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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY MARCH 31, 2008 – 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

32nd ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

MARCH 31, 2008

PROGRAM SPEAKER CAPTAIN CHIP KLEIN

“HIT-MAN CHARTERS” FISHING FOR SPRING KINGS

CAPTAIN CHIP KLEIN HAS FISHED LAKE MICHIGAN FOR 40 YEARS. HE HAS PROFESSIONALLY FISHED FULL-TIME FOR OVER 30 YEARS AS A CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN AND FISHERMAN. HE IS A USCG LICENSED CAPTAIN, AND PARTICIPATES IN THE USCG DRUG-SCREENING PROGRAM. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION, GRAND HAVEN CHAPTER BOAT ASSOCIATION, GRAND HAVEN STEELHEADERS, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER BOAT OPERATORS. CAPTAIN CHIP IS A AVID HUNTER, AS WELL AND ENJOYS BEING OUTDOORS, CHIP ALSO PRACTICES TAXIDRMY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. ALSO ALL THE FINAL DRAWINGS FROM THE SPORT SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE. FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES WILL BE ON SALE AT THIS MEETING-PROVIDED BY AL & BOB'S SPORTS. SOCIAL HOUR IS FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND LITE LUNCH. THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. BRING YOUR UNUSED FISHING TACKLE TO SELL AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER. SEE YOU ON MONDAY MARCH 31, 2008.*

ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW – MARCH 13-16 – DEVOS PLACE - DETAILS INSIDE

NOTE:

IF YOU NEED A MEMBERSHIP CARD, ATTEND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE CHAPTER POST OFFICE BOX LISTED IN THIS ISSUE.
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, AUGUST THRU JUNE. SOCIAL HOUR 6:30-7:30 PM. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM. MEMBER CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO A BOARD MEMBER FOR DISCUSSION AT A BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT DIAMOND AVENUE HALL, 435 DIAMOND AVENUE N.E. DIAMOND AVENUE IS THREE BLOCKS WEST OF FULLER AVENUE, OFF MICHIGAN STREET. GO NORTH ON DIAMOND ONE BLOCK.

EDITORS NOTE

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLISHED IN THE "TROUT TALK", SEND IT TO US BY THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IT PUBLISHED. SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO DAVE NOWICKI, 2471 ANCIENT S.W., WYOMING, MICHIGAN, 49519 OR CALL 616-532-7727, OR E-MAIL polander@hotmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS.

DOUG VANPROOYEN	JOHN KUENZER	EGON KELTING
HENRY ZEMAN	JOHN GARDNER	SHANE ADAMS
CHRIS PRANOMVANAUECH		BLAINE GORBY
RONALD LARSEN	PAUL ANTOZAH	STEVE LEBLANC
MIKE HERRICK	DAVE EDEL	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN JANUARY 2008:

LARRY MAREK	STEVE PHILLIPS	RON SCHWAB
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN FEBRUARY 2008.

STEVE DENNIS	MIKE GROMKO	MATT WING
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

MIKE BOLHOUSE	MARK DODGE	PAUL KIK
STEVE HEINTZELMAN	GARY MOORE	GARY PERDEW
BRYAN MORRISSEY	SHAG TRENT	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN APRIL 2008:

KEN AMID	ED ANDERSON	WILLIAM BALE
CHAD BARTLETT	DOUG BARTON	RALPH BELL
MARK BECKHAM	ROGER BELTER	BOB BLASKIS
GORDON BERNHARDT	MARK BLANKEMEIER	ROBERT BLOOM
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MEMBERSHIP YOU
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ON TIME!**



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THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADER FOUNDATION IS HAVING A RAFFLE ON A NEW 2008 CHEVY TRUCK. THERE ARE ONLY 800 TICKETS TO BE SOLD. TICKETS COST \$50 EACH, AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM NORM VAN SICKLE, VIKKI GUILLES. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE SPORT, FISHING AND TRAVEL SHOW IN MARCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL TICKETS CONTACT NORM OR VIKKI.

