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MEETING DATE

November 20, 2012

7:30p.m

Waite Park American Legion

Waite Park, MN

SPEAKER: Randy Pearson of Avon Marine

MAKING WAVES...

By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

Our last meeting was very low in attendance, so we sat around one table and had a very nice one on one conversation with Minnesota Conservation Officer Jeff Halverson. As usual we all enjoyed it and got every question answered. Jeff has always been good to us, and works with us in many different aspects. There is something to be said about “getting it from the horses’ mouth.” Thanks Jeff for a great evening of info and laughs.

The St. Cloud Chapter is finally catching up with the times. Thanks to Tom Ardolf, we have a new website, and we are on Facebook. You will see much more on this later in the newsletter. There has been a lot of time and man hours put into this project so please use these new tools to your advantage, and share with your friends.

I hope to see more of you at the next meeting. Have a great late fall time, and be safe, the water is really chilly.

Bruce



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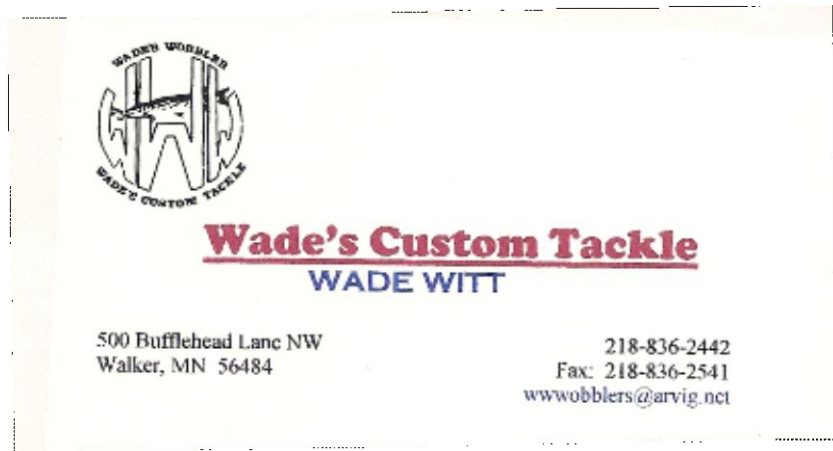
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! Our chapter rolls into November with 82 members. We're happy that Nick DeBoer, Joe Pfannestein and Roger Theiler will be with us for another year. I suspect Nate Rose will also decide to renew his membership this month as well, he's the only one up for renewal. Due to a few recent email changes, please call me if you have any contest or membership issues at 320-266-6456. I'll publish my email again once I get everything set up again. Good luck this month and stay safe.

CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

Contest Standings Oct 31, 2012

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Points	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	11 fish, 10 > 40"	201	52.5"	44.9"
Mens	Nick DeBoer	18	306	49.5"	42.7"
	Marc Jefferson	8	141	48"	43.4"
	Chad Schulzetenberg	7	115	48"	42.35"
	Nate Rose	5	93	52"	44.5"
	Tom Ardolf	4	67	45"	42.75"
	Troy Schmitz	4	52	43"	38.75
	Russ Nelson	2	48	47"	44.75"
	Jake Anderson	2	36	46"	44'
	Eric Kohn	2	34	43"	43"
	Ken Smith	2	26	42"	39"
	Sven Larsen	1	19	45"	45"
	Ken Smith	1	10	36"	36"
	Sam Larsen	1	10	36"	36"
Juniors	Luke Jones	2	32	43"	42"

Lunker of the Month

May	Bryan Thompson	36.25	Birch Lake
June	Russ Nelson	47"	Mille Lacs
July	Nate Rose	51"	Miltona
August	Nate Rose	52"	Alex
September	Nick DeBoer	49.5"	Tonka
October	Bryan Thompson	52.5"	Shamaneau

Contest Report
By Marc Jefferson

We're on the homestretch and it's big fish time. October was the best month for the club so far with 19 fish registered. 5 fish caught on baits, suckers got the other 14. I'll confess I didn't fight it once it was time, I enjoy fishing with them. Jake Anderson starts out the month with two fish on October 2nd, 46" and 45". Two days later, our lunker of the month, a 52.5" beast for Bryan Thompson, one of 8 fish for him in October, including another 50". Congrats on that one, Bryan, send me a picture. Bryan also logged a couple fish from Tonka, as did I, which was some really good fishing in October. Dr. Troy Schmitz got out on Lobster and stuck 43" on a sucker, and Nate Rose adds a 42" and 42.5" from Alex.

Speaking of Alex and Nate, it was a lot of fun fishing with everyone up there back on the 6th. Great fishing that day, and Nate would have had another really nice fish on the logs if his rod wouldn't have exploded. That'll be a good story for our awards banquet. New member Eric Poissant also got his PB fishing with Ken, was good to meet him and hear the story. I also enjoyed netting two fish for Nick, who has more supermodels than Versace. I'll be on Alex the next two weekends when I'm not in the treestand, still looking for that big one this year. Good luck and finish out the season with a pig.

