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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING - MONDAY APRIL 27, 2009 - 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 - 7:30 PM

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

MICHIGAN DEQ

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

A REPRESENTATIVE OR TWO FROM THE DEQ WILL BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS AT THE APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. THEY WILL SPEAK ON WHAT THE DEQ IS AND WHAT THEY DO. A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION. 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 AND SELL IT AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER.*

SEE YOU ON MONDAY APRIL 27, 2009.

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.

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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.

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MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS
GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
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ROBERT CUNNINGHAM

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STEVE DENNIS PAUL SERZYCKI

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BIG LAKE CONTEST MAY 16

This years Big Lake Outing will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm with the weigh in at Rycenga's Lumber/Marina. We will be meeting in the parking lot between the store and there first storage building. You need to be at the weigh in by 2:00pm. There will be plenty of parking for boats. This year we are also inviting any current member of the Grand Haven Chapter to enter our contest as well. This year the entry fee will be \$50 with 100% being paid out for places first, second and third also a cash prize will be awarded for the largest salmon and the largest trout. However it should be noted that only one cash prize will be awarded per boat. To sign up or if you have questions see me at the next membership meeting or contact me at 616-863-6943. Chris Edwards.

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BIG LAKE CONTESTS (GRAND HAVEN, LUDINGTON, MANISTEE, ALL BIG LAKE)

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ANY TEAMS THAT AGREE TO ABIDE BY MICHIGAN D.N.R. REGULATIONS AND CONTEST RULES. CONTESTANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 9PM THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE CONTEST. BOAT OWNER MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS.

ENTRY FEES: ENTRY FEE SHALL BE \$20.00 PER BOAT, OR \$5.00 PER PERSON FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER, EXCEPT. \$50.00 PER BOAT FOR MAY BIG LAKE CONTEST, AND \$50.00 PER BOAT FOR BIG LAKE MEMORIAL CONTEST. IF THE CONTEST IS CANCELLED, ENTRY FEES WILL BE HONORED AT THE NEXT ALTERNATE DATE, AS DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

SCORING: MINIMUM LENGTH WILL BE 20" FOR WEIGH IN. TOTAL WEIGHT OF FIVE FISH MAXIMUM WILL DECIDED THE WINNER.

DATE AND HOURS: THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD AS POSTED. CONTEST FISHING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AM AND END AT NOON. IN THE EVENT THE CONTEST MUST BE CANCELLED, THE ALTERNATE DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

RADIO: RADIO TRAFFIC BETWEEN CONTESTANTS WILL BE UNRESTRICTED. PARTICIPANTS ARE URGED TO SHARE FISHING INFORMATION WITH FELLOW CONTESTANTS. THE OFFICIAL CONTEST CHANNEL WILL BE (69).

WEIGH IN: BOATS WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEIGH IN STATION AS DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FISHING PERIOD OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISH ARE CAUGHT. FINAL WEIGH IN WILL BE BY 2:00 PM ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST.

CANCELLATION: THE CONTEST COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DELAY OR CANCEL THE CONTEST IF IN THEIR JUDGEMENT CONDITIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY. FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN. CONTESTANTS SHOULD CONTINUALLY MONITOR CHANNEL 69 FOR CHANGES EFFECTING CONTEST HOURS. IF A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS IS FISHED, THE CONTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AND PRIZES AWARDED.

GENERAL: A MAXIMUM OF FIVE FISH PER BOAT MAY BE WEIGHRD IN. ONLY THESE FIVE FISH WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SCORING ALL PARTS OF THE CONTEST. A NINE (9) ROD LIMIT PER BOAT OR A TWO (2) ROD LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER WILL BE IN EFFECT. ANY CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING FROM THE CONTEST SHALL BE RESOLVED AT A REGULAR GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BOARD MEETING, NOT AT A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

PRIZES: PRIZES AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HIGHEST WEIGHT OF THE FIVE FISH MAXIMUM AT GRAND HAVEN CONTEST ONLY. ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST SALMON AND TROUT OFFICALLY WEIGHED IN. ONE CASH PRIZE PER BOAT AT GRAND HAVEN. ALL CONTESTS 1,2,3 PLACE CASH PRIZE. ONE PRIZE PER BOAT. PRIZE PAYOUTS AS FOLLOWS - 50% FIRST, 30% SECOND, 20% THIRD, HEAVIEST SALMON, HEAVIEST TROUT. PRIZE MONEY DETERMINED FROM ENTRY FEE.

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.

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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2009

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 09-09
WARREN GALINSKI 08-08
BROWN TROUT - NO ENTRY
LAKE TROUT - NO ENTRY
COHO - NO ENTRY
CHINOOK - NO ENTRY
WALLEYE - BOB ANTZAK 04-01

TO ENTER THE 2009 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANTZAK AT 616-895-5874. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 FOR BOTH DIVISIONS AND INCLUDES THE ENTIRE FAMILY. SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO BOB AT 16377 WHITEWOOD DR. WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460. REMEMBER TO ENTER EVERY FISH YOU CATCH, IT MAY BE A BIG WINNER.