PASSING ALONG INFORMATION

The Officers of the Grand Rapids Steelheaders would like to pass to its member's information that we receive from the State Organization, DNR as well as other sources pertaining to the water ways in and around the State of Michigan. If you would like to receive this information send Bob Streck an email at rstrek@aol.com requesting to receive this information, if you signed up at the January Membership meeting you are on the list now.

GRSF REPORT

NOTE TO MEMBERS: THE FOUNDATION HELPS TO FUND MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS, SUCH AS KIDS TO CAMP, CORMORANT CONTROL, NET PENS, CHRISTMAS PARTY, SUMMER PICNIC, YOUTH FISH DAY ETC. WE NEED MORE KIDS NAMES TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP. HELP SELL TRUCK RAFFLE TICKETS AND FUND OUR GOALS. 2007 YEAR END BALANCE \$6210.46.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, VIKKI GUILLES, KRIS GUILLES, BUD POTTS, BILL NEWELL, TONY NIKODEMSKI, AL DAVIS, CHRIS EDWARDS, RENEE DAVIS, IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER, JOHN GARDNER, JIM LARSEN, DAVE ANDERSON. ABSENT EXCUSED DICK GROMKO, BOB ANTZAK. ABSENT BRIAN BOOMSMA. MEMBER PRESENT NORM VAN SICKLE.

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30.
2. NEW BOARD MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED.
3. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. THE MOTION PASSED.
4. BOB STREK GAVE A CONDENSED TREASURER'S REPORT.
5. THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST AND SMALL FRY CONTEST WERE COVERED.
6. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED RAFFLE PRIZES ARE GETTING LOW.
7. BOB STREK REPORTED ON THE NET PENS. A WORK DATE OF 4-5 MAY BE CHANGED TO 4-12.
8. DAVE ANDERSON REPORTED ON PROGRAMS AND MINI CLINICS.
9. KRIS GUILLES REPORTED STATUS QUO ON MUCC.
10. CHRIS EDWARDS HAS WORK OUT FOR MEMBERSHIP SALES AT THE SPORT SHOW.
11. THE GRSF REPORT WAS GIVEN BY NORM AND VIKKI, TICKETS SALES ARE GOING FOR THE TRUCK RAFFLE. THE POINT FOR PROFIT HAS STOPPED. THE FOUNDATION IRS AUDIT IS UNDERWAY.
12. STEVE HEINTZELMAN SAID THE SWAP MEET IS SET FOR MARCH 29 WITH LOTS OF TABLES.
13. CHRIS EDWARDS REPORTED ON THE ICE FISHING OUTING. SLOW FISHING DAY.
14. BOB STREK IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO SIGN UP TO FISH THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST ON APRIL 5.
15. THE SPORT SHOW WAS COVERED AND FINAL DETAILS WERE COVERED.
16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TOOK PLACE. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI, VICE PRESIDENT STEVE HEINTZELMAN, VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER BOB STREK, SECRETARY VIKKI GUILLES.
17. COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE FILLED BY BOARD MEMBERS.
18. THE BIG LAKE CONTEST WAS DISCUSSED. BOB STREK AND CHRIS EDWARDS WILL CHAIR THE CONTEST.
19. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

SPRING GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER RIVER RULES

1. DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2008
2. OPEN TO ENTIRE GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS ONLY.
3. PAID TO DATE MEMBERS ONLY.
4. STARTING TIME 6:00 AM, FINISH AT 2:00 PM SHARP.
5. WEIGH-IN NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM SHARP.
6. ENTRY FEE, \$2.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE).
7. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY THURSDAY APRIL 3, 2008 9:00 P.M.
8. CONTACT BOB STREK 616-453-3109 OR BILL NEWELL 616-897-6949.
9. CATCH MUST BE STEELHEAD.
10. THREE (3) FISH LIMIT.
11. ALL FISH MUST BE 20" OR OVER.
12. ALL FISH MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT.
13. TWO RODS PER PERSON, STATE RULES APPLY.
14. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY.
15. WEIGH-IN SITE TO BE SELECTED BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN. EAST SIDE SIXTH STREET PARK.
16. TROPHIES FOR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE, IN CASE OF TIE, TWO TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED. \$20.00 CASH AWARD FOR LARGEST FISH. ONE REVOLVING TROPHY FOR FIRST PLACE.

