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MEETING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2016 7:30 pm

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SPEAKER: Mike Ruff, Ryan Hoffman and Nate Rose

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Time on the Water By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

I would like to wish everyone very Happy New Year. At this time of year a lot of people make resolutions for themselves and/or their families. Well here is one resolution I would like everyone to try to complete this next year. Mark your calendars for the nights of our membership meetings and try to make just one more than you would have normally made. We would love to have you come and participate. I hope to see many new faces this year!

We had the chapter's elections for the Board of Directors at our December meeting. The Board pretty much stayed the same with just a couple of changes. First I would personally like to thank all the board members that served last year for their dedication and passion that they gave to our chapter. Nothing gets done unless these people take the time out of their busy lives and push hard to get the necessary jobs done. I cannot express my gratitude to what they deserve. Please take the time when you meet the folks that make Chapter #37 function and thank them for the hard work they do. On that note we will be losing 3 board members. Ron Fenske- who has been around like forever and has held about every position this chapter has had, Tom Ardolf- webmaster, which has put us in a very good position to greet the future head on and Ron Sanders – partner development. The only position that we will be filling is the webmaster position. I am asking that if anyone has a little knowledge of the internet or Facebook please contact me. This position will not be hard or very time consuming, we just need someone to overlook these things and we will make sure to transition you in very slowly. Please read the entire newsletter and enjoy the winter!

Bruce



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Aaron Meyer

We only have a couple more days to provide input on the proposals to stock several new muskie waters. Input is being taken through Sunday January 3rd. If you haven't already done so, get your input in NOW! There's no more time to put it off. The amount of effort we put into this input process is what will determine whether or not we get these new muskie fisheries!

There are two ways to provide input. Please use both methods:

First, go to the DNR's website at www.dnr.state.me.us Type "muskie input" into the search bar.

The top link that pops up will take you to the page to provide input on these proposals.

Be aware that input is being taken separately for each of the 6 proposed lakes. So you need to click on the "comment" box for each one of them separately. It will ask you a couple questions about your feelings on the proposed lake.

PLEASE EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ALL 6 PROPOSALS! Don't forget to comment on all six.

When you comment on Lake Lizzie, I suggest you state that of the 3 proposed lakes in Ottertail County you support Lizzie the most. Lizzie would produce the best opportunities of the three.

After that, please send emails of support to each of the four DNR Fisheries offices involved in this process.

Again, the input is being taken separately for each of the proposals, so contact all four of the following offices:

Big Marine Lake: TJ Debates
metroeast.fisheries@state.mn.us

Gull Lake: Marc Bacigalupi
brainerd.fisheries@state.mn.us

Fairmont Chain: Ryan Doorenbos
windom.fisheries@state.mn.us

Ottertail County lakes- Franklin, Lizzie, and Loon:
Jim Wolters
fergusfalls.fisheries@state.mn.us

Thank you! Everyone please provide your support for these proposals ASAP! The decisions for these proposals will come directly from your input!!

Aaron

MN Muskie and Pike Alliance Co-Chair

YOUTH CHAIRMAN. By Eric Kohn

As we close the year out and look forward to 2016 I want to send out a sincere thanks to all of you who helped out and volunteered to make 2015 another great year for our chapter. Thank you to all of you spending your time with other to help to promote your passion of fishing. Every month I heard stories of new members catching fish with the guidance of others from the chapter. There is no better way to keep the sport alive than to introduce a newbie to some esox slime. In the upcoming year there will be many opportunities to share your passion. Reflect on the positives from last year and make it a commitment to introduce a newbie or kid to fishing this year.

Regional Rep: By Ron Fenske:

Happy New Year, musky hunters. I just wanted to share some information on a new and interesting book I received at Christmas. "25 can't -miss musky patterns" by the editors and writers of Musky Hunter magazine. I just started reading it and have been impressed for the most part by the information and the way they have presented it. So, if you are looking for a quick winter musky fix, this 200 page, spring to fall, twenty-five musky patterns book should prove interesting and just might help you discover some secrets

Ron Fenske

OUTING'S CHAIRMAN . . . 2016 Club Outing on Big Mantrap By Ryan Hoffman

DATE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 22-25

The dates for the Big Mantrap outing have been moved back one week to September 22-25. Hopefully this isn't too much of an inconvenience if you had planned to go and already planned around the previous dates.

