing turbid, muddy water. This was coupled with a strong cold front and a smelt population in the midst of the spawn. Walleyes were tough to come by and the angler's that could manage to put a couple in the live well were surely going to cash a check. Team Maloy/Denning finished the tournament in 7th place with 2 fish weighing 10.34 lbs. Team Heiser/Cumber finished 9th with 2 fish weighing 8.30 lbs.

Still early in the season the second tournament at Lake Pepin presented anglers with cold, windy conditions. Despite the difficult conditions, the walleyes were more cooperative. The team of Maloy/Denning finished in 12th place with 10 fish weighing 26.01 lbs and team Roach/Woods finished 24th with 10 fish weighing 20.52 lbs.

The presentation included the showing of television coverage of the tournament on Devils Lake in July. With the waters rising on Devils Lake in 2009 the tournament presented challenges in finding active walleyes on this huge body of water. The video included footage from the Maloy/Denning boat.

The final tournament of the year was held at Waubay Lake in Webster, SD. Walleyes were plentiful during this tournament, but the challenge was to know which fish to keep. The tournament rules allowed a four fish limit with no culling. Many teams were catching 50 to 100 fish per day and sorting through to keep the larger fish. Fishing strategies during this tournament included pulling crankbaits or live bait in 6 to 15 feet of water on or around the many sunken roads and submerged islands and humps.

The presentation wrapped up with the panel answering questions from those who were in attendance. There are many reasons why the MWC tournaments are worth considering as another option for competitive walleye angling. The 2010 Wes Division schedule includes Lake Oahe on May 8th & 9th, Devils Lake on August 21st & 22nd and Waubay Lake on September 18th & 19th.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Hooked on Scouting events to be held on Tuesday, May 25th and Thursday May 27th at Sand Hills Archery in West Fargo. The events will run from 5:30pm until 8pm. The club has been asked to provide some volunteers to assist boy scouts while fishing.

If you are able and willing to help the club and the boy scouts out, please contact Kyle Agre @ 701-429-1242 or Tami Stillwell @ 701-367-6741.

## WATER TEMPERATURE AND WALLEYES

By Jason Mitchell

**Legendary walleye angler, Jason Mitchell believes that swim baits like the Northland Slurpee Swim Shad are very effective early in the year.**

Factors like water temperature and wind seem increasingly important during spring. Often, the most important piece of equipment is a temperature gauge as activity often revolves around water temperature. A temperature gauge also enables an angler to gauge the influence of wind. Water temperature is relative in the sense that there is no magic water temperature to find. Rather an observation of where warmer pools of water are located within a system.

Some locations just heat up better during the spring and this difference in temperature often seems to hold and attract fish. Many of the most productive spots we find are bays within bays within bays... small protected coves that are shallow and protected from the fluctuations of the main basins. These protected pockets will tend to warm up regardless of wind direction. Dark bottoms tend to warm up even more and some of these protected spots might only be five or six feet deep but these shallow spots can and will hold a lot of walleyes.

A general rule of thumb is that the fishing typically gets better in these locations during stable weather. As long as the water temperature continues to rise, these spots get more consistent to a point. Also early in the year, afternoons and early evenings are sometimes better as the water temperature jumps a few degrees during the day. Typically, a falling temperature often slows the bite. Triggers that might cool the water include changes in wind direction where cooler water gets pushed into the location from a cooler part of the lake, cold fronts or cloud cover. The fishing can still be good but anglers typically have to make some adjustments.

When the water temperature is stable or rising, pitching crank baits or swim baits is extremely effective. Both crank baits and swim baits allow anglers to cover some water looking for the active fish. "Go to" lures that we have caught a lot of walleyes on across Minnesota and the Dakotas include the Salmo Hornet and the Northland Slurpee Swim Shad. I like to switch back and forth between the plastic swim bait and the crank bait. Often starting with the crank bait as the lure can be worked faster but we can often pick up a few more fish with the swim bait as it touches different parts of the water column and can be worked slightly slower and different to trigger a few extra fish.