NOTE: ALL CONTROVERSIES, PROBLEMS, ETC. ARISING WITH ABOVE CONTEST WILL BE RESOLVED BY THE STEELHEAD CHAPTER BOARD AT A SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, NOT AT AN OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

FISHING PARTNERS

THE CHAPTER HAS AS FISHING PARTNERS PROGRAM, TO GET MEMBERS TO FISH WITH OTHER MEMBERS, AND TO HELP NEW MEMBERS GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHAPTER. TO GET STARTED IN THE PROGRAM WE NEED YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND THE TIMES THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO FISH. DO YOU HAVE A BOAT? NEED A PARTNER FOR THE RIVER, LAKE, ETC, NEED A CREW MEMBER FOR YOUR BOAT, NEED A MEMBER TO FISH A CHAPTER OUTING, TEACH NEW MEMBERS HOW TO CATCH STEELHEAD AND SALMON, ABLE TO TAKE OTHER MEMBERS OUT FISHING. CONTACT JIM LARSEN AT 616-453-4779. JIM WILL PUT MEMBERS TOGETHER SO THEY CAN LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES AND MEET OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JIM AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

FREE MEMBERSHIPS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE WON FREE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE PAST YEAR BY ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR WORKING AT THE SPORT SHOW.

JANUARY 2008	ROBERTA TAYLOR
FEBRUARY 2008	EGON KELTING
SPORT SHOW 2007	GARY MOORE, BOB FIEBIG, RICK LEWIS, BOB BLASKIS, BOB SCHULTZ, SUZI MERDZINSKI, CHRIS EDWARDS, BUD POTTS, JIM LARSEN, TONY NIKODEMSKI, JOE MAKI, JOHN BALL
MARCH 2007	DAVE VANMALE
APRIL 2007	DAVE HARDING
MAY 2007	GARY HARVEY
JUNE 2007	ANDY WISNIEWSKI
AUGUST 2007	BOB WINKELS
SEPTEMBER 2007	JEFF KEIZER
OCTOBER 2007	GERALD BOELEMA
NOVEMBER 2007	PHIL BOLEK

ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, INCREASE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A MEMBERSHIP.

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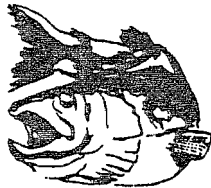
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2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	NO ENTRY
BROWN TROUT -	NO ENTRY
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY
COHO -	NO ENTRY
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY
WALLEYE -	NO ENTRY

RIVER

STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	BOB ANTZAK	03-13

TO ENTER THE 2008 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANTZAK AT 616-895-6874. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 FOR BOTH DIVISIONS AND INCLUDES THE ENTIRE FAMILY. SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO BOB AT 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460. REMEMBER TO ENTER EVERY FISH YOU CATCH, IT MAY BE A BIG WINNER.

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GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	13-16 SPORT, FISHING, AND RV SHOW - DEVOS PLACE 13-15 SPORT, FISHING AND RV SHOW FISHING CONTEST 29 CHAPTER SWAP MEET 31 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
APRIL	5 SPRING RIVER CONTEST 6:00 AM, GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL 21 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM AT SOUTH HAVEN 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
MAY	3 CHAPTER FISHING LEAGUE BEGINS 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL 17 CHAPTER BIG LAKE CONTEST - GRAND HAVEN 6:00 AM 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

THE YEAR LONG SMALL FRY FISHING CONTEST

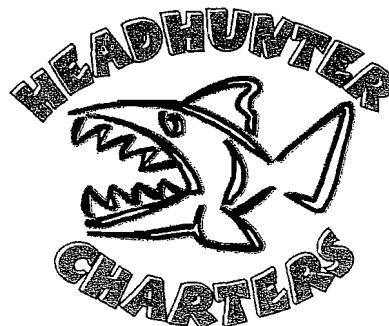
FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS UP TO 15 YEARS OLD WHO'S PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS ARE SIGNED UP WITH BOB ANTZAK IN THE YEAR LONG FISHING CONTEST. THESE SMALL FRY'S ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER FISH OF ALL SPECIES CAUGHT ON THE BIG LAKE, INLAND LAKES, AND ANY RIVERS.

