

Challenge Chapter Board Meeting 09/07/05

In Attendance - Bill Womack, Russ Holmes, Jeff Raphelson, Bill Thorsted, and Tony Greening.

Orvis Days - We need volunteers to sell the river guides for Orvis Days Sept 30 - October 2.

Presentations - Dick Walle has been lined up for the October chapter meeting to give a presentation on soft hackle flies. Our cost will be \$250 plus mileage total around \$370. Tony Greening makes a motion to approve the expenditure Jeff Raphelson seconds. Motion Passes.

Incoming Board Members - Bill Thorsted stated that the board of directors for 2005-2006 is as follows: Martin VanFossan - President; Bill Womack -VP; Tony Greening - Secretary; Jeff Raphelson - Education; Bill Thorsted - State Council/At-Large; Dave Parker - Treasurer; Doug Shore - AT Large; Greg Baughman - Conservation; Jeff Schodowski - Fundraising.

Outgoing Board Members - Bill Thorsted would like to recognize and thank the outgoing board members for their outstanding service and contributions: Wayne Glessner; Don Silsbe; George Featherson and Russ Holmes.

Treasurer's Report - \$18,113 in checking. Russ passed out a spreadsheet with year-to-date finances.

Fundraising - We have received orders for the Black, Pigeon, and Sturgeon river guides from Jay's. We have had several nice sized orders for guidebooks lately.

Education - Jeff is looking into ways to increase attendance at the beginners fly tying class. He will be looking into working on the Boy Scout merit badge program. He will also check into the Sport Flies competition run by the Paul Young chapter to see if they need help.

Conservation Outings - the May outing planted over 250 shrubs and trees and reseed the access path. Eleven members participated in the May Outing, 16 members attended the June Outing, and 12 at the July Outing. 180' of fencing was replaced in the June and July outings. Susan Thiele has enough work in to keep us busy for years to come and was very happy with the work that we've done. Russ stated that the cost were up slightly due to confusion about breakfasts at the June and July outings. If we go back to the Twin Pines Lodge we need to carefully watch the number of people attending because of limited sleeping arrangements.

State Council - Bill stated that MCTU authorized a \$1000 grant to the Anglers of the Au Sable to fight the Mason Tract drilling. MCTU then asked each chapter to contribute \$100 to offset this donation. The board would like to have a discussion on this matter at the general meeting to get the chapter's opinion.

Coaster Brook Trout Print - Bill Womack motioned to lower the price of the prints from \$75 to \$50. We have 170 prints left of the original 250. The signed prints, Nos. 1-25, will stay at the original price. Tony Greening seconds the motion. The motion passed.