



# Trout Talk

The Voice of the  
Grand Rapids Steelheaders

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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2008 – 7:30 PM  
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

BILL ISENBERG

THE LATEST IN MARINE ELECTRONICS

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER THIS MONTH WILL BE BILL ISENBERG. BILL WILL SPEAK ON THE LATEST IN MARINE ELECTRONICS AND OTHER BOATING SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE LATEST ON ETHANOL. 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 USED OR NEW FISHING TACKLE THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO SELL AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER.* SEE YOU ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2008

## CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE CHAPTERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008. THE PARTY BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. WITH A POT LUCK DINNER. EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS THAT WILL SERVE 6-8 PEOPLE ALONG WITH THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE. THE CHAPTER WILL SUPPLY THE MEAT AND REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES AND A VISIT FROM SANTA FOR THE CHILDREN. RESERVATION ARE REQUESTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2008. CONTACT SUZI MERDZINSKI 616-458-9641 WITH YOUR RESERVATION. THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE PARTY. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

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. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP TO DATE YOUR CARD WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT -----DAVE NOWICKI -----616-532-7727  
VICE PRESIDENT-----STEVE HEINTZELMAN-616-791-7009  
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DIRECTOR-----MARTIN KUKS-----616-784-3068  
DIRECTOR-----HENRY ZEMAN-----616-453-1554

### 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

MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS  
GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER  
P.O. BOX 1474  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49501

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

ROBERT STREK	LENNY KURELLO	MIKE HARVEY
LARRY MAREK	STEVE WIERSMA	MATT WALLING
TONY NIKODEMSKI	GREG PRICE	JON HENDRICK
ANDREW ROSS		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN SEPTEMBER 2008:

BONNIE LOCKLEAR	DAN O'KEEFE	CHUCK PISTIS
JOHN SCHLEINZ	EVERETT WOODWORTH	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

TIM BORGELD	DANIEL DODGE	
CHRIS EDWARDS	JEFF HOODHOOD	TIM SCHAFFER
TOM MROCZKOWSKI	SHANE RUBOYIANES	
DOUG VAN PROYER		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2008:

JOHN DECKER

**IF YOU DO NOT RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON TIME!**

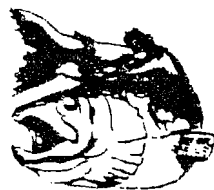
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## PASSING ALONG INFORMATION

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 Strek an email at [rstrek@aol.com](mailto:rstrek@aol.com) requesting to receive this information, if you signed up at a Membership meeting you are on the list.

## FISHING PARTNER OUTING

THE ANNUAL FISHING PARTNERS OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8, 2008 AT MANISTEE MICHIGAN. STEVE HEINTZELMAN IS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING. THIS IS A FISHING, HUNTING, RELAXING OUTING. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CONTACT STEVE AT 616-791-7009 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

## CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## GREAT LAKES ANGLER MAGAZINE

### SPECIAL

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## GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM -- DIAMOND HALL  
30 2008 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST ENDS

DECEMBER 1 2009 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST BEGINS  
1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
8 CHAPTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM DIAMOND HALL

## 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

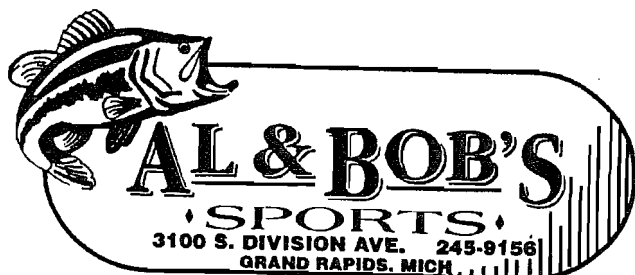
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE WON FREE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE PAST YEAR BY ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR WORKING AT THE SPORT SHOW.