If you read about it in the previous newsletter we plan to stay at Norway Hills Resort. Check them out here: <https://www.norwayhills.com> the pricing they quoted me is a 20% reduced rate from their summer rates shown on the website. If we were able to fill an 8 person fully furnished cabin the price would be \$158 plus tax per person for 4 days/3 nights with dockside electrical and trailer parking included. Ultimately the individual pricing really depends on how many people go and if we can fill up the cabin(s) or not. They have 4, 6, or 8 person cabins available so if you would like to book your own cabin to stay with friends or family at the same time that option is available too.

There is also tent camping available at the Mantrap Lake Campground and Day Use Area adjacent to the main launch for those who may choose to camp. From the DNR website "The campsites are considered "primitive", designed to furnish only the basic needs of the camper. The campsites consist of a cleared area, fire ring, and table. Vault toilets, garbage cans, and drinking water are available. All sites are on a first come, first-served basis". Cost is \$14 per night and is required via registration envelopes available at the campground.

I would like to reserve the resort cabins as soon as possible to ensure the cabins are available for us. If you plan to attend this outing, please let me know ASAP. As of now we have one group of 4 reserving their own cabin and another 6 people who are going! A 20% deposit is required to book the cabin(s) so it's time to get serious and commit to this great SCMI outing! I would like to be able to reserve the cabin(s) by the end of January. If we get 8 people for a cabin the deposit will be \$40 each. I will send an email right before the January meeting to let you know how much the actual deposit will be once I get confirmations from people so you know how much money to bring to the meeting for your deposit. Please call, text, or email if you are interested in this outing or have any questions. rhoffmanisu@gmail.com; 320-492-7369

The lake of the month presentation in April will be on Big Mantrap and will be given by an SCMI member that has done very well out there and plans to join us on the outing!

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PARTNER DEVELOPMENT By Ron Sanders

MARK THE DATE - TUESDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 2

*(Not our usual Meeting night, but this event replaces our **FEBRUARY MEETING**)*

HELD AT BLACKBERRY EVENT CENTER

5:30 - “Meet N Greet” Social Time to personally meet Laura, get an autograph, picture and socialize prior to Seminar. For this Pre-event we are asking a \$10 Donation to further our Youth Activities.

7:00 - “Catching Family Values” Seminar featuring Laura Schara **(NO COST FOR THIS SEMINAR)**

On February 2, 2016, we will host our Annual Guest Seminar at Blackberry Ridge Event Center in Sartell. This year the event features Laura Schara of Minnesota Bound, Due North Outdoors, Destination Polaris, and North American Fisherman on NBC. Laura shares her experiences of growing up under the guidance of her father, Ron Schara, as well as her own experiences in the Outdoors. Ron Schara is a Member of the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame and is a nationally acclaimed Outdoor TV Producer.

The annual event is driven by adding to and developing new Programs for Youth and Families. Funds earned from the event will go, without administration fees, into these programs. We expect people from all over the State to join us. The “Catching Family Values” Laura Schara Guest Seminar is an event dedicated to the growth and nurturing of the next generation of Muskie Fisherpersons.

This event focuses entirely on our mission to add and develop programs for Youth and Families. It is a fact that if a child hunts, fishes and enjoys the outdoors with Mom, Dad or other adult, this experience will be a lifelong endeavor. On the other hand, without exposure, the child may not have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. This is especially true for financially struggling families where cost is an issue.

We enthusiastically invite entire families, women and children to further explore the Outdoors, along with Women’s Fishing Clubs, Fishing Clubs of all Species, and anyone interested in joining us in learning about the world we love.