From our experiences, crashing water temperatures usually require a change in tactics. The best is to move or avoid the dropping temp. Find a pocket of water somewhere that was spared. If that is not possible, a few changes are usually required on the presentation. Lures can still be effective, especially for finding fish but longer casts often work better as turned off fish often follow the lure longer before hitting. Live bait in combination with sit and wait presentations can sometimes shine. Live bait rigs or slip bobbers for example will still trigger fish. Camping out on the sweet spots and waiting for fish to move through can be a good strategy. When things do get tough, go where you know there are fish and work it long and hard. We often anchor up on the best locations.

Wind can also play a significant role in walleye location but the reasons aren't so simple. The old cliché about following the windy shoreline is only right about half the time... so there are no hard rules. Let me explain. If wind is pushing warm water into an area and there are already fish present, wind will often turn the spot on, turnkey. Wind can also muddy up the water, crash the water temperature and basically ruin a good bite so we sometimes find the fish out of the wind, focusing on the calm side of the lake. Often as well, we might be more successful fishing "yesterday's wind" as a hard blow from a certain direction from a few days previous might be the ticket after the fact. Sometimes wind doesn't make a spot good that day... but it can turn the spot on a few days down the road. Often as well, we might not find walleyes right up in the chop of a real hard wind. A good starting point for shallow fish seems to be "double the height of the wave." In two foot waves, try four feet of water. This general rule of thumb seems to work really well for us early in the season. In other words, we seldom find walleyes in one or two feet of water if four foot waves are crashing on shore. The only exception I have ever seen is big fish.

Catching walleyes on many natural lakes early in the season often comes down to small subtle factors and variables. More often than not, location usually boils down to the relationship between wind and water temperature.



**Editors Note:** The author, Jason Mitchell earned a reputation as a legendary guide on North Dakota's Devils Lake before hosting the television show, Jason Mitchell Outdoors. More information on this popular television can be found at [www.jasonmitchelloutdoors.com](http://www.jasonmitchelloutdoors.com).

# MEMBERS PHOTO'S

*If you would like to submit a picture of your trophy or just a good memory please e-mail your photo to: [brian.dahlin@randscasework.com](mailto:brian.dahlin@randscasework.com)*



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- Thursday, June 10, 7pm: FM Walleye Tournament, Pelican Lake, MN
- Thursday, August 26, 7pm: Master Walleye Circuit, Devils Lake, ND
- Wednesday, September 22, 7pm: Master Walleye Circuit, Waubay Lake, SD
- Thursday, September 30, 7pm: FM Walleye Tournament, Big Cormorant Lake, MN
- Thursday, October 21, 7pm: World Walleye Championship, Prairie du Chein, WI



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Corey Heiser will be giving the same great information on this year's Tournaments like he did with last year's. If you missed out on last year's make sure to attend at least one of this year's.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## **FREE WALLEYE SEMINARS!**