JANUARY 2008	ROBERTA TAYLOR
FEBRUARY 2008	EGON KELTING
SPORT SHOW 2008	BRIAN BOOMSMA, EGON KELTING, GENE PALMER, SUE EDWARDS, JIM LARSEN, BUD POTTS, SUZI MERDZINSKI, JOHN GARDNER, SALLY WILSON, BILL RATLIFF, PRESTON KUKS, RENEE DAVIS.
MARCH 2008	BOB MCCRACKEN
APRIL 2008	VIKKI GUILLES
MAY 2008	BILL NEWELL
JUNE 2008	MICHAEL BOLHOUSE
AUGUST 2008	BOB FIEBIG
SEPTEMBER 2008	DAVE VAN MALE
OCTOBER 2008	LARRY MAREK
NOVEMBER 2007	PHIL BOLEK

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

### CHAPTER CLOTHING

THE CHAPTER NOW HAS CHAPTER SHIRTS, CAPS, ETC. FOR SALE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME CHAPTER CLOTHING CONTACT JOHN STAUFFER AT 616-453-1327 OR VIKKI GUILLES AT 616-677-3442. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE DETAILS ON WHAT CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS AND THE PRICES. SHOW YOUR CHAPTER COLORS, PURCHASE CHAPTER CLOTHING.



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## 2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

### BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	VIKKI GUILLES	10-09
	KRIS GUILLES	10-01
	BEN WOLF	08-10
	TRAVIS KORT	07-13
BROWN TROUT -	CHRIS NIENHUIS	10-01
	NELSON NIENHUIS	08-00
	TRAVIS KORT	06-08
	BOB ANTZAK	05-04
LAKE TROUT -	STEVE PHILLIPS	18-03
	RICH WILSON	11-04
	TRAVIS KORT	10-07
	NANCY WOOD	07-07
COHO -	STEVE WIERSMA	08-15
	STEVE PHILLIPS	06-13
	ZACH STREK	06-08
	DICK GROMKO	04-06
CHINOOK -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	23-07
	JERRY AVERY	22-00
	SALLY JO WILSON	21-12
	GARY PERDEW	17-12
WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02
	VIKKI GUILLES	06-06
	BOB STREK	03-07
	<u>RIVER</u>	
STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	WARREN GALINSKI	03-01
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	WARREN GALINSKI	07-08
	GARY PERDEW	07-02
	NORM TOW	05-11
CHINOOK -	WARREN GALINSKI	16-07
	MATT SCHALK	16-06
	NORM TOW	14-09
	GARY PERDEW	11-14
WALLEYE -	BOB STREK	06-15
	AL DAVIS	06-00
	BOB ANTZAK	03-13

TO ENTER THE 2008 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANTZAK AT 616-695-6874. 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.

# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> 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  
616-363-3564

7) THE 2008 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

## 2008 SMALL FRY CONTEST ENTRIES

STEELHEAD	ZACK STREK	23 INCH	
WALLEYE	BLAKE HENDRICK	04.12	21 INCHES
CHINOOK	ALEX WOLF	16-08	
	BLAKE HENDRICK	14-07	BLAKE HENDRICK 14-07 CHINOOK
CHANNEL CAT	ZACK STREK	07-12	



## NOTICE

THE COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE WITH OUR "IT PAY'S TO BELONG PROGRAM WILL NOW BE LISTED IN THE STATE NEWSPAPER, "THE GREAT LAKES SPORT FISHING NEWS". THIS IS DUE TO THE LENGTH OF COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

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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. THE FOLLOWING MEMBER IS IN SICK BAY JIM FRIELINK.

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## GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BUCK CONTEST

THE CONTEST WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 1, 2008 THRU JANUARY 1, 2009 AND WILL CONSIST OF TWO DIVISIONS, BOW AND GUN. ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS. ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 PER DIVISION AND MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE SHOOTING THE DEER. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LEGAL BUCKS TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH DNR RULES. AFTER TAKING YOUR BUCK, CONTACT YOUR CHAIRMAN TO GET THEIR RACK SCORED. SCORING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: 1 PT. PER INCH OF OUTSIDE BEAM DIMENSION TO THE NEAREST 1/8 INCH AND 1 PT. PER EACH ANTLER POINT (1"LG.) CASH AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH DIVISION AS FOLLOWS. BIGGEST RACK 50%, 2<sup>ND</sup> BIGGEST RACK, 30%, SMALLEST RACK 20%. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE JANUARY 2009 AWARDS MEETING. ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR MAILED TO THE CHAIRMEN, CHRIS EDWARDS, 114 HIGHLAND, ROCKFORD, MI. 49321, 616-863-6943 OR BILL NEWELL, 1122 PINCKNEY ROAD, SARANAC MI. 48881, 616-897-6949. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS. GOOD LUCK.