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 27 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

MAY 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
16 CHAPTER BIG LAKE CONTEST - GRAND HAVEN 6:00 AM
18 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

JUNE 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
19-21 CHAPTER WALLEYE OUTING
29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

JULY 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
20 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM AT GRAND HAVEN
22 CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC 6:00 PM JOHNSON PARK SHELTER HOUSE
25 CHAPTER LUDINGTON OUTING

AUGUST 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
8 CHAPTER MANISTEE OUTING
29 CHAPTER BIG LAKE MEMORIAL CONTEST
31 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
616-363-3564

7) THE 2009 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2008 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2009.

2009 SMALL FRY CONTEST ENTRIES

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|---------|
| PERCH -- | ZACK STREK | |
| STEELHEAD | BLAKE HENDRICK | 7.2 LBS |
| | BLAKE HENDRICK | 5.5 LBS |



FISHING WITH BLAKE HENDRICK

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.

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.

SPRING RIVER CONTEST RECAP

WE HAD A SUNNY, BUT COOL DAY FOR FISHING. THE RIVER WAS ON THE RISE AND THE WATER WAS GETTING MUDDY. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WAS HIGHER THAN NORMAL, BUT ONLY A FEW TURNED OUT FOR THE WEIGH IN. THE ONE AND ONLY BIG FISH WINNER WAS TOM MROCKOWSKI WITH ONE 5 LB. FISH. THE FEW THAT SHOWED UP FOR THE WEIGH IN ENJOYED SOME DOGS, CHIPS AND BEVERAGES. THANKS TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED AND SHOWED UP FOR SUPPORT. BILL NEWELL AND BOB STREK CHAIRMEN.

KITCHEN FOOD DONATIONS

THE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR FOOD DONATION TO THE CHAPTERS KITCHEN AT THE SPORT SHOW: IRV BYXBE, STEVE BIZIOREK, BRIAN BOOMSMA, BILL BRINKMAN, JOHN EDWARDS, ROBERT GROVER, GENE PALMER, LIZ GROMKO, VIKKI GUILLES, RON LARSEN, LINDA HIGHWAY, R.J. FOEL, LORI PALMER, PAT PLECKKER, SUE MERDZINSKI, BOB STREK, NORM VAN SICKLE, NICK SCHWARTZ, BOB SCHULTZ, LES THARP (TRITON BOAT REP.) THANKS AGAIN, RENEE DAVIS.



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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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SPRING RIVER CONTEST WINNER
TOM MROCKOWSKI

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2009

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. VIKKI GULES READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE A BRIEF TREASURER'S REPORT. BOB ASKED FOR A VOTE TO GIVE ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE TREASURY AT FUTURE MEETINGS. THE MEMBERSHIP AGREED.
4. DAVE NOWICKI WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. INITIAL CHAPTER MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED.
5. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED.
6. ADAM STARR FROM SHOW SPAN PRESENTED THE CHAPTER A CHECK FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW. ADAM ALSO HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ABOUT THE SHOW.
7. BOB STREK DID THE TICKET SALE DRAWING.
8. DAVE NOWICKI THANKED ALL THE DAILY CHAIRPEOPLE FOR ALL THEIR HELP.
9. DETAILS FROM THE SHOW WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEWSLETTER.
10. THE ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOOK PLACE. THE REGULAR 3 YEAR TERM WINNERS WERE BOB ANTZAK, DICK GROMKO, JIM LARSEN, AMY HEINTZELMAN. ALTERNATES ARE IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER, DAVE ANDERSEN, BRIAN BOOMSMA, TONY NIKODEMSKI.
11. CHILDREN 14 AND YOUNGER WERE PRESENTED WITH CAPS.
12. JOHN STAUFFER ENCOURAGED CLOTHING SALES.
13. STEVE HEINTZELMAN RECAPPED THE TACKLE SALE.
14. THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST WAS RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4. WEIGH IN AT 2 P.M.
15. THE TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR SPECTRUM LANES ON APRIL 17,18,19.
16. CHRIS EDWARDS INTRODUCED KELLEY SMITH FROM THE FISHERIES DIVISION. KELLEY GAVE A VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON THE MICHIGAN FISHERY. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOWED THE PRESENTATION.
17. STEVE HEINTZELMAN CONDUCTED THE RAFFLES. A SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR A CUSTOM FISHING ROD MADE BY JIM LARSEN WAS WON BY RICH WILSON.
18. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS JON HENDRICK.
19. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

VIKKI GULES, SECRETARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVE NOWICKI, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, BOB STREK, VIKKI GULES, BUD POTTS, BOB ANTZAK, IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER, AMY HEINTZELMAN, BRIAN BOOMSMA, JIM LARSEN, DAVID ANDERSON, BILL NEWELL, DICK GROMKO, TONY NIKODEMSKI, RENEE DAVIS. MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS BEREZA, RONALD LARSEN, NORM VAN SECKLE.

