

## Challenge Chapter General Meeting 9/13/05

In Attendance - Bill Carter, Dave Parker, Russ Holmes, Ed Coe, John Aukee, John Marsh, Jeff Schodowski, Peter Shunyia, Paul Adesko, Julio Mazzoli, Doug Shore, Robert Sparks, Bill Harber, Dan Cronin, Bob Withold, Greg Baughman, Jeff Raphelson, Bill Womack, Jim Zyla, George Featherston, Martin VanFossan, and Tony Greening.

Martin thanked the outgoing members of the Board, Don Silsbe, Wayne Glessner, Russ Holmes, and George Featherston, for their many years of service.

New Board - Martin announced the new board for 2005-2006 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.

Thanks to everyone for attending the outings. May work of planting shrubs and reseeding an access area in Dewart area, June and July were spent putting in fence. All the work is for the DNR, who were very grateful.

Orvis Days is October 1. We need volunteers to work a booth selling the books.

Doug Shore won a rod and reel for the chapter to raffle off at the MCTU Fly Casting School.

Treasurer's Report - \$18,379 in checking which is typical for this time of the year. Over \$20K collected so far this year in book sales, and \$4K outstanding. Income approximately \$23K. Expenses: outings \$3,200 up from last year due to lower cost for members. \$17K spent to date.

Education -Jeff Raphelson not a lot to report. Will be doing the fly tying class through Birmingham Public Schools. Also looking into participating in the First Cast and Boy Scout Merit badge. Sign up sheets will be available in October for helping out with the beginner's class setup and teaching. Possibly looking to redo the beginners tying video.

Secretary - reminders only going out twice a year. Notices will be posted monthly to the email mailing list.

Conservation - Julio Mazzoli reports that he worked with the Oakbrook (IL) Chapter and wants to partner up with us to do an outing.

River Guide - Bill Womack reports that we are going to print 2000 AuSable and 1000 Manistee color. Additionally we will print 100 Pigeon, Sturgeon, and Emergence Schedule in black in white. The suggestion was made of updating the Lower AuSable to correct the path.

Julio Mazzoli mentioned that we have a library of books that no one is using. We could either sell them to the chapter members or donate them to Rusty Gates to give them to the Grayling library. We will post a note to the email list for comment.

Julio is organizing the Blast & Cast see him for details. October 14 is the date.

MCTU - report is available as a pass out. Need someone to attend the MCTU meeting this weekend if possible. MCTU gave \$1000 to Anglers of the AuSable and is asking the chapters to donate \$100 to pay this back. Paul Adesko stated that MCTU is asking that chapters that have banquets to donate 10% of their net to fund the executive director position. Paul stated that we need to keep that in mind when making donations.

Clinton River outing this Saturday. Contact Dan Kiefer for more information.