



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the Winnebago Land Musky Club February 2021

FEBRUARY 3RD MEETING

We will have a speaker for the February 3rd meeting. We will conduct a short business agenda and then **Adam Nickel, DNR Fisheries Biologist** will conduct an interactive ZOOM presentation with us. The meeting is at the regular place at 7:00 pm. He will discuss the current health of the Winnebago System and report to us the most current findings on our musky tagging and movement project.

This meeting will be both in-person and live via Zoom for those not wanting to attend in person. Check your email for the Zoom link.



January Meeting

The Winnebago Land Musky Club held a regular meeting on January 6th at the American Legion hall. The meeting was sparsely attended by 12 members. We were able to socially distance ourselves very well. There was no special speaker or program so if you did not attend, you did not miss out on a speaker.

We did go over some basic business of the Club. The treasurer, Ron Lange reported the Club has slightly over \$11,000 in our bank account at this time. We had around \$10,000 in revenues and \$1,000 in expenses in 2020. We earned \$8,225 in raffle boat ticket sales, a record year for the Club. We reviewed the results of our virtual election of officers for 2021 and will repeat those individuals' names for you. Incumbent President-Scott Klapperich, New Vice President-Richard Feustel, Incumbent Secretary-Beth Maeder, and Incumbent Treasurer-Ron Lange. We thank Jerry LaPine for his service as Vice President. He assured us he is still here to help the Club as always.

New Business

We did vote to add two extra award categories for our annual awards banquet. We added an award for Female National Award and Youth National Award categories.

At the meeting we had much discussion about a banquet for 2021. We do have the Legion Hall reserved for Saturday, March 27th with most of the banquet prizes (our largest expense) already purchased and in storage. As already stated, we had low attendance at this meeting and a number of issues were discussed regarding the banquet. Here are a few issues that were discussed. Nothing has been agreed to until we have more input from members. The banquet plans can be easily finalized and implemented as we have already acquired most everything. Here are some discussion points and we would be very happy to hear from you to give us your thoughts. We desire to have a banquet but only if the comfort level is there for all.



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**PLEASE REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS
via email or return it in the enclosed envelope**

We need to have a minimum of 80 people attend to break even for the banquet. The goal is to have the revenues handle all of the expenses and hopefully with a profit.

1. Yes No

If we can get a minimum of 80 people to attend, would you be willing to attend at the end of March 2021 considering the pandemic issues?

2. Yes No

Would you consider attending an event like our banquet at another facility at the same time of the year if the quarters were much larger than the Legion's facility? (Possibility of Maximillians in Mt Calvary)

3. _____ (month in 2021)

When in 2021 do you anticipate you would feel comfortable attending a banquet like ours? Months proposed are September or October.

4. Yes No

Should we postpone the banquet until 2022? (continuing to hold the prizes in inventory)

5. 2021 Awards meeting: Yes No I would attend Yes No

Should we have an abbreviated awards night at a regular 2021 monthly meeting instead of a banquet where we present the 2020 awards? We do have award winners for 2020.

Included with this Newsletter is a WMC Information Document and a return envelope for your 2021 dues. You may write comments on this document regarding the above issues, or email Scott Klapperich and or Richard Feustel at scott_klapperich@yahoo.com
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Other News from the January Meeting

Neal Seibel reported to us that the **Conservation Alliance Sportsman's Rummage Sale** **sadly has been cancelled** for 2021 due to the pandemic. We have participated in this with a food stand as one of our fund raising activities.

We also have been informed that the Alliance of Musky Clubs at this point is not sponsoring a Boat Raffle for 2021. This is our main fundraising activity. They did state that they plan to have the Tournament in Eagle River in August. This is shocking news and hopefully the Alliance will quickly work something out to sponsor this vital event for all the clubs.

Dues are Due

As a reminder, 2021 dues are due beginning January 1st. No raise in dues, \$20 single and \$25 for a family. The WMC is doing well, and with the pandemic limitations experiencing minor disruptions. Fishing with safety precautions and our desire to support the resource and our community is still there. Don't drop your membership, just keep the faith that this COVID thing goes away soon. Please pay at a meeting or by mail. Our mailing address is:

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