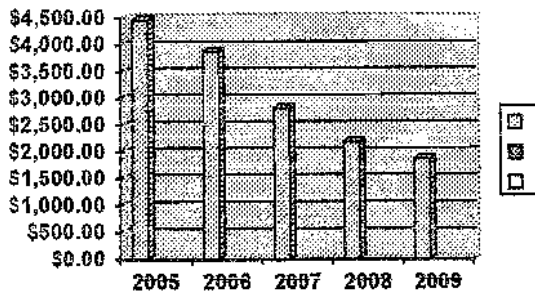
1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. NEW BOARD MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED.
3. THE SPORT SHOW WAS DISCUSSED. VERY POSITIVE COMMENTS WERE MADE.
4. THE TACKLE SALE WAS RECAPPED. THERE WAS A GOOD SHOWING.
5. BOB STREK UPDATED "GREEN G.R." ABOUT A MEETING ON APRIL 16 AT EAST HILLS.
6. BILL NEWELL RECAPPED THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST. 16 MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR CONTEST AND ONLY 1 FISH WEIGHED IN.
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD. ALL THE OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED.
8. DICK GROMKO REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO LINWOOD AS A POSSIBLE OPTION FOR THE WALLEYE OUTING. MORE DISCUSSION WILL BE HAD BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE.
9. A MOTION WAS MADE TO OPEN THE BIG LAKE GRAND HAVEN TOURNAMENT TO INCLUDE THE GRAND HAVEN CHAPTER. THE MOTION PASSED.
10. THE REGION II MEETING IS APRIL 20 AT SOUTH HAVEN.
11. A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND FREE MEMBERSHIPS AT MEETINGS, DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. THE MOTION PASSED.
12. THE DONATION BUCKET FOR FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOOD TABLE.
13. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
14. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
15. BUD POTTS AND BOB STREK REPORTED ON THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
16. BOB STREK REPORTED THAT THE NET PENS WILL BE PUT IN APRIL 9 AT 10 AM.
17. THE GRSP TEXAS HOLDEN IS APRIL 16,17,18 AT WOODYS.
18. JIM LARSEN SPOKE ON AN OPTION FOR A FUND RAISER FOR JUNE 16 AT RIVERSIDE PARK. JIM WILL REPORT BACK.
19. CHAPTER COMMITTEES WERE SET UP. SEE RELATED ARTICLE IN NEWSLETTER.
20. BOB ANTZAK REPORTED ON THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST. 44 MEMBERS ARE IN AND 2 FISH HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN.
21. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50.

VIKKI GULES, SECRETARY

Sport Show Tickets Sales Drop

The Sport Show just completed is our main fund raiser for the club. For the 5th year in a row our sales of Sport Show Discount Tickets have dropped.

The Sport Show Ticket profit results for the past 5 years are listed below. The 2009 profit of \$1,867.00 represents a 42% drop from 2005.



This year after reviewing the financial results the Board of Directors and Officers have eliminated the drawing for a free membership each month. While we still offer a light lunch before each meeting, the Club is asking every member who uses this service to make a donation of at least \$2.00. If you do not use the service of a lunch and wish to have a beer or pop the club is also asking you to make a like donation in order to maintain this service. We have always passed the donation bucket around, but for every member who attends a meeting, the average contribution is about \$1.15, and that is not enough to cover the cost of the lunch.

If each member sold an envelope of 10 tickets we would not be in this situation. For those members who were able to sell an envelope of 10 tickets this year the club thanks you.

2009 SPORT SHOW RECAP

THE 2009 SPORT SHOW IS NOW HISTORY. THIS YEARS SHOW WAS WELL ATTENDED EVEN WITH THE ECONOMY THE WAY IT IS. SALES WERE DOWN FOR OUR CLUB. HOWEVER WE DID OK WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR TAKING CHARGE OF ALL THE AREAS THAT WE HAVE AT THE SHOW: IRV BYXBE, DICK GROMKO, AMY HEINTZELMAN, KRIS GUILLES, VIKKI GUILLES, AL DAVIS, NORM VAN SICKLE, BOB STREK, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, JIM LARSEN, PRESTON KUKS, RENEE DAVIS. THANK YOU TO BOB SCHULTZ FOR THE DONATION OF NASCAR TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE.

