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MEETING DATE

August 20, 2013

**SPEAKER: STANLEY MORGAN
FLY FISHING MUSKIES**

7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION
WAITE PARK, MN

Time on the WaterBy Bruce A. Kitowski, President

I don't know about the rest of you but I truly enjoyed the cold spell after having the hot streak we just went through. I am looking forward to hearing what happened on the water and what the fish decided to do.

At our last membership meeting in July we had a beautiful turn out. This just might have been due to the outstanding seminars and slide show. Sven Larsen put together a spectacular slide show of the kids fishing contest we hosted at Rock Island Park during the Waite Park Family Fun Festival. The pictures he took really showed what it's all about. The smiles on the kid's faces put everything in perspective, and on top of it all he put it to music. Thanks Sven. After that Ron Fenske gave a great seminar on our Lake of the Month. Ron talked about Lake Shamaineau, and explained in great detail all the ins and outs of what to try on this lake. He also gave an updated report from the DNR on what was currently happening to the lake. Then he proceeded to answer all the questions that were put to him. Thanks Mr. Fenske. Just when you might think things were over, Ron Sanders steps up and does an unbelievable seminar on jig fishing. This guy really knows his stuff when it comes to jigging. From the years of experience to the jigs he makes, he captured the audience with a lot of incredible knowledge. If anyone ever has any questions on jig fishing this is the man to seek out. I am sure he will share, and answer all questions. Thanks Ron.

With August here we need to be more aware of all the traffic on the water and be as patient as possible. Enjoy this beautiful month on the water.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT · · · · · By Marc Jefferson

As we roll into the middle of the season it's nice to see some people putting fish in the boat. We do have a late June entry from Tom Agnew, who boated a 44" on the 26th to make his debut in the standings. Nice fish, Tom. Troy Schmitz also debuts with 4 fish in early July, and Ryan Schmitz comes in with 3 fish, including a double on the 4th. Eric Poissant and Eric Kohn also both registered fish in July, and Adam Kobes added a late June entry as well. I didn't fish muskies much in July but did take my first trip up to Lake of the Woods and had a great time. We lost a few days due to weather but I was very impressed at the overall quality of fish we saw and caught and the different fishing style up there was a lot of fun. Everything here in the metro is fast and faster but up there it was slow and slower. The big cool down in the last few days has me looking forward to getting out on the water more often and the beginning of that early fall bite. Good luck this month!

Contest Standings as of July 29, 2013

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Point s	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	2 fish, 0 > 40"	0	37.50	33.75
Mens	Marc Jefferson	4	66	45"	42.3"
	Troy Schmitz	4	53	41.5"	39.2"
	Aaron Starry	2	36	47"	43.75"
	Nate Rose	1	18	44"	44"
	Tom Agnew	1	18	44"	44"
	Adam Kobes	2	14	34"	32.8"
	Eric Poissant	1	12	37.5"	37.5"
	Eric Kohn	1	10	36"	36"
Juniors	Ryan Schmitz	3	32	38"	36.7"
	Sam Larsen	1	17	42.5"	42.5"

Lunker of the Month

May	Bryan Thompson	37.5	Birch Lake (WI)
June	Aaron Starry	47"	Mille Lacs
July	Marc Jefferson	45"	LOW

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Aaron Meyer

Well who would've guessed- just when fishing was really getting going we got slammed by major cold fronts on two consecutive weekends! When I hit the water Saturday morning it was 38 degrees and windy! Is it September?! Summer cold fronts are notorious for shutting down the bite, and that often proves to be the case. Keep in mind, however, that they are not always the kiss of death. Fish can still be caught, in fact, and sometimes cold fronts trigger really good fishing. You might just have to go against the grain a little and change your thinking to put yourself in the right place. This past weekend was a good example of both sides of that coin. The wind and cold blew in on Friday. On Saturday, a couple friends and I had 4 very nice muskies attack lures, while having zero follows. On Sunday we had 3 lazy follows and zero hits. Go figure! I like this cooler weather anyway, and I think it's going to put our water temps into a very comfortable range for the rest of the summer.

Something noteworthy was presented to us at the last Esox Workshop. The pike population in Mille Lacs has at least doubled in recent years! Mille Lacs still has one of the healthiest, most balanced pike populations in the state, but the DNR would like to see the population growth slowed down. They've opened up the slot limit a bit, hoping to encourage more pike harvest. The protected slot is now 33-40 inches. Initially, this sounded like a really bad idea, going against what works on most other lakes. Generally speaking, keeping pike larger than about 24 inches contributes significantly to the wide-spread hammer handle pike problems we have on many lakes. It's always best to keep the smaller pike, including in this situation, but the rapid growth rate of pike in Mille Lacs allows for harvest of slightly bigger pike without causing those problems. So, next time you go to Mille Lacs bring a cooler. Put a pike on ice and bring it home- they're pretty tasty!

Our August speaker will be Stanley Morgan. Stanley spoke for us once before, and everyone who was there was thoroughly entertained! Stanley was an avid, die hard muskie fisherman who fell in love with fishing big saltwater fish. So much so that he moved to Florida and became a guide and charter captain. He also really got into fly fishing. Well, now he's back in MN for the summer. He'll be speaking on fly fishing for muskies, and if we're lucky he might even discuss river muskies a little bit! I'd venture to say he's probably got some tricks he learned in salt water that would apply to catching muskies as well. It's going to be a great meeting- don't miss it!