RULES ARE:

- 1) PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST BE SIGNED UP IN THE YEAR LONG BIG LAKE AND RIVER CONTEST WITH BOB ANTZAK. CALL BOB TO ENTER AT 616-895-6874 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. THE CONTEST RUNS FROM DECEMBER 1, CURRENT YEAR TO NOVEMBER 30 FOLLOWING YEAR. COST IS \$5.00 PER FAMILY.
- 2) ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE WEIGHTED TO ENTER. ANY SPECIES OF FISH CAUGHT CAN BE ENTERED.
- 3) ON A POSTCARD OR CARD PLEASE TELL US WHEN AND WHERE THE FISH WAS CAUGHT, INCLUDE PHOTO IF YOU HAVE ONE, AND MOST IMPORTANT HOW MUCH IT WEIGHED. PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST SIGN POST CARD OR CARD.
- 4) ALL SMALL FRY ENTRY'S NAMES WILL BE POSTED IN THE TROUT TALK NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH.
- 5) PRIZE TROPHY'S FOR THE LARGEST FISH AND 2ND PLACE LARGEST FISH IN ALL CATEGORIES WINS TROPHY AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ALL ENTRIES, WIN OR LOSE WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPANT RIBBON. PHOTOS ARE AN OPTION BUT I HEARD TO TELL THE EDITOR OF TROUT TALK SAYS DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TROUT TALK WITH YOUR CATCH.
- 6) SEND ALL ENTRIES AND PHOTOS TO
AL DAVIS
1950 GRAND RIVER DRIVE
ADA, MI. 49301
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- 7) THE 2008 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

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NOTICE

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SICK BAY

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBERS THAT ARE IN SICK BAY, OR HAVE PASSED AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI AT 616-532-7727.

STEELHEADERS SWAP MEET

ON MARCH 29, 2008, WE NEED TO HAVE MEMBERS WHO NEED TO SELL QUALITY NEW OR LIGHTLY USED FISHING, HUNTING, CAMPING OR SPORTING EQUIPMENT. RENT A TABLE FOR \$30 PER TABLE OR \$15 PER HALF TABLE.

THIS IS SOMETHING WE ARE DOING TO HELP OUR MEMBERS GET RID OF STUFF THAT IS CLUTTERING THEIR BASEMENTS AND GARAGES. WE NEED TO FILL 16-20 TABLES. SO COME DOWN AND MAKE SOME MONEY. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT STEVE HEINTZELMAN AT 616-791-7009.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS MAY ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE FORM OF CLASSIFIED ADS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY AT NO COST. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO OWN BUSINESSES AND WISH TO ADVERTISE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BUSINESS. THE AD WILL RUN FOR 6 MONTHS. PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR IF THE ITEM IS SOLD BEFORE 6 MONTHS.

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WANTED: FISHING FRIENDS TO JOIN THE STEELHEADERS. CONTACT JIM LARSEN AT 616-453-4779.

IT'S COMING

THE CHAPTER'S FISHING LEAGUE. DETAILS IN THE APRIL TROUT TALK.

