

Challenge Chapter Meeting

April 4, 2008

Members Present: Jon Griffin, Jim Zyla, John Shoup, Bill Eisenman, Doug Shore, Russ Holmes, Ed Coe, Roy Hybl, Bob Truman, Ken McLellan, Bill Womack, Wayne Glessner, Bill Thorsted, Dan Keifer, Martin VanFossan, Greg Baughman, Nancy Spence, Dave Shantz, and Phil Church.

Thanks to our pros, Wayne Glessner, Bob Truman, and Bill Womack, for helping with casting. It was fun and helpful!

President: Jon Griffin said that we've received a formal request from Michigan Council for a yearly donation. Russ Holmes moved and John Shoup seconded that we donate \$1500. Motion passed. Eleven new chapter badges have been purchased. The Michigan Trout bill of \$210 for our ad in the magazine has been paid. April 26th is the trout opener.

Treasurer's report: The current balance is \$14,607.80. This does not include the money from books sold at the Expo as our treasurer is gone for the month.

Secretary's report: Nancy had new rosters of "active" members for everyone.

Conservation: The May outing is almost full, June is sold out, and there are places available for the September 5-7 outing. The May project will be working on bank stabilization at the "clay banks" on the main stream.

State Council report: Martin VanFossan said a lot of work is being done on the "water withdrawal" issue from the Great Lakes. There's no true way to judge how much can be removed without harm being done. He urged us all to write our state reps. There are 2 bills pending and the house bill seems to be the better of the two. Next year is the 50th anniversary of Trout Unlimited and festivities will be held in Traverse City. Coaster brook trout may be listed as endangered. Go to the Paul Young website for more information. MCTU is pursuing getting more grant money which they could then use for chapter grants.