**Thursday, May 13**  
Master Walleye Circuit, Lake Oahe, SD

**Thursday, June 10**  
FM Walleye Tournament, Pelican Lake, MN

**Thursday, August 26**  
Master Walleye Circuit, Devils Lake, ND

**Wednesday, September 22**  
Master Walleye Circuit, Waubay Lake, SD

**Thursday, September 30**  
FM Walleye Tournament, Big Cormorant Lake, MN

**Thursday, October 21**  
World Walleye Championship, Prairie du Chein, WI

**All will be at 7pm in the Scheels meeting room downstairs.**



## 2010 WALLEYES 'R' US - FISHING LEAGUE RULES

01. League will be limited to 100 members, the first people to pay the \$10.00 sign-up fee will become members.
02. Fishing will take place on designated Wednesdays from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. or Saturdays 8:00 - 12:00 noon.
  - 2a. Host will sound horn at beginning and end of tournament times. All boats must be in front of designated location prior to flight and before the end of fishing times. Any boat on plane before or after will be disqualified for that event. Pre-fishing will be allowed up to ½ hour before flight.
03. Sign up will begin at the designated locations ½ hour before starting time. Livewells will be checked at this time, late arrivals must find a league member on the lake and have them check their livewell. Members more than 1 hour late cannot participate in that day's outing.
04. Event sign-up fee will be \$10.00 per person, give payment to the host for that event.
05. Only walleyes 14" and longer will be weighed. Attempting to weigh a fish shorter than 14" will result in a deduction twice the weight of that fish. Each boat will be allowed to weigh 6 fish, with only 1 fish 20" or longer per person. Slot limit will be followed on all lakes that apply.
06. Lakes with connecting bodies of water that are completely accessible by water are legal for fishing.
07. Pay-off for each event will be based on the total weight of legal fish per boat. As in the past, each member will accumulate weight on an individual basis (Ex. 6 fish weighed for a total of 8 lbs with 2 people in the boat would yield 4 lbs each toward year-end total) As a bonus, a ½ lb of weight will be added for each pain event you attend.
08. 60% of the revenue collected on an event outing will be paid as follows:  
(If ever a place is not claimed, that money will be added to the year-end pot.)
  - 1st PLACE BOAT: 60%
  - 2nd PLACE BOAT: 25%
  - 3rd PLACE BOAT: 15%THE REMAINING 40% WILL BE RETAINED FOR PAY-OUT TO:  
LARGEST WALLEYE FOR THE SEASON: \$50.00  
PAYBACK AT THE END OF THE SEASON TO THE TOP 10 PLACES (75%)  
YEAR END TOURNAMENT (25%)
09. To qualify for the year end tournament you must fish in at least 3 events. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee per person for the year end tournament, 100% of the entry fee (\$5.00 of each entry fee goes toward the big fish pot) plus 25% remaining balance of funds collected during the earlier events will be pain out to the top 10 boats.
  - 09a. GUESTS: Each member will be allowed to have two guests for the season (excluding the year end tournament) and excluding the Devils Lake event. At Devils Lake, each member will be allowed 2 guests specifically for that event. Guest will not need to pay the \$10 membership fee but must pay the \$10 event fee. Guests weight will be treated as a member for that event. Individuals joining league after guest participation will be allowed to keep their weight for the year end standings.
10. And all members who fish in all 13 qualifying events (excluding kids day tournament, Devils Lake event, and year end tournament) will be eligible for a \$50 prize drawing to be held at the year end social.
11. Youth division for members with kids 12 & under. No membership or entry fee. Trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for each outing. Only game fish are allowed. Walleyes must be 14" or longer. Members with kids at that event will be responsible for their weigh-in. Hosts will have trophies. Kids are allowed to fish youth or adult division (must be a paid member for adult division) but may not fish both.
12. A Board of Directors has been elected, each on a 3 year term, to help oversee the league and to help with rules interpretation. If you have any questions or input, please feel free to contact any one of them. (All rules will be enforced)  
CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS: KYLE ANDERSON, DAVE LONGTINE, TRACY SOULE, KEITH VOLLBRECHT,  
DEAN FISCHER, BRAD NEYENS

NOTE: A social will be held following weigh-in of the year end tournament. Burgers & brats will be provided. Please bring your own choice of beverage and something to share if desired.

Walleyes 'R' Us fishing league exists to provide an opportunity to promote the sport of fishing in a competitive, yet enjoyable format. The league is open to anyone with an interest in fishing. Participation as an individual or a team is permissible; league standings will be posted on an individual basis. All participants should exhibit sportsmanlike behavior and show respect to fellow anglers and residents. All applicable laws of the state of Minnesota as well as Walleyes 'R' Us shall be followed.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES** – Tuesday, April 13, 2010 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND

-Meeting was called to order @ 7.00pm by President, Gary Sauvageau.

Absent Board Members: Steve Hall, Stever Meyer & Ed Liberda.

Guests: Trent Gerads, Boy Scouts Field Director & Brad Olson, Camp Wilderness Program Director

General Members Attending: Rick Mohan & Chris Hamre

-Boy Scouts representatives gave a brief presentation in regard to the Boy Scouts 2010 donation request & also answered questions from the board. They also presented the club with an art print (in appreciation to the club).

-Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Scott Brewer, second by Brian Dahlin. All in favor, motion passed.

-Treasurer's Report, Barry Chouinard. Current balance: \$31,153.26. Barry handed out a list of disbursements & deposits. Motion to approve balance was made by Scott Brewer, second by Kyle Agre. All in favor, motion carried

-Current Membership: 253 paid memberships (82 pending renewal).

-Last month's meeting attendance: 110.

-Review & update club's master calendar. Updates to Brian Dahlin. We discussed printing out upcoming 3-month calendars to have available at each general meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-Winnipeg Ice Fishing Event, Kyle Agre. Kyle gave recap of 2010 event. We spoke of the 2011 event and had discussion. Motion was made by Ron Sahr to go ahead with setting plans for the 2011 event. Seconded by Steve Garten. All in favor, motion carried.

- Board Opening, Kyle Agre & Tami Stillwell. Rick Mohan was asked to join board & agreed. Kyle Agre made motion for the board to appoint Rick Mohan to the open 2-year term board member at large position. Second was made by Ron Sahr. All in favor, motion passed. A big thank you to Rick for accepting this position!!!

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Pelican Classic and AYA are each about half full at this point. Late fee for Pelican Classic will not be charged until Wednesday, June 2nd. At the start of the rules meeting the tourney field is set. The Calcutta will be replaced by the Bonus Payout. Don Marty has been working on additional sponsor possibilities. Barry would really like some assistance with obtaining more tourney sponsorship, if you would have interest in helping out or have contacts please let him know. AIM sanctioned series originally Pro-Am event. New spin...30-boat tourney (entered as teams) to take place during days 1 & 2 of event.

-Speaker Update, Scott Brewer. May – DNR (discussion on zebra mussels); September – Cody Roswick (new Berkley products); October – Open; November – possibly Zippy Dahl; January – possibly Craig Staddon & Roger Stearns; February – Open; March – possibly the Griz and Pete Harsh.

- Business Cards & Name Tags for Board Members, Kyle Agre. Kyle did some research & pricing on cards & name tags for board members. We will have discussion with the general membership regarding these items before moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Donation Requests, Steve Garten. No new requests received.

-April Meeting. Panel of MWC fishermen...Chad Maloy, Don Denning, Dave Randash. Scott Brewer has raffle items ready. Wing It Bobber Co from Hawley MN is donating 3 – 50 piece bobber kits to the club for raffles.

-Updating Website. Chris Hamre, general club member has offered to assist club with our website. He will be working with Brian Dahlin & also researching possibilities. He will bring ideas back to the board.

-YMCA Take A Vet Fishing Event, Ron Sahr. Scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th. Contact Paul Finstad of the YMCA or Ron Sahr for further information.

-Northern Lights Donation Request. Request for \$1500 for upkeep on boat motors. Discussion. Ron Sahr made motion to give \$600. No second was made. Motion died. Further discussion. Due to our club's youth education program possibly donate nothing or just part of original request. Barry Chouinard made motion to not donate any money for the 2010 request. Seconded by Ron Sahr. 4 board members in favor, 5 board members against. Motioned failed. More discussion. Motion was made by Scott Brewer to donate \$750 (½ of original request). Second by Kyle Agre. 5 board members in favor, 4 board members against. Motion carried.

**ROUND TABLE:**

**Scott Brewer**...Mentioned that our club members consider to join the Winnipeg WAAM fishing club. A new drift sock company has donated two free sample drift socks to the club for use on our raffle tables.

**Kyle Agre**...No kids are signed up for the youth education fly fishing program that was scheduled to be held before this month's meeting. So event will be cancelled. Kyle is working on scheduling some summer education programs.

**Barry Chouinard**...Is on the budgetary oversight committee for the MN Walleye Stamp, he reported on key bullet points from a recent report from the committee.

Motion to adjourn @ 9.14pm by Barry Chouinard, 2nd by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

**The next board meeting will be @ 7pm on Tuesday, May 18th @ the Doublewood Inn.**

Please remember that all general club members are invited to attend any or all board meetings.

*Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.*



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