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### FALL RIVER CONTEST RECAP

WE HAD A WONDERFUL WET, COLD AND WINDY DAY ON THE RIVER, WHICH RESULTED IN A SMALLER TURN OUT THEN EXPECTED. BUT WE STILL BRAVED IT OUT. FISHING WAS ALSO SLOW. I LOST A NICE FISH WITH A BROKEN REEL, AFTER A BROKEN GAS LINE ON THE BOAT, THAT'S HOW MY DAY WENT. THE BIG FISH WINNER WAS BILL NEWELL WITH ONE 7-1/4 LB FISH. BOB STREK ALSO CAUGHT A 30" NORTHERN PIKE. NICE TO SEE A FEW OTHERS TO TURN OUT FOR THE WEIGHT IN. WE ALL ENJOYED SOME DOGS, SALADS, CHIPS AND BEVERAGES. THANKS TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED AND SHOWED UP FOR SUPPORT.  
JOHN GARDNER, BILL NEWELL CHAIRMEN

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## 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.

FOR SALE: X98 LOWRANCE FISH FINDER. DUAL BEAM TRANSDUCER, 50 AND 200 KZ SPEED AND TEMP. 3 YEARS OLD. \$100.00 JERRY 616-696-9141 OR [badesbiker@wmis.net](mailto:badesbiker@wmis.net)

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FOR SALE: 1986 SEA SPRITE 19.5 FT. FIBERGLASS BOAT WITH NEWER GALVANIZED TRAILER. BOAT HAS CUDDY CABIN THAT SLEEPS TWO. CHEVY FOUR-CYLINDER 110 HP INBOARD WITH ALPHA-ONE OUT DRIVE. BIMINI TOP AND COVER INCLUDED. ENGINE NEEDS OVERHAUL, INTERIOR NEEDS SOME TLC, WOULD MAKE A GREAT FISHING BOAT. \$950.00 JON 616-450-7082

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BILL NEWELL WITH THE WINNING FISH  
FALL RIVER CONTEST

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2008

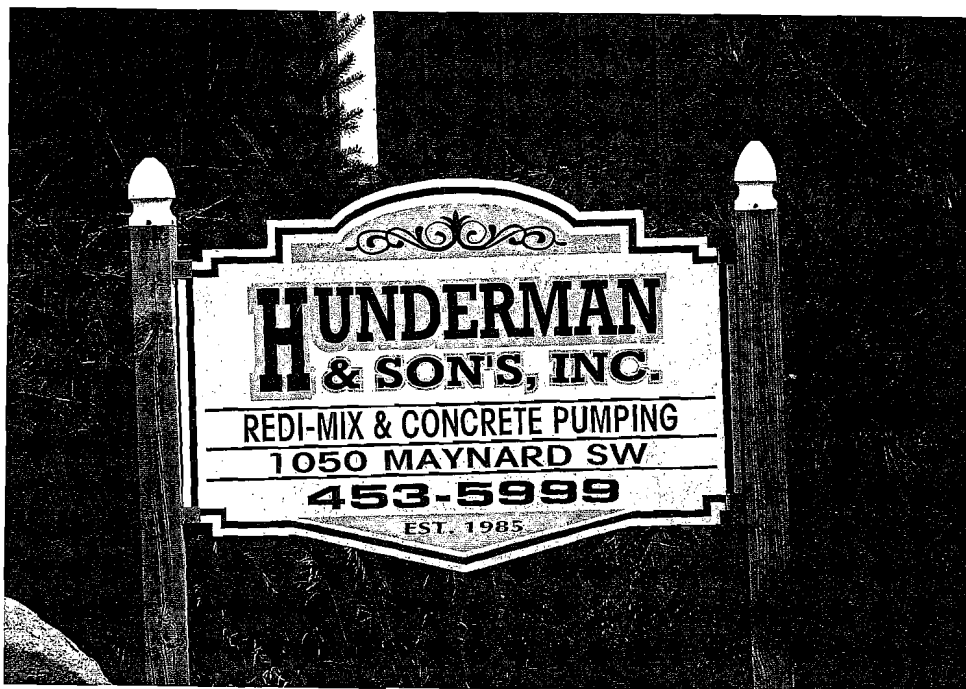
1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. VIKKI GUILLES READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. TREASURER BOB STREK GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS REPORTED.
4. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
5. CHILDREN 14 AND YOUNGER WERE GIVEN FISHING CAPS.
6. JOHN GARDNER REPORTED ON THE FALL RIVER CONTEST.
7. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED ON THE UPCOMING FISHING PARTNERS OUTING IN MANISTEE ON NOVEMBER 8.
8. BUD POTTS REPORTED THAT THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT IS GOING WELL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT CONTACT BUD POTTS.
9. BILL NEWELL AND CHRIS EDWARDS ARE RUNNING THE CHAPTER BUCK CONTEST. YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP BEFORE YOU MAKE THE KILL.
10. VIKKI GUILLES REPORTED THAT CHAPTER SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE.
11. VIKKI GUILLES IS TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THERE ARE FOUR THREE YEAR TERMS AVAILABLE. THE NOMINEES ARE BOB ANTZAK, DICK GROMKO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD CONTACT VIKKI GUILLES.
12. NORM VAN SICKLE UPDATED THE GROUP ON THE TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT THAT WAS CANCELLED.
13. TERRY MCBURNEY WAS INTRODUCED BY CHRIS EDWARDS. TERRY SHARED HIS HISTORICAL ROD AND REEL INFORMATION AND EXAMPLES OF FINE WORKMANSHIP IN FISHING GEAR.
14. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS CONDUCTED BY JIM LARDEN AND THE WINNER WAS LARRY MAREK.
15. STEVE HEINTZELMAN CONDUCTED THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING.
16. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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### GRAVEL DONATION

