

Challenge Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2006

Present: Greg Baughman, Jeff Raphelson, Doug Shore, Martin Van Fossan

Treasurer's Report: Dave Parker is out of town. Jeff Raphelson, Martin Van Fossan and Tony Greening are covering his duties. There were some sizable receipts in the past month leaving the Chapter with a balance of \$7,336.95. Expenses include \$500 to Twin Pines (deposit for the July outing) and \$425 to Michigan Fly Fishing Club (booth for the Expo).

Secretary's Report: No report.

Education Report: Jeff Raphelson reported that the Fly Tying Class Committee met to discuss plans for next year. They are working on a revision of the Fly Tying Manual and an accompanying update of the video, in DVD format. They would like to prepare an annual supplement to the manual that would include the flies taught in the intermediate class. The Committee is also going to approach local fly fishing shops about teaching the beginning class at the shops, freeing up shop personnel. Committee members will approach some shops to gauge interest.

The Committee would like to clear some of its inventory of fly tying materials, a great volume of which came from Mrs. Nissley. They are considered some form of controlled give-away at one of the Chapter meetings.

Finally, there is a Boy Scouts Merit Badge training session scheduled for April 22, 2006 (a Saturday). The Paul Young Chapter, with whom we have partnered on this venture in the past, would greatly appreciate the help of any of our members. Those interested in helping should contact Jeff Raphelson for details. He will have a sign up sheet at the next chapter meetings. Those who know of interested scout troops should also inform Jeff Raphelson so he can arrange their attendance.

Conservation Report: Outing dates and locations are listed below. He has not heard from Susan Thiel lately but she has confirmed that she has seeding and planting projects for our May outing. The June and July outings will focus on mapping the Boardman and Jordan Rivers. These outings are fully subscribed. Those who have signed up for outings need to pay their deposits (\$20 per outing).

Fund Raising Report: We have paid our deposit for the booth at Expo. Helpers to set-up on Friday are still needed. Our Michigan Trout advertisement has been updated and Ed Zembrowski will write a product review on the fly tying DVD. There has been some inquiries for purchasing the DVD.

The Chapter has received a donation of books and other fishing related materials from Paul Beebe.

Jim Zyla was authorized to print another 100 copies of the Boardman guidebook which should supply us through next year's Expo (by which time we will have the updated guidebook).

New Business: The Guidebook Strategy Committee is discussing the addition of the Boyne river to the guidebook on the Boardman and Jordan Rivers to assure that we have sufficient content for the guidebook.

The new issue of Riffles & Runs, the Chapter newsletter, is printed. It features stories on chapter outings and fishing adventures of chapter members. We will plan a folding and stuffing meeting to put it in the mail to Chapter members.

Old Business:

The Midwest Fly Fishing Expo is March 18-19, 2006. We have not arranged for a credit card processing machine for our booth yet. The alternatives explored so far were too expensive for our purposes.

Guest Speakers:

March 14, 2006 - Russ Holmes on the Gallatin River and Yellowstone

April 11, 2006 - Jerry Gott on the Lower Au Sable

May 9, 2006 - Meadowlake, Annual Chapter meeting

Outings:

May 12-14, 2006 - Woodland Springs, Comins, Michigan

June 16-18, 2006 - Rayburn Lodge, Grayling, Michigan (full)

July 14-16, 2006 - Twin Pine Lodge, Grayling Michigan (full)

Meeting adjourned.