

Challenge Chapter Board Minutes (preliminary)

February 2, 2005

Attendees:

Russ Holmes, Wayne Glessner, Bill Thorsted, Don Silsbe,

Martin Van Fossan, George Fetherston, Jeff Raphelson

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Bill Thorsted

Treasurer's Report: Russ Holmes

Russ Holmes gave a financial report stating that it was a good year to date having received \$ 2000 in income. There is \$ 15,080 balance in the checking account. Russ is anticipating a \$6000 expense for printing.

As Russ is attending the Brotherhood-of- the-Jungle-Cock meeting at Barothy's Lodge, he requested that 20 books be used as a fund-raiser for BHOJC. Cost of the books would be \$20 .00 with \$5.00 going to the BHOJC. Board approved the request for the fund-raiser.

Education Report: Jeff Raphelson

Jeff reiterated the need for assistance with Sporting Flies, and the need to sell products at the event. Russ, Julio, Marsh, Martin, George F. and Bill T. have said that they would assist in the event.

Donation: The chapter has recently received a generous donation of fly-tying materials and equipment from the widow of a Paul Young Chapter member. John Marsh has begun to sort and inventory the materials.

Conservation: Wayne Glessner

Wayne reported that he had made contact with Susan Theil and that Susan had stated that she needed assistance in planting trees in the DEWARD area in the spring. Tree planting is an excellent project. On behalf of our Chapter, Wayne accepted the planting trees project for our May outing. Susan and is ordering the trees.

A request from Cedar River Watershed of Bellaire, Mi. for assistance in stream restoration was discussed. The board requested that Wayne talk to Cedars representatives and request that they file an application for Chapter funding. Wayne will follow up on the request.

Fund Raising: Martin Van Fossan

Martin prepared an excellent News Release for the publication of the new PM Stream Guide. The News Release is given to local sports writers, newspapers, and magazine publications supporting our sales efforts.

The introduction of a potential PM-CD for sale at the "show", and its potential distraction to Guide Book Sales was discussed at length. Regarding the PM CD-ROM, Don Silsbe committed to bring the PDF file to membership meeting so Bob Truman can finish the preparation. The decision was a clear YES from the majority of the board.

The main concern was to assure that promotion of the CD did not overshadow the book.

Publication: George Fetherston,

George introduced to the Board the final product of the PM River Guide.

Only one word to describe it "Fabulous".

The Board acknowledged that everyone did a superior job in developing its detail, content, and format. The PM Stream Guide is truly a beautiful presentation of a majestic river that the Chapter can publish with considerable pride.

State Council: Don Silsbe

Don presented to the Board an extensive and detailed report of the State Council activities, details that are too numerous to mention in these minutes. Don did an excellent job of reviewing the Council's materials and preparing the responses for membership review at the February 8 meeting.

(Please review details of Don's presentation that will be available at the membership meeting)

Discussion items:

- No letter has been received from MFFC identifying the location of the Chapter's booth at the Fly EXPO.
- Martin Van Fossan agreed to work with the committee developing the Emergence Schedule. Martin volunteered to lead a review/analysis of developing a business case for a potential Emergence Schedule publication by the Chapter. The evaluation, based upon the merits of a positive review of detailed facts associated with the publication, and the financial capabilities of the Chapter, is to be completely detailed and reported to the board for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.