



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the Winnebago Land Musky Club *January 2022*

DECEMBER 1st Meeting

The nomination and election of 2022 officers of the Winnebago Land Musky Club was held at this meeting. Scott Klapperich was reelected President. Richard Feustel was reelected Vice President, Beth Maeder was reelected Secretary and Ron Lange was reelected Treasurer. Thanks to all four of these people for their service as officers in 2021 and for accepting their newly elected posts for 2022. Sadly, Harlan Hopp announced that for personal reasons, he would be resigning his duties in January as the Club's Musky Recordkeeper. Harlan held this position for over 40 years and did a great job! We thank him very much for his very dedicated and excellent service. We hope to see him at many meetings and activities as he can possibly attend.

Beth Maeder graciously accepted the duties of Musky Recordkeeper. Thank you, Beth, for stepping up. Beth asks that when reporting your catch, you report it to her NO LATER than the 5th of the month following the catch. Your catch may be reported by either e-mail (bethmkaiser@gmail.com) or by using the postcards provided by the Club. Beth asks that you provide the length of the fish, the body of water, the geography of the water, eg. (bottom, clarity, depth, weeds), weather conditions, bait or lure used, date, and a digital photo.

Ron Lange presented a Treasurer's report to the Club. The Club has \$10,503 in checking and savings. \$4000 of this money is set in reserve for the Winnebago Stocking program which we have pledged to the DNR. Revenues for the year were \$1,410 and expenses were \$1,786 for 2021. Ron reminded us that we currently have the Sportsman's Rummage Sale coming up in March as a fundraiser. Ron did explain that most of the upcoming banquet expenses have already been paid (\$1,680). Prizes are sitting in storage due to the Covid delays. The Alliance has not yet resolved the Boat Raffle and the issue of future fundraisers may need to be addressed.

Jeff Klein, Paul's son, stepped up and volunteered to coordinate Facebook efforts for the Club. We recognize the fact that many people utilize this communication tool and look forward to our Club's participation in this medium. Thank you, Jeff. Vice President, Richard Feustel will continue to be in charge of our Website and editor of the newsletter. Dave Mace will continue as writer of the Newsletter and collect dues.

We still are in need of someone to take charge of the Outing Committee for 2022.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Sportsman's Rummage Sale** Saturday March 5 at the Fairgrounds. Please give Scott Klapperich or Dave Mace a call or text if you are willing to help on that day. (Scott - 920-948-2283, Dave - 920-960-4179.). We will get back to you closer to the date to firm up the time of day with you.



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2. **WinnebagoLand Musky Club Awards Banquet** Saturday, March 26th The American Legion on Fond du Lac Ave has been reserved. We have not been able to hold the event for the last 2 years because of COVID issues. Most of the details and prizes have been waiting in the wings for this day to come. Many of you have even paid money to attend. We're anxiously awaiting the Banquet day!
3. **Next Meeting Wednesday Jan 5th, 7:00 pm** at the American Legion Building on Fond du Lac Avenue. The Club is inviting members of local high school fishing clubs to our meeting to receive a primer lecture on musky fishing for new musky hunters. Paul Klein, professional musky guide will talk to the young fishermen about getting started as a musky hunter fisherman. After the briefing, we will assist the young fishermen in building an early season bucktail of their own. Members can build one for the cost of materials.
4. **Milwaukee Muskie Expo is being held at the Washington County Fair Park in West Bend**, February 11th - 13th. The address of the park is 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Bend, WI. 53095. There will be 75 vendors, door prizes, seminars and workshops for 3 days

End of the Year FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

- * 11 registered fish by members
- * 3 of the 11 fish registered were from Canada (all 3 from Beth Maeder)
- * 2 of the largest fish were over 44"
(44 1/2" Eric Larsen-Green Bay; 10/2. 45 1/2", Bob Larsen-Stone Lk, 6/23)

2022 Dues for WMC

We will begin accepting dues for 2022 WMC membership at the January 5th meeting. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a "2022 Membership Information" document along with a self-addressed return envelope for your use in verifying your contact information and dues.

Dues for 2022 are unchanged; \$20 for single and \$25 for Family. Make your check payable to the WinnebagoLand Musky Club and return it in the self-addressed envelope.