

## Challenge Chapter Board Meeting 4/6/05

In Attendance - George Featherston, Bill Womack, Don Silsbe, Wayne Glessner, Martin Van Fossan, Russ Holmes, and Tony Greening.

Treasurer's Report - \$10,500 in checking. We are half way through Fiscal Year.

Conservation - 14 -16 people per outing, some openings still available due to cancellations. Deposits for the May outing are now due. Outings will still be working in Dewart area planting trees, etc.

Fundraising - Expo sales were slightly down from last year. Rough numbers for sales were \$1,800 in books, \$200 in coaster brook prints, \$150 in DVD/CDs, dealers picked up \$1,550 in orders. Last year books alone, approx. \$2,100. Will raffle off Orvis T3 5 weight rod at this meeting. Will also raffle of a Keystone Anglers certificate for a wade guide.

Casting class - We'll be doing some teaching of casting. Most of these teachers have taught at the TU class.

Slate for Board - Martin and Don Silsbe will be preparing a slate for the general meeting on 4/12.

State Council Report - MCTU voted to sell the Barbless Hook property (George Griffith's property). Meeting summary will be posted on the website after the meeting on Tuesday. Don voted against selling the property, per chapter vote. MCTU is dipping into reserves \$60,000 per year to fund the executive position. Long term financial plan is to establish a \$1.5M endowment to fund the executive director.

Education - The beginning fly tying class concluded Monday, the intermediate class concludes next Monday. IT was a good year even though the attendance was disappointing for both the classes and enrollment was particularly low in the beginner class. There is a First Cast program in August (TU's youth education program) for which we could use volunteer instructors.

### New Business:

Tony Greening motions to send out cards twice a year, in January and September, rather than monthly. Martin seconds. Motion passes.

George report that substantial changes will need to be made to the Upper Au Sable and Manistee before next printing. We are running low on both. If we print both at the same time we save additional money.