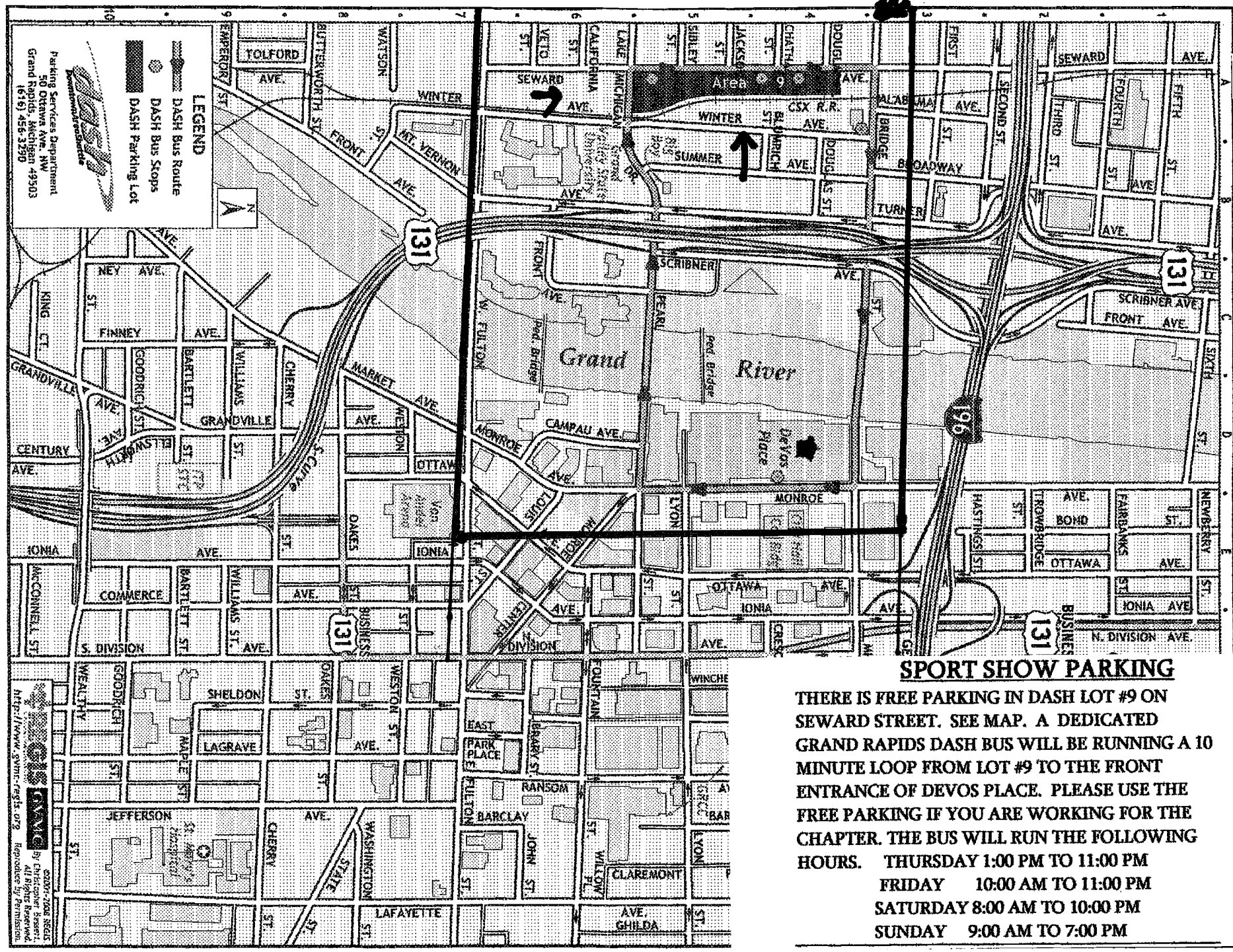
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. ACTING SECRETARY VIKKI GUILS READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM THE JANUARY 28, 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
5. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED WITH THE MEMBERS.
6. THE CORMORANT FUND DONATIONS WERE SOLICITED, CHRIS EDWARDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH CONTROL.
7. CHRIS EDWARDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE ICE FISHING OUTING.
8. ELECTION BALLOTS FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WERE PASSED AROUND.
9. REP. DAVE HILDENBRAND WAS INTRODUCED BY BOB STREK AND GAVE A TALK ABOUT LICENSE ISSUES.
10. BOB STREK OFFERED TO ADD TO E-MAIL LIST. IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE E-MAIL LIST CONTACT BOB STREK.
11. BUD POTTS GAVE AN UPDATE ON SALMON IN SCHOOLS.
12. STEVE HEINTZELMAN SPOKE ON THE SWAP MEET TO BE HELD MARCH 29, 2008. TABLES \$15 HALF, \$30 FULL TABLE.
13. THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST WAS ANNOUNCED. CONTACT BOB STREK OR BILL NEWELL TO SIGN UP FOR THE APRIL 5 CONTEST.
14. VIKKI GUILS UPDATED ON THE GRSF TRUCK RAFFLE AND SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS.
15. DAVE NOWICKI INTRODUCED DIFFERENT SPORT SHOW CHAIRMEN AND ENCOURGED HELP.
16. ELECTION RESULT WERE ANNOUNCED. STEVE HEINTZELMAN, BILL NEWELL, RENEE DAVIS, VIKKI GUILS WON THE THREE YEAR TERMS. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS ARE JIM LARSEN, IRV BYXBE, DAVE ANDERSON, JOHN GARDNER, BRIAN BOOMSMA, JOHN STAUFFER.
17. THE PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING WAS FRED AND SCOTT MACDONALD FROM THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL THEY SPOKE ON HOW THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL PROGRAM IS RUN.
18. ROGER BELTER ASKED FOR HELP ON APRIL 5 TO WORK ON THE NET PENS.
19. STEVE HEINTZELMAN CONDUCTED THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND THE 50/50 DRAWING.
20. CHRIS EDWARDS CONDUCTED THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING AND THE WINNER WAS EGON KELTING.
21. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55.