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LAKE OF THE MONTH By Sven Larsen

Put these dates on your calendar as you can and join other members to fish the Lake of the Month.

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| August 31 st | Lake Miliona |
| September 12-15 | The annual Chapter Cass Lake outing |
| October 26 th | Lake Alexander |

Lake Miltona

The Lake of the Month for August is Miltona. Located just north of Alexandria, Minnesota, Lake Miltona is one of Minnesota's premiere Muskie Lakes. Mitch Hoihjelle and Richard Graf will be our Lake hosts and will introduce the lake at our August 20th meeting. Richard and Mitch will give us some hints on how to fish the lake. I'm sure other members from our club will also give some tips and spots. Then those who can, plan for a day of fishing on Lake Miltona on August 31st. Come any time you want and fish as long as you come. We'll announce a rendezvous spot for lunch at the meeting on the 20th.

Also, I want to thank Ron Fenske for his presentation on Lake Shamineau in July. I was not able to attend July's meeting but I heard from more than one member that his presentation was great. Looking ahead we have Cass Lake for September and then Lake Alexander for October.

CATCHES DURING THE MONTH



Here's member Jason Jacobs with a nice 44". But here's the inside info: this was but one of three on a "hat trick" day for Jason in early July!

Now here's the epitome of what Muskies, Inc. is all about -- a young musky master with his 43" musky!!! Congratulations, Luke Jones !!!



SOMEONE IS CATCHING FISH!!! By Ron Fenske

Wow! Summer is just zipping by. I hope the information concerning Lake Shamineau that was presented at the last meeting was helpful for you at the Saturday fish outing.

This last week I went on a terrific fishing trip up to Canada. Luck was on my side as the cold weather didn't seem to turn off the muskies. We figured out their pattern and it was only by the rocks and moving current.

Interesting enough, later that week... it's still a cold front and we're back in Minnesota, (same goal - different trip) and here they were biting in the cabbage by moving current, not the rocks. Go figure? All in all... 11 fish! It was a great, fast and fun week.

My brother Mike, who took a five year break from muskie fishing, ended up with a fat 49 and two other nice ones. Earlier that week he got a 51. I think he is back in the muskie groove again. My son-in-law got his personal best, an awesome 51. That was one happy man....

Location – Location –Location.... It out trumped lure presentation. Everything worked at the right location - big blades, little blades, crank baits, and surface lures. I can say the new Raddog with tinsel looked and worked great. Believe it or not.... My the best day of muskie fishing this summer was a crappy day of weather.



FALL GET TOGETHER 2013 By Dave Mendel

Update 7/29/13

**Cass Lake Lodge still has two cabins available, but as stated earlier these will be opened to the public on August 15th.
If you're thinking about joining us, make your reservations today.**

We are proud to announce the dates for our 2013 Fall Get Together. It will be held from September 12th through September 15th at Cass Lake Lodge. CLL 218-335-6658 www.casslakelodge.com

The camping and cabins rates for this year will be:

Tent Camping	\$25.00 / Night
RV Camping / W full hook ups	\$36.00 / Night
Cabins	\$40.00 / Night / Person
Boat Slips in the Harbor	\$10.50 / Day

This year the resort will be saving 3 cabins for our event, and the use on the 'Lodge' for the Thursday night seafood buffet. The Cass Lake area is very busy this time of the year, so these cabins will only be held until August 15th 2013 at which time they will be opened up to the public. Please make your reservations early to ensure a spot. CLL has built a new and much improve harbor that will serve us much better. If you need a boat slip, please request one at the time you make reservations. Camping is in limited supply and rented on a first come first served basis. If you plan to camp make your reservations early. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you're part of the St. Cloud Muskies Inc. group

We will be charging a \$10.00 fee which includes a Friday night meal catered by CLL and a chance to win a fine muskie rod. Plus everyone attending the Friday meal will receive a lure as part of the drawing. We hope you can join us for a great weekend of fishing on one of Minnesota's premier Muskie waters.

If you have any questions please contact me at, 320 – 293 – 6633; mendjo1118@charter.net

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WEBMASTER. By Tom Ardolf

August 2013 Webmaster Report

Facebook: As of the writing of this report, we gained 2 LIKES this month. They're definitely hard to come by! The more members post on the Facebook page, the more viral the site becomes. Only one member posted this month. However, several members did email me pictures and that provided content to get some new info up, so hopefully that helps our visibility.

Cafepress: The site (<http://www.cafepress.com/stcloudmuskies>) continues to get enhancements. One member ordered product on 6/24, but that has been the only activity on the site by the membership.

Website: As always, I keep the Home page updated with the next event. The pictures that members emailed to me were also posted to the Pictures page. The North Metro chapter changed how they deliver their newsletter, so I can no longer post it as a PDF, all I can do is provide a link. The latest newsletter is "linked" on our site.

Other: No news from my letter to M.I. on fish handling on Keyes Outdoors.....



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