

CHALLENGE CHAPTER TU
BOARD NOTES
MARCH 3, 2004

Attendance: Don Silsbe, Martin VanFossan, Jeff Raphelson, Russ Holmes, Wayne Glessner, Dave Shantz and Bill Thorsted.

Treasurer's Report: Russ presented the current 2004 Budget update. We now have \$5,487 in our checking account. Russ has paid for all the guidebook printing costs and outing lodging. Our checking balance will continue to increase with sales from the Expo and incoming orders from our fly shops.

Fundraising Report: Martin has been working with Bill Womack on the guidebook inventory and they have established pricing for an Expo Special for anyone who purchases all our guidebooks. Here are the other specials for Expo:

1. Purchase a Guidebook and matching CD for \$25
2. Purchase all three CDs for \$30
3. Purchase a New Manistee & Au Sable Guidebook for \$30
4. Purchase a Prosek CBT Print and get (1) river guide or (1) CD free.

Motion to accept Martin's proposals for Expo by Wayne Glessner and 2nd by Don Silsbe-motion carries. Burning CDs-Don & Martin will do the CD's and Jeff will burn labels. We will have at least 50 of each.

Martin is also working with Tony Greening to develop an online auction on our chapter website for the sale of the Prosek CBT Original. Martin will provide more details at the next meeting. The reserve for the original has been set at \$3,500. See the ad in the latest issue of Michigan Trout Magazine, back page.

Conservation Report: Wayne provided copies of the signup sheets for the May and June outings. We still have some spaces available for these outings. Wayne will provide details for the July outing at the next general meeting.

He has received a request from Howard Johnson, Chairman, with the Cedars for the Au Sable Project. They are asking us to join them and the Michigan DNR in the Northern White-Cedar Restoration Project on the South Branch of the Au Sable. This would be a Fifteen (15) year agreement. Wayne will provide copies of this request at the next general meeting for the members to read and discuss.

State Council: Dave now has meeting minutes from last State Council Meeting. He will discuss them at the next meeting. The stream sweep equipment is a disaster and the council has decided to cancel the Stream Sweep Program.

1. Savoy Energy CO. permit was issued, but there may be further delays on drilling.
2. Ice Mountain Water. Donation to TU-Rich Bowman said that it is not unusual to accept contributions from companies that we may not support. Since Rich will be attending our next general meeting, we will set aside time for him to discuss this.

Education Report: Jeff-Good second session with scouts teaching them casting techniques. The next session will be in May and the scouts will be catching fish, cleaning and cooking their fish.

Newsletter: No report.

Expo: Leadership change-Martin has accepted this position for Expo.

George is setting up Friday afternoon if anyone can help. Martin will put out the sign-up list at the next meeting and asked for help on the times we still have open. Question for George, where are we storing extra books? Bill Thorsted to get CBT prints from Nancy for Expo & Name Tags-Martin to have price sheets for Expo.

Guidebook

Don has contacted the DNR for reviewing the PM mapping proposal and private property issues.

Bug Book Progress-Several members of the chapter are working on upgrading the current Emergence Schedule.

New Business

Need Nominating Committee-By-laws requires 20 days before May meeting-list of nominees for April meeting.

Dave Shantz will select a committee of 3 to provide a Slate for upcoming April meeting. Candidates for Slate-Positions open: President, VP, and Fundraising Chairman.

The following members have stated that they would like to remain in their current positions: Martin VanFossan as VP or President, Russ Holmes as Treasurer, Bill Thorsted as Secretary, Wayne Glessner as Conservation Chairman and Jeff Raphelson as Education Chairman.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be on April 7, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Thorsted
Secretary