VIKKI GUILS ACTING SECRETARY

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THERE IS FREE PARKING IN DASH LOT #9 ON SEWARD STREET. SEE MAP. A DEDICATED GRAND RAPIDS DASH BUS WILL BE RUNNING A 10 MINUTE LOOP FROM LOT #9 TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF DEVOS PLACE. PLEASE USE THE FREE PARKING IF YOU ARE WORKING FOR THE CHAPTER. THE BUS WILL RUN THE FOLLOWING HOURS.

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SATURDAY 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM
SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

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National parks, band pursue VHS plan for Lake Superior

Munising, Mich. - Like their counterparts in fish management have done - and continue to do - in battling a deadly fish disease, officials from national parks surrounding Lake Superior are developing a plan to deal with VHS, a disease that's one of the most recent "invasive" threats to the Great Lakes.

Now, national parks whose Lake Superior waters border those of the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, are compiling their own set of options - detection, preventative measures, and also ways to respond should VHS be found in the largest, deepest, and coldest of the Great Lakes. They're doing so with the involvement of the Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe, of northeast Minnesota. A draft plan could be available within weeks.



MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DAVE HILDENBRAND

February 28, 2008

Dear Mr. ~~Strek~~

Bob -

Thank you for inviting me to your Steelheaders meeting this past week. I appreciated the opportunity to speak to your group regarding the hunting and fishing license issue and enjoyed meeting with your members.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any concerns or if I can ever be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Hildenbrand".

Dave Hildenbrand
Republican Floor Leader
District 86

YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST RULES

1. THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER FISH CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE CONTESTS, BIG LAKE AND RIVER. YOU WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST FISH CAUGHT FROM THE SAME WATER THAT YOU FISH. HARBOR LAKES (MUSKEGON, MANISTEE, ETC.) ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BIG LAKE WATERS.
2. THE CHAPTER FISH CONTEST WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 30, OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
3. ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FISHING REGULATIONS. NO FOUL HOOKED FISH ALLOWED.
4. ALL FISH ENTERED IN THE CONTEST MUST BE CAUGHT BY THE ENTRANT, AND MAILED OR HANDED INTO THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN, WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF BEING CAUGHT.
5. ONLY GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
6. ALL LAKE CONTEST FISH ENTERED MUST BE CAUGHT FROM A BOAT LEAVING AND RETURNING TO A MICHIGAN PORT ON THE SAME DAY. ALL RIVER CONTEST FISH MUST BE CAUGHT IN MICHIGAN WATERS.
7. FISH SPECIES IN THE CONTEST WILL BE: LAKE TROUT, STEELHEAD, BROWN TROUT, COHO SALMON, CHINOOK SALMON, AND WALLEYE.
8. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH CATEGORY IN BOTH CONTESTS.
9. NO MORE THAN (1) ONE TROPHY, AND (1) ONE CASH PRIZE PER PERSON WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CONTEST.
10. CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST TROUT, HEAVIEST SALMON, CHINOOK AND COHO, AND HEAVIEST WALLEYE IN EACH CONTEST.