If you have any questions. Please contact Ron Sanders at 612-386-1100. Email ronssm@aol.com

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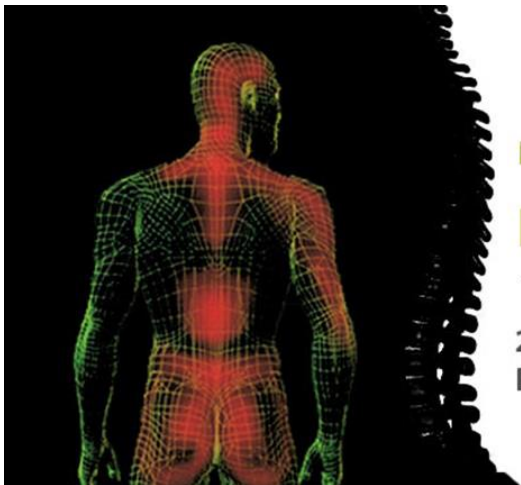
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November Speaker - Jeff Doty

We were treated to a very interesting and compelling presentation about the MN Fishing Museum + Hall of Fame in Little Falls by Jeff Doty. A very dedicated group of volunteers are moving forward to preserve the history of our sport and fishing of all species. For a mere \$5 you can tour an impressive museum, so please take the time to do it -- soon!

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Here's a story that you're going to like.....

Ryan Hoffman arranged an SCMI outing and took one of our new chapter members, Justin Sharer with him on on his boat. Everyone had put \$10 into a "largest fish" pot. Well, newcomer Justin boats a 51" on a Cannonball by LakeXLures. Justin declines his half of the pot, and SCMI Outings Chair Ryan goes to work with those \$\$ (other half went to SCMI) and assembles an incredible collage of pics and shots from his GoPro.

...now isn't that cool??!!!!



Here are the stars of the story: Ryan Hoffman, Eric Poissant and Justin Sharer. Teamwork and a demonstration by guys that simply demonstrate the finest of a great group of musky hunters in SCMI!!!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

2:00 pm Al Skar Leadership Forum
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality Suite hosted by Twin Cities Chapter (#1) and North Metro Chapter (#21)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HOSTED BY TWIN CITIES CHAPTER (#1) AND NORTH METRO CHAPTER (#21)

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet for Annual Meeting attendees
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Annual Meeting
Working Lunch for attendees
5:00 pm - 9:30 pm 50th Anniversary Banquet Celebration
10:00 pm - midnight Hospitality Suite

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 | MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

HUGH BECKER MUSKIE SYMPOSIUM

COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast served for Symposium attendees
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch served for Symposium attendees
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner served for Symposium attendees

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast served for Symposium attendees
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CONTEST REPORT • • • • By Nate Rose

Well the 2015 season is a wrap, not many fish were caught since Nov 23 and nothing HUGE so the contest standings didn't change drastically. I'd like to congratulate everyone who boated a fish this season and especially those who boated 50" fish!!

Thanks for participating in the contest everyone and I hope you had a great season. Have a great winter as you reflect back on the 2015 season.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT • • • • • By Nate Rose

In December we didn't have any new members or any drops. Up for renewal we've got Phil Bauerly. The easiest way to renew your membership is online. The website (muskiesinc.org) should prompt you for renewal once your membership expires.

Spread the word and encourage anyone interested in muskie fishing/management to join our chapter, it would be great to see our chapter grow.

Contest Standing December 31, 2015

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish	Points	Largest	Average
MensMasters	Bryan J Thompson	9	150	44.00	42
Mens	Alex Lauer	25	483	53.50	45
	Eric W Poissant	16	273	51.00	43
	Nathan Rose	8	134	48.50	43
	Thomas Ardolf	4	79	47.00	46
	Troy A. Schmitz	4	69	49.50	43
	Bruce A Kitowski	4	49	51.00	38
	Justin Sharer	3	38	51.00	39
	Tom Agnew	2	31	45.00	42
	Ken Schmitt	2	27	40.00	40
	Chris Paye	2	24	40.00	38
	Chad Berger	1	20	46.00	46
	Eric Kohn	1	16	42.00	42
	Mike Brister	1	13	38.50	38.5

LUNKER OF THE MONTH			
Month	Member Name	Length	Lake
June	Thomas Ardolf	47.00	Mille Lacs
	Eric W Poissant	47.00	Alex
July	Eric W Poissant	51.00	Sugar
August	Alex Lauer	48.00	Leech
September	Bruce A Kitowski	51.00	Rainy Lake
	Justin Sharer	51.00	Lobster
October	Alex Lauer	53.00	Big Mantrap
November	Alex Lauer	53.50	Bemidji

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