



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club

May 2021

March 3rd Meeting Recap

The WinnebagoLand Musky Club held a regular meeting on March 3rd at the American Legion hall. This meeting was designated as a Planning/Ideas meeting. Only 10 members out of 50 attended. There was no speaker at this meeting. President Scott wanted to bring some ideas to the front to help restart and refresh the Club from the doldrums of the COVID pandemic. Treasurer Ron Lange reported in that we have over \$11,000 in checking and savings. This amount included \$1,680 that members prepaid for the 2020 formal banquet which has been postponed. Ron stated that we are in very good financial shape to go forward. He expressed concern for the future revenue side in that the 2021 Sportsman's Rummage Sale was cancelled along with the Alliance boat raffle. Our plan is to run the food concession at the next Rummage Sale.

We discussed the fact that the Alliance is not sponsoring the boat raffle for 2021 and how it affects our Club. The Alliance lost the relationship with Ranger as a sponsor. This relationship included the ability to obtain a Raffle Boat and a Tournament Boat. The tough thing is that the Raffle Boat was our Club's largest source of revenue. We are waiting to hear from the Alliance on this issue. Currently, with a lack of continuing revenue sources we do not have plans to fund any fish stocking projects at this time. President Scott and the officers are seeking suggestions from our members regarding fundraising efforts. Call or text Scott (920-948-2283) if you have an idea for a revenue producing idea. We decided to hold off on any stocking and other major projects temporarily until we have our future revenue sources lined up.

Vice President, Richard Feustel reviewed the results of the 5-question survey we sent to members in January. We were trying to discern from this questionnaire the comfort levels of members regarding the annual banquet. About half of responding members indicated that they were uncomfortable holding the postponed banquet in 2021. With that in mind, it was decided to hold off on our banquet until March of 2022. We have most of the prizes already purchased and being held in storage. Typically, we need about 80 participants to break even on a banquet. We want as many members and guests as possible to attend. Our banquets are not designed as fundraisers but rather as an opportunities to recognize the Club's achievements and have an affordable social fun event with members.

It was discussed and decided to have an Awards Presentation for the 2020 WinnebagoLand Musky Club Champions. This will be an awards night only, no banquet and will be at our regular Wednesday, August 4th meeting. We will formally recognize and award the 2020 plaques to the rightful winners, have some pizza, enjoy a couple member created desserts, and have a couple of small raffles. As stated earlier, the postponed formal banquet will be held in March of 2022 (details to follow).



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MAY 5th Regular Meeting - - - Building Bucktails

We are back at it again... Join us for a 2021 Club meeting. Let's talk musky fishing as we prepare for the start of the 2021 musky season. At this meeting, we will have instruction and build medium bucktails, perfect for Spring musky. You will have the opportunity to build one of your own. Supplies will be provided by the Club.



FIRST OUTING of 2021

Little Green Lake and Fox Lake on Saturday May 22nd will be the lakes to fish for the 1st Outing of 2021 for the WMC. We will gather at **Lakeview Inn** N2905 WI-44, Markesan on the **southeast shore of Little Green Lake for our lunch/get together at noon**. Please RSVP to Scott by noon May 20th, call or text (920-948-2283) or email (scott_klapperich@yahoo.com). Your RSVP is needed to help Lakeview Inn in holding our room. Attendees are asked to pay \$5.00 at Lakeview Inn to help defray the cost of the lunch. We suggest you launch at "The Landing" on Little Green (W2120 Melmar Dr Markesan). If you fish Fox Lake there are 2 boat Launches, one in the City of Fox Lake (Clausen Riverside Park) and the Town Park launch off Blackhawk Trail on the north end of the lake.



... the quest for the coveted Cup in 2021 begins...



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FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

At the March 3rd meeting, Harlan Hopp gave an abbreviated report on the 2020 statistics for our Club. There were 32 muskies registered by members in 2020. Interestingly, there were none registered for Wisconsin in July by members. However, there were 3 international fish taken from Minnesota's Lake Vermillion in the month of July. Lastly, there were 14 fish over 40 inches in 2020.