

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
September 17, 2008
Lansing, Mi.**

Meeting was called to order by President Balabon at 7:10pm. A 14 member quorum was present.

Presidents Report (Balabon)... A few 30# Salmon were caught in early September, but most fish have been smaller this year.

Minutes (Sickon)... Motion (Foster) to accept minutes as presented... Second (Potts)...passed.

Financial Report (Haddad)... YTD income xxxx, YTD expenses xxxx, Balance is xxxx, Motion (Foster) to accept report as presented...Second (Sickon)... passed.

Budget Report (Sickon)... The 2008 total expense budget is forecasted to be xxxx. Total income from dues is projected to be xxxx. The projected deficit is xxxx. A markdown of xxxx to line items in the expense budget is proposed. The budget committee recommends that the remaining xxxx in projected deficit be reconciled from the travel expense line of the budget. Motion (Foster) to approve the revised budget reductions of xxxx...Second (Potts)...passed.

Old Business

Website Update (Haddad)... Steve emphasized that membership chairpersons should check the online rosters and then email any corrections to the state office.

It Pays to Belong (Davis)...Renee announced that Gander Mountain is planning a fall date for a statewide MSSFA discount event.

Membership Challenge (Balabon)... Rick reminds everyone that great rewards are available to the top recruiter from each chapter.

New Business

Nominations for Officers

Motion (Pelt) to nominate Dennis Eade (Holland) for Vice-President...Second (Beumer)...passed.

Motion (Schultz) to nominate Rick Balabon (Flint) for President...Second (Foster)...passed.

Motion (Foster) to nominate Gerry Sickon (Huron Valley) for Sec/Treas... Second (Smith)... passed.

Motion (Potts) to close nominations until next meeting...Second (Sickon)...passed.

Executive Directors Report (Pelt)... Andy proposed some ideas that have worked as fundraising vehicles for other organizations. For example, the annual decals of fishing related artwork.

Legislative Report (Merckel)... The charter boats don't care about the 3-rods/angler, however, they are very much against the 5-fish daily bag limit for salmon.

DNR Committee Reports

Lake Huron (Merckel)... Kurt Neumann is the new basin coordinator. Frank Christ is the new advisory committee leader. A project to raise lake herring is ongoing. Canadian commercial fishers are converting from trap nets to gill nets. This is not good for lake trout recruitment. No salmon... walleye OK... whitefish OK.

Motion (Sickon) to Adjourn at 9:30pm...Second (Foster)...passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Sickon
MSSFA Sec. / Treas.