

Challenge Chapter Board Minutes
May 6, 2008

Present: John Marsh, Dave Parker, Jeff Schodowski, Jon Griffin, Ed Coe, Greg Baughman, Doug Shore, and Nancy Spence

George Fetherston Memorial: After discussing several ideas for honoring George, Doug Shore made a motion, seconded by Greg Baughman, that we nominate George for the Order of the Grayling, given by the Michigan Council of T.U. Jeff Raphelson, secretary of MCTU, will be asked to do this for us. John Marsh moved, seconded by Doug Shore, that we contribute \$200 to a charity of the family's choice in George's memory. This also was passed.

River guide: Progress on our new river guide has temporarily come to a halt with George's death. He did all the maps for us and laid out the book format. George's family thinks they may be able to get some of the information off his computer for us. Jim Zyla will follow up on this.

Jon Griffin suggested we call this "The Founders' Edition" on the inside front cover as the first river guide ever done by our chapter was the same rivers. The board agreed this was a good idea.

Fundraising: We need a person or committee to investigate new ideas for raising money. Our guide books are selling at a slower pace. Ed Coe suggested allocating time at the May and June outings to break up into smaller groups and brainstorm. We will also do this at the September meeting. Ed has experience in this field and has drawn up a list of suggestions on how to go about this.

Challenge Chapter donations: The board approved donating \$500 to Cedars of the AuSable for bank stabilization and \$1200 to Huron Pines for working on storm water runoff in Grayling. The chapter must vote on both as they're \$500 or above.

Outings: The May and June outings are full. The June project will be putting large woody debris upstream from Mio. The September outing will be the annual river cleanup on the AuSable. Rusty Gates hosts a barbeque Saturday evening for all the workers.

Speakers: We are in need of suggestions for interesting speakers. If you have slides from a fishing trip and would be willing to do a program for a chapter meeting, or if you know someone who would, please contact Jon Griffin. Any other ideas would be most welcome for next year. Dave Parker, Nancy Spence, and Jon Griffin will be the speaker committee.

Slate for next year's board to be voted on at the May 13th picnic:

President: Jon Griffin
Vice President: Doug Shore
Secretary: Nancy Spence
Treasurer: Ed Coe
Conservation: Greg Baughman
Fund Raiser: Jim Zyla
Education: **Need a volunteer**
Director at large: John Shoup
Past President: Martin VanFossan

Don't forget our annual picnic Tuesday, May 13th at Meadowlake Park.

You may arrive any time after 5:30 and fish. Food and drinks will be available after 6 P.M. We'll have a brief meeting after dinner.

Directions: Meadowlake Sub is between Inkster and Franklin Rd. on the s. side of Maple (15 mile). Turn in and make an immediate left. After the second house, there's a road on your right leading in to the lake and picnic area.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Spence, Secretary