<u>TROUT</u>	<u>SALMON CHINOOK</u>	<u>SALMON COHO</u>	<u>WALLEYE</u>
1 ST - \$50.00	1 ST - \$50.00	1 ST - \$50.00	1 ST - \$50.00
2 ND - \$30.00	2 ND - \$30.00	2 ND - \$30.00	2 ND - \$30.00
3 RD - \$20.00	3 RD - \$20.00	3 RD - \$20.00	3 RD - \$20.00

11. A PRE-REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00 PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED. THIS IS PAYABLE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR BY MAIL. YOUR CONTEST BEGINS UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENTRY FEE.
12. AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF THE LEADERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER. WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED THEIR TROPHIES AT THE JANUARY MEETING.
13. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY.
14. TO ENTER A FISH: FILL IN THE ENTRY FORM. IF POSSIBLE TAKE ANOTHER STEELHEADER (WITNESS) AND GO TO A CERTIFIED SCALE, (BAIT/MEAT MARKET) FOR WEIGH-IN. PORTABLE SCALES ARE NOT ALLOWED. IF YOU CANNOT GET A STEELHEADER TO WITNESS THE WEIGH-IN, TAKE THE FORM AND FISH TO HIS HOUSE AND HAVE HIM SIGN THE FORM. FILL OUT THE FORM SO HE CAN IDENTIFY THE SPECIES. DO NOT SEND IN AN INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORM.
15. MAIL ENTRY TO: BOB ANTZAK - 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. - WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER STEELHEADERS YEARLY FISH CONTEST

NAME _____ PHONE _____

SPECIES ENTERED _____
DATE CAUGHT _____

LOCATION CAUGHT _____
DATE CAUGHT _____

WEIGHT _____

LOCATION OF SCALE _____

WEIGHED BY _____
STEELHEADER WITNESS _____

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT.

SIGNATURE _____



From the Galley...

SALMON-COHO-STEELHEAD-TROUT RECIPES

Fillet all fish, remove skin, remove mud line (dark line on outside of fillet) .

GRILLED FISH

Fish Fillets, olive oil, paprika, garlic salt, other spices as desired.

Cut fish into large fillets (5 X 5 inch). Sprinkle both sides of fillet with paprika, garlic salt, any other spices as desired. Brush olive oil over fillets. Heat grill to maximum heat. Brush olive oil on grill grates. Put fillets directly on grates. Grill about 5 minutes and turn over. Grill 5 minutes on other side or until fillet flakes. Remove from grill. Serve with melted margarine over the top as a coating.

FISH FRY

Mix the following in a bowl. 3/4 bottle beer (your own brand), 2 eggs, cover with garlic salt or powder, dash of salt and pepper, 1/3 tsp. sugar, 3/4 tsp. Lawreys seasoning salt, Mix mess together.

Use large frying pan. Fill pan 5/8 full with veg. oil and heat to 350 degree. Slice potatoes 1/4 inch thick. Put potatoes in hot oil and fry for 5 minutes. Dip fish fillets into batter and flour. Put fish in with potatoes and fry until golden brown. Drain and serve.

FISH BOIL

You will need the following for the boil. 2-3 lbs fish fillets, 3 lbs small potatoes (1-3 inch size), 2 lbs small onions, kosher salt. It is recommended that you use a trout kettle to cook this in. (Trout kettles are available from most larger sport shops.)

Fill 12 quart trout kettle 3/4 full with water. Heat water to a rolling boil, then add 1 cup kosher salt, add potatoes. Let boil 12 to 15 minutes. Add onions. Boil 6 minutes. Put fish in trout kettle basket. Add 1 cup kosher salt to water. Put fish basket in kettle. Let boil 12-15 minutes. Drain. Serve with melted butter.

Tip--Keep the water at a rolling boil. If it is not rolling, wait until it rolls to begin timing. Time from rolling boil.

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