Marc

Cold Weather Fishing Precautions

By Eric Kohn

It is that time of the year again....Time to think about cold weather and fishing. A time when you can catch a big, healthy musky and also when you can catch something yourself called hypothermia. There are some simple steps you can take to preventing hypothermia.

1. Dress in layers- this is the most efficient way to prevent heat loss, try warm weather synthetic layers like Under Armour
2. Wear a stocking cap - most of our heat is lost through the top of our head (Our mother's were right!)
3. Wear a face mask- this eliminates possible frostbite to the face which has lots of blood vessels near the surface
4. Use water proof gloves- use mitten chopper style when moving between spots to allow fingers and hands to warm faster
5. Use hand and foot warmers in your gloves and boots- these little sand bags are ideal to use while fishing
6. Eat plenty of food throughout the day-small meals with lots of carbs throughout the day keeps metabolism up and body heating.
7. Drink plenty of liquids- this increases blood flow to the extremities..warm liquid best...alcohol worst..

Two last points-

Alcohol and cold weather fishing does not mix well for few reasons. It thins your blood which promotes heat loss, decreases sensation and therefore you may not feel the frostbite starting in your fingers and face, and finally it decreases coordination in case a true emergency would arise like falling into icy water. Be smart, have a drink after and celebrate a fun and successful fishing adventure. Need another example of how cold weather and alcohol do not mix....see Lambeau field crowd in December...Sorry Bruce, had to throw that in.

The benefits of wool. Now is the time to be wearing your wool clothes especially wool socks. The reasons are simple. Wool is less densely packed when compared to cotton and hold in air pockets, these pockets help to hold in heat and insulate you better than cotton. In addition, cotton absorbs water much more than wool. Wool, in general, will keep you dryer.

Stay safe on the water!!

Eric

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Aaron Meyer

Fall has arrived! There were some ups and downs along the way, but it is officially here! I'll be hunting for another week or so, and then it's time to saddle up for cold water and big fish. I can't wait!

I couldn't make it to the October meeting but I'm sure that all who did had a great time talking with Jeff. We've got a new meeting topic for November and it should prove to be informative. Randy Pearson of Avon Marine will be our guest speaker. He'll be discussing all things boat related, from rigging to maintenance to performance, and anything else you might want to ask. Come on out, it'll be worth it.

I think that by the time this newsletter comes out, we'll have a new advertiser on board. Big Wood Musky Lures is an online tackle shop from right here in Minnesota. Along with carrying many of the hottest baits on the market, they specialize in custom hand-made lures, hard to find baits, and exclusive products you just won't get anywhere else. I know Kyle Knock, the owner of Big Wood Musky Lures, through John Underhill. For the few of you who may not have met John, he is co-chair of the Minnesota Muskie and Pike Alliance and about the hardest working muskie advocate on the planet. I am proud to say that anyone who is a friend of John's is a friend of mine, and Kyle is no exception. This is a guy who truly cares about the resource and the future of our sport. Check out his website at www.bigwoodmuskylures.com and

when you get a chance, thank him for being an advertiser in our newsletter!

Good luck out in the woods... see you on the water soon!

Aaron



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I. Web Site:

The new website is ready to be rolled out. I reviewed our website along with all the other Muskies, Inc. websites listed on the MI Chapter listing. I attempted to find common items that apparently are desired by members, along with unique features that I felt provided functions and features that our members would want to have on our web site. A few of these include:

- An easy way for member to upload photos from their computer
- On-line fun-to-watch videos
- Newsletters from other chapters and organizations
- An “Education” section with elements for everyone:
- Basic musky information
- Knots to Know
- Educational Videos
- Information on Catch and Release
- Musky Weight Chart
- A Sample of Pictures of Lures (to help the newer person to Identify lures)
- Fishing Weather Info (Solunar, Full Moon info, Weather Report)
- A New Forum Integrated to the Site
- The Ability to Search the Entire Site for Information

Once GoDaddy has been updated, I can make this site available to the membership. While I am very new to this work (I have never programmed a web site before, so please give this novice some latitude),

I am willing to take suggestions and recommendations and attempt to enhance our site based on what our membership wants on the site.

The site also automatically renders whatever I program as a mobile or ‘smart phone’ version. For anyone that has a smart phone, I encourage you to try it out and met me know your thoughts.

II. Facebook:

Our Facebook page is fully functional and I encourage everyone to visit it, LIKE it, post on it. The more participation, the more it gets out to others’ pages, so please take these steps. I believe there will be some degrees of integration I can accomplish once we can make the new site live. Currently, I have links on our new site to our Facebook page. Sam helped me to solve a posting issue based on the type of page I had set it up to be, so I am very grateful for his help and encourage others to provide feedback to me. Here are two new links for you:

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Email Address to me: scmi.webmaster@gmail.com

Our web site will retain its address of www.stcloudmuskies.com

I moved the website and now www.stcloudmuskies.com is live. Of course, folks can also go to www.facebook.com/stcloudmuskiesinc too. Please “Like” us on Facebook.

Tom

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