

CHALLENGE CHAPTER TU
General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2004

ATTENDANCE: Bill Thorsted, Don Silsbe, Robert Sparks, Jeff Schodowski, Peter Shunyia, Ed Coe, Bill Cichowski, Russ Holmes, Julio Mazzoli, Greg Baughman, Doug Shore, Wayne Glessner, Nancy Spence, Alan Amendt, Jim Zyla, John Angeliu, Jeff Raphelson, and Dan Cronin.

President's Report: Don Silsbe: Don brought the meeting to order and welcomed the members back for the September meeting. Don asked for a motion to accept the May 11 meeting minutes and the September 1 Board notes. Motion to accept made by Jim Zyla, second by Dave Shantz, and motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Russ Holmes reported that we have \$ 15,345 in checking and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,300. He reviewed the outing expenses for May (\$1,553) at Barothy's, June (\$992.59) at Pine Ridge, and July (\$377.61) at Rayburn Lodge.

Conservation Report: Wayne Glessner reported on this years outings and what has been accomplished. We completed the PM survey in May and worked on 2 projects with Susan Thiel on the Manistee River during the June and July outings. Here is the proposed Outing Dates for 2005: See attached report from Wayne.

2005 Outings:

- May 13, 14, & 15 at Comins, MI. (Mother's Day is the 8th).
- June 17, 18, & 19 at either Rayburn Lodge or Pine Ridge Lodge. (Father's Day is the 19th).
- July 15, 16, & 17 at either Rayburn Lodge or Pine Ridge Lodge.

Nancy Spence made a motion to go to Rayburn Lodge for the June Outing. Second was by Doug Shore. After group discussion, motion passes.

Julio Mazzoli said that he may have another option for the July Outing and would get back to the group on the location.

Jim Zyla made a motion to go to Rayburn Lodge for the July Outing. Second was made by Nancy Spence. After group discussion, the motion passes.

Julio said the Lamb Roast will be held at the June Outing. He is sponsoring the October Cast and Blast again this year at his club on Oct. 8, 9, & 10. If you are interested, please sign the list at the desk. Julio also suggested that we contact Susan Thiel from the Forest Service to see if there are any projects they can do at the Cast and Blast. Wayne said he would contact Susan and find out if she has a project for October Cast and Blast event.

Adopt a Bank-Segment Agreement: Howard Johnson, Chair for the Cedars of the Au Sable River, has submitted a request for funds for the Mason Tract Northern White Cedar Restoration Project. They respectfully request our Chapter's consideration to participate as **a non-planting volunteer-stream-segment-sponsor for this project**. They are asking for a \$500 grant for the annual project.

Doug Shore made a motion to fund \$500 for this project. Jim Zyla seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Mason Tract Oil Drilling:

Julio gave an update on what we can expect when the drilling and pump operation begins in the Mason Tract. He said that they have had drilling like this done on his club property and there is more natural noise made by the wind through the trees, than the drilling and operation of the wells. After the oil company had completed the drilling and installed the pumps, with the exception of the service road, you could not tell that any drilling had been done. Julio said that there should not be any serious impact on the Mason Tract.

Russ Holmes said that the Vanguard Chapter is having their annual Wild Game Dinner on Sept 23rd. He has tickets if you are interested.

Don Silsbe asked the members who participated in the PM Survey, to look at the survey and make any necessary notes or corrections, so he can get the final draft completed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Shore and second by Bill Thorsted. Motion carries.

After the business portion of the meeting, the members got together to show their fishing pictures from this past summer's adventures.

Next meeting will be on October 12, 2004 at Country Day Middle School at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Thorsted
Secretary