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BIG STONE II SINKS LIKE A STONE

News from Scott Sparlin

Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency announced today that the Big Stone II coal-fired power plant expansion project is dead. This decision will now save over 6,000,000,000 (yes, six billion!) gallons of non-recyclable water the plant would have taken annually from the river and its headwaters aquifer. Great gratitude is due to American Rivers, Clean Up the River Environment, The Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, The Minnesota River Board, and the entire partnership who opposed using huge quantities of water from the Minnesota River for this ill-advised project. The need still exists to organize and convene a “border waters commission” to deal with these multi-state water-use issues—once and for all.

So, c’mon Governor! People in Minnesota showed that we care deeply about our surface and ground water in the last election. Now is the time to show your leadership qualities here at home and finish the job you



were elected to do as governor of this great state. Now is the time for you to offer to start the process: pick up the phone and call the other state leaders. The unpleasant controversy-part is over now; there are no reasonable excuses *not* to do it. It is truly a good day for the river. Let’s hope that

locally-generated renewable energy resources get more of the spotlight now. It’s time.

Club Calendar

- November 12th Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
- November 14th Water Quality DVD Update, participants needed, Riverside Park, 9:00 a.m. Info: Scott Sparlin, yasure@lycos.com, 276-2280
- November 19th MEETING at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.
- November 26th HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections for one board member on Thursday's meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. At the last meeting we tabled the elections so people could make nominations. If you would like to be a board member call or email me before the meeting on Thursday November 19th at 7:30 p.m.

The location of the club's Ice Fishing Trip is changed to Dickson Lake Resort. Todd and Karen are very excited to have our club at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the ice fishing contest we will attend this trip please have your **\$50.00 down payment** to me by the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulm-tel.net. The total for the trip is \$115.00 per person for three nights, there will be a \$10.00 per day charge for angling houses and \$30.00 per day for the spearing houses. They have room for 20 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know.

There was a misprint in the minutes on the last newsletter. We did not mean that everyone had to buy the whole stack of tickets if they were unable to sell them. We are asking for everyone to try their hardest to sell the stack of tickets. Please return all unsold tickets that you may have left to either Ross or myself on or prior to the event. There will be a club hat and jacket that goes to the one who sells the most tickets. Happy selling!!

We discovered that there was a theft at our club house. Six propane tanks were taken from a locked shed on the property. If you know of any information on this please contact one of the board members or myself. All locks have now been changed on the club grounds. We have decided that all the board members will have the keys. This will also include the ice houses and club gate. If you would like a key you will need to purchase one at the meeting. Sorry for any trouble this may cause. In this day and age we need to be as careful as possible.

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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CRANK BAIT

I love any discourse of rivers, and fish and fishing.

Izaak Walton

MEETING NOTES from October 29th

*40+ members present. Membership stands at 183 with 24 due. Pat Roiger and Orin Schultz lead the membership drive with 3 new members each.

*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Lake Hanska—good walleye fishin'; Fox Lake—good crappies.

*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Fall cleanup at the clubhouse set for Oct. 31st at noon; will postpone until Nov. 21st if weather not cooperative; mouse-bait needed in the sheds; "Thin Ice" signs were painted on social night. Ron Ludwig finished them in his garage; Ron and Wes Ludwig, Ken Sutherland and Ross Nelson fixed the aeration system lines on Clear Lake.

*New Business: Board member Dave Mecklenburg's seat is up for election. Dave Mecklenburg and Dick Peterman were nominated. Nominations are accepted until the vote at the November 19th meeting; Club Ice Fishing Trip Report: Date set for Feb. 18th-21st at Dixon Lake Resort. Jason K. will book the dates. Cost is \$120 per person; there is room for over 40 people; down payment of \$50 by December meeting; there are 22 angling holes and each cost an additional \$10 a day to use; spearing houses are \$30 a day for a 1 hole house, \$60 a day for a two-holer; Dixon Lake Resort is also donating a fishing trip as a prize for our ice fishing contest.

*Winter Ice Fishing Contest: Date is set for February 13th, 2010; Dave Mecklenburg has a list for donation collection; see Dave if you can help with collection; **CORRECTION ABOUT TICKET SALES: Members ARE NOT obligated to buy or sell the contest tickets that were mailed out with the last newsletter, just encouraged to try their best and be accountable for any unsold tickets.** See Ross or Jason if you need additional books of tickets. It was approved to award a club jacket to the member who sells the most contest tickets! Sponsorship is going well. It's quite possible that 2 ice fishing houses will be donated. We will do a special raffle for the extra house at the contest, selling 300 tickets at \$5.00 a crack. The time of the raffle will be set and posted at the contest.

*Criminality strikes NUASF! Someone has taken 6 LP tanks from one of our sheds! Motion was made and seconded to have all the locks changed on the sheds.

*Ron Bolduan presented a beautiful, entertaining slide-show. Thanks, Ron!

*Food for next meeting: Handled by the incomparable Kim "Ole" Olson.

*Izaak Walton League would like to use the NUASF Clubhouse for their meeting on January 19th. Motion made and approved for them to use it.

*Jerry C. asked if we wanted to sell the ticket-trailer; the answer was "no" because we still use it as a ticket-booth at the ice fishing contest.

*THE NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO NOVEMBER 19TH. Hope to see y'all there once yet . . .

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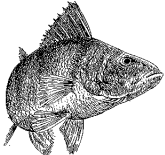

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