The Grand Rapids Steelheaders give a big thank you to HUNDERMAN & SONS, INC. for donating pea gravel for the Salmon in the Classroom program. The Steelheaders work with four schools that use gravel in their aquariums. Thanks also go out to John Schelinz who helped arrange this donation.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BOB STREK AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. BOB ANTZAK REPORTED ON THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST. 68 MEMBERS ARE IN THE CONTEST THIS YEAR. THE 2009 CONTEST BEGINS ON DECEMBER 1, 2008. CONTACT BOB ANTZAK TO SIGN UP.
5. DICK GROMKO AND TONY NIKODEMSKI REPORTED ON MEETING PREP.
6. IRV BYXBE AND BRIAN BOOMSMA HAVE ADOPTED NORM VAN SICKLE TO HELP WITH RAFFLES AT CHAPTER MEETINGS.
7. CHRIS EDWARDS REPORTED THAT PROGRAMS ARE SET FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MEETINGS.
8. KRIS GUILLES REPORTED THAT MUCC DUES HAVE BEEN PAID FOR 2009.
9. HENRY ZEMAN HAS DONATED PRINTS FOR A SPECIAL RAFFLE AND IS GETTING PRINTS FOR A GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER LOGO.
10. JIM LARSEN REPORTED ON MEMBERSHIP.
11. BUD POTTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
12. VIKKI GUILLES RELAYED AN OFFER OF T-SHIRTS/HATS FOR A 50/50 SALE WITH CASUAL THREADS.
13. NORM VAN SICKLE REPORTED THE NEXT TEXAS HOLD EM IS SET FOR JANUARY 30, 2009 TO REPLACE THE CANCELLED OCTOBER DATE.
14. BUD POTTS GAVE A STATE REPORT/STATING NETS IN MUSKEGON HAVE BEEN DECLARED ABANDONED, ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND LICENSES PULLED AS A RESULT OF 300 PLUS CALLS TO THE DNR.
15. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED ON THE UPCOMING FISHING PARTNERS OUTING IN MANISTEE ON NOVEMBER 8.
16. SUZI MERDZINSKI IS ALL SET WITH THE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY PRIZES ETC.
17. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND LISTED.
18. THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009 FOR THE CHAPTER WERE DISCUSSED.
19. DAVE NOWICKI CORRALED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SPORT SHOW.
20. BOB STREK ASKED NORM VAN SICKLE TO TRY AND GET ADVISITERS FOR THE NEWSLETTER.
21. A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO INCREASE THE FEE TO \$50.00 PER BOAT FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY OUTING AND THE MAY BIG LAKE CONTEST.
22. A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO INCREASE THE ENTRY FOR THE SPRING AND FALL RIVER CONTESTS TO \$5.00 PER PERSON.
23. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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Great Lakes Compact Success!

Image of the Great Lakes

The Great Lakes ecosystem is the only freshwater system of its kind in size and ecological diversity. The Great Lakes are now securely protected from diversion and misuse following ratification of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin Water Resources Compact. The historic agreement among states sets strong standards for water use within the Great Lakes basin.