THE WINNERS OF A MEMBERSHIP (STATE AND CHAPTER) FOR ONE YEAR WERE: NORM VAN SICKLE, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, BILL RATLIFF. FISH CONTEST WINNERS WERE JOE MAKI, BRADLEY ANDERSON, JASON SMITH, GENE PALMER. OVERALL FISH CONTEST WINNER WAS JOE MAKI.

THE CHAPTER RAFFLE WINNERS WERE 1ST. DOUG BARTON, DOUG TOOK THE NASCAR TICKETS, 2ND JOSEPH MACOMBER, JOSEPH TOOK THE \$150 CASH PRIZE. 3RD STEVE RAHRIG WON THE CHARTER FISHING TRIP WITH HIT MAN CHARTERS ON LAKE MICHIGAN. THANKS TO ALL THAT BOUGHT AND SOLD TICKETS.

OUR DISCOUNT TICKET SALES FOR THE SHOW THIS YEAR WERE DOWN. WE SOLD APPROXIMATELY 560 TICKETS. THE WINNERS OF THE TICKET SALE DRAWING WERE ROB URGREY, BILL BRINKMAN, DAVE NOWICKI, BOB SCHULTZ. THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT TRIED AND SOLD TICKETS.

AGAIN THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED AND ATTENDED THE SHOW THIS YEAR, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK CHAIRMEN

SPORT SHOW FISH CONTEST RESULTS

The 2009 spring sports show was a great success for our Grand Rapids Steelhead Chapter because of all the chapter members who helped out. I as chairman of the fish cleaning would like to thank those people who helped clean fish:

**Tony Nikodemski, RJ Poet, Rich Wilson, Sally Wilson, Al Davis, Bill Ratliff, Jim Frielink, Ken Holifield, Bili Newell, Jon Hendrick, Jeremiah Parks, David Groendyke, Mark Venma, Chuck Tenbrink, Miguil Quiner
Blake Hendrick.**

THE 11TH ANNUAL SPORTS SHOW FISH CONTEST RESULTS

1 st fish 2nd fish 3rd fish total

Thurs.: 3-19-09

Joe Maka 6 lbs 12oz
SEAN Richerson 6 lbs 8oz
JOE MAKa 4 lbs 4oz 6 lbs 8oz 7 lbs 4oz 181bs
MITCH PIENTA 6 lbs 9oz

FRI. 3-20-09

JOE MAKa 6 lbs 7oz 5 lbs 12oz 6 lbs 4oz 18 lbs 7oz
BRADY Anderson 9 lbs 4oz
Dean Gehezner 6 lbs 4oz

SAT. 3-21-09

JASON SMITH 6 lbs 8oz
GENE PALMER 6 lbs 8oz 5 lbs 8oz 12 lbs
JOE MAKa 6 lbs 5 lbs 12oz 4 lbs 8oz 16 lbs 4oz

THURS. 3-19-09 WINNER JOE MAKa

FRI. 3-20-09 WINNER BRADY ANDERSON

SAT 3-21-09 WINNER JASON SMITH GENE PALMER

OVERALL WINNER JOE MAKa 52 lbs 11oz

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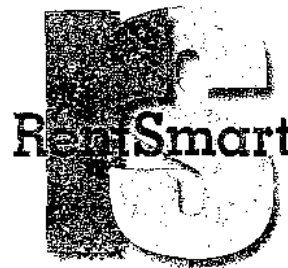
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| 8:00 | Coffee, Rolls, and Registration | 12:00 | Lunch |
| 9:00 | Lamprey Hunters: Enlisting the Help of Anglers for Lamprey Assessment and Control Dan O'Keefe – SW District Educator, Michigan Sea Grant | 1:00 | Offshore Wind Generation: Great Lakes Fishery Impacts and Implications Capt. Denny Grinold – Charter Fishing Industry Representative, Great Lakes Wind Council |
| 9:30 | Charter Boat Catch and Effort in 2008 Donna Wesander – Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station, MDNR Fisheries | 1:30 | Regional Fisheries Outlook and Management Updates Jay Wesley – Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit Supervisor, MDNR Fisheries |
| 10:30 | Break | 2:00 | YOUR CHANCE TO WEIGH IN!!! Audience Feedback on Fishery Issues Dan O'Keefe – SW District Educator, Michigan Sea Grant Jay Wesley – Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit Supervisor, MDNR Fisheries |
| 10:45 | Lower Food Web Dynamics and the Future of Fishing Gary Fahnenstiel – Senior Ecologist, NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory | 3:00 | Adjourn |
| 11:30 | Status of the Lake Michigan Forage Base Charles Madenjian – Research Fishery Biologist, USGS Great Lakes Science Center | | |

Grand Haven Charter Boat Association Spring Banquet and Raffle to follow.
Social hour begins at 6:00. Email rontabs@aol.com for details.

Registration Form

Grand Haven Regional Fishery Workshop – April 25, 2009
(Registration Due by April 20, 2009)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of persons attending: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$20.00 (Includes Lunch)

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