The Great Lakes contain nearly 20 percent of the world's freshwater supply and over 90 of the fresh surface water in the United States. They are a vast resource, but each year rainfall and snowmelt replenish only about one percent of the water in the basin. The other 99 percent is finite and nonrenewable.

This success helps ensure the future of the Great Lakes for diverse wildlife that rely on them. The water agreement is the capstone of ten years of hard work by the National Wildlife Federation and partners in the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition.

Thanks so much to all of you who helped us achieve this huge victory!

You can learn more about the National Wildlife Federation's work in the Great Lakes region at [nwf.org/greatlakes](http://nwf.org/greatlakes).

Great Lakes Natural Resources

## Great Lakes governors want answers on carp barrier

The Great Lakes governors want answers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard as to why they have not switched on the new \$9 million electric fish barrier designed to keep the dreaded Asian carp from invading the lakes.

The barrier was finished more than two years ago, but federal officials in charge of the project won't activate it because of worries about the danger the electrified water could pose to barge operators traveling along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

The only thing now standing between the Great Lakes and the leaping, filter-feeding fish that can grow to 100 pounds is a smaller electric barrier. That barrier was intended to be only a temporary solution to a fish invasion that biologists say could destroy what's left of the lakes' ecological integrity and multibillion-dollar fishing and tourist industries.

Barrier advocates who have been meeting with the Coast Guard and Army Corps on the safety issues say the slow pace of progress is unacceptable.

"I'm the one who attends these meetings for the Great Lakes sport fishing and boating communities, and I've had it up to my eyeballs with all the bureaucracy I'm forced to participate in," said Dan Thomas, president of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council. "Listening to all the pandering and excuses that go on, it's almost like they've given up."

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Consumers Energy officials are hoping air bubbles will help the Muskegon River keep its cool downstream of Croton Dam.

Water temperatures downstream of the dam often rise above state standards for July and August. The problem -- known as thermal pollution -- is caused by dams holding back ponds of water, which absorb more heat than a free-flowing river.

When discharged downstream, water from Croton Pond can increase water temperatures in the river by as much as 4 degrees Fahrenheit, according to state officials. The temperature problem is significant because it can harm the Muskegon River's thriving trout and steelhead fisheries, which attract anglers from around the world.

Consumers officials believe the solution lies in pumping compressed air into the bottom of Croton Pond during the hottest periods of summer. As the air bubbles rise, so does frigid water from 30-feet below the pond's surface; that water then is discharged downstream.

The system works like a super-sized version of the bubblers used in fish aquariums.

"We're trying to bring cold water up from the bottom and send it downstream," said Dave McIntosh, a hydro generation engineer at Consumers Energy. "Under optimum conditions, we might achieve a 1-degree drop in the water temperature."

McIntosh said tests next summer will show whether the bubbler brings Croton Dam into compliance with water temperature standards.

Those standards require the dam to discharge water that is no warmer than 68 degrees, said Kyle Kruger, a senior fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The water flowing out of the dam periodically reaches 72 degrees, he said.

The bubbler system will improve living conditions for fish downstream of Croton Dam even if it doesn't bring the dam into full compliance with water quality standards, Kruger said.

"It's a step in the right direction, a very positive step," Kruger said. "It's an effort on Consumers' part to be more environmentally friendly."

The bubbler, coupled with a new turbine at Hardy Dam that increases oxygen concentrations in water flowing out of that structure, should further improve the Muskegon's trout and steelhead fisheries downstream of Croton Dam, Kruger said.

"If they can get the water temperatures down, it might mean an increase in the number of naturally reproduced fish in the river," Kruger said.

Thermal pollution is a problem at dams across the country.

Consumers Energy was required to address thermal pollution, and the lowering of oxygen concentrations downstream of its hydroelectric dams when those structures were relicensed in 1994. Consumers owns the Croton, Hardy and Rogers hydroelectric dams on the Muskegon River and several other hydroelectric dams on the Manistee and AuSable rivers.

The utility recently installed a bubbler device similar to the one at Croton at Hodenpyl Dam, near Yuma.

Matt Supinski, a fishing guide and owner of the Gray Drake Lodge & Outfitters on the Muskegon River, praised the changes at Hardy and Croton dams.

"Those tubers (in the river) next summer will feel a cold sensation on their tattooed butts," Supinski said in his newsletter. "Most importantly, the trout and steelhead fry will be very happy."



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