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Club Items for Consideration

By Scott Sparlin (past President)

As we move into this New Year there are a few actions, issues and items which I feel the club should consider being on our radar. At the last meeting I brought up the notion of reviving our fishing outing for physically challenged kids during the summer at Studtmann's Pond in Courtland. At that meeting it was widely accepted and adopted as a good idea. As a result of that acceptance I will gladly take on the role of coordinating the event with the strong help and support of a large committee dedicated to seeing it through. At the meeting there were several who said they would be on that committee. Dick Petermann, Ken Sutherland, Scott Waldner and Charlie Zangl all expressed that they would be willing to work to see it come to fruition. We will need others to make this the kind of quality event it was in the past. I will be putting together an outline of tasks that will be needed to accomplish this event. I will offer these tasks up for members of the committee and others who I hope will come forward to serve. If you will help please let me know. As of now I have started by contacting our former resource people to see how we can

involve the families of these children who in the past were not always included. We will need to have some paid medical professionals and address the issue of the transport of the kids to the site. This year I would like to see a keepsake prize for every kid to take with them as a remembrance. Let's get our heads together on that one and come up with something cool. In the past, as we have had reported to us numerous times, these kids look forward to this outing like no other. They are very cognizant of nature and many of the kids have sensitivities far beyond ours which stimulates their souls beyond our abilities to comprehend. Catching a fish, touching a fish and being near a place as special as the pond, is priceless and also a use of our mission's dollars which can't be described on a spreadsheet or financial report. I look forward to updating the club on our progress and hope you can help on the committee and/or the day of the event.

Asian Carp are on the minds of many and we do need definitive action this year to slow and/or stop their spread until we have a realistic chemical or biological solution. I am confi-

dent that at the federal and state level of government there is a clear understanding of the urgency and degree of the threat to the upper Mississippi, which of course includes the Minnesota River. Having said all that, groups like ours need to be supportive of the collective intelligence of the scientists and resource professionals who will ultimately be the ones providing the various permanent solutions. Money will be a factor. But if we sign on our support with other reputable organizations and the collective intelligence of the science and resource professionals, we as a club can't do a whole lot more other than continue to pressure those with the authority to act to do so. I and several others are continuing to monitor these activities and proposals. At the request of the club we will report on where things are at and if there is anything beyond providing our collective support which we can do to expedite the needed actions to permanently stop the spread of Asian Carp.

As of this writing I am meeting with people to look at potential funding for our proposed phase 2 of our Minecon Park wetland complex. As some of you older members may recall, we have been working to see that the

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Club Calendar

- January 12Social Night
- Wednesday, January 25Club Meeting at Clubhouse
- February 9.....Social Night and ice fishing contest meeting
- February 12.....Fishing Contest at Clear Lake
- February 16-19.....Club trip to Dixon Lake
- February 23.....Club Meeting at Clubhouse

NOTICE

**Next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, January 25th.
The board will meet before the
meeting at 5:30 sharp.**



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

There will be a board meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 pm (sharp). In this meeting we will be discussing our yearend audit, and going over club policies. All board members should be present for this meeting.

As most of you all know Eric Olson will be visiting us at our next meeting. Eric is a wonderful asset to our club and we would like to THANK him for his support. Eric donates trips for our Fishing Contest, membership drive, and also provides us with a great meal at our January meeting. To help with this great meal we are asking everyone to please bring a dish to pass.

As everyone knows our Club Ice Fishing Contest is February 12th. We should have the prizes collected, and posters in place within the next couple weeks. Ticket sales can continue up to the day of the contest. Once again this is our clubs biggest moneymaker, and we will need many volunteers for this event. Tickets and posters are available at the next meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 or myself at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net and we will get you as many as you would like.

All prizes must be turned into the club on or before Thursday February 9th. We will be having a special meeting on the 9th at 6:00 pm to organize all of the prizes for the contest.

There are 35 people signed up for the Dixon Lake resort trip! I need to have every-one's down payment by the next meeting. Due to the great turnout there will be a sign up sheet for meals, and spear houses at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the next meeting contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net.

Winter 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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8 acre parcel and the 12 acre parcel of wetland which are currently separated by the road to the landing become as one. These two parcels are nice wetlands for sure, but as one unit they have the ability to act as a larger complex with the ability to purify city storm water effluent. As of now the smaller parcel has the outflow of approximately 20% of New Ulm's storm water. In many instances it becomes overwhelmed with water because of its size. If we were to add the capacity of the other 12 acres this would increase the ability of the wetland to act as a filter for that outflow during many parts of the year. Once completed we can begin our vision of a working natural classroom with a walkway, kiosks, and wildlife viewing sites and we can fulfill our vision from years past which the entire club was in favor of doing.

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MEETING NOTES FROM DECEMBER 22nd

- * Members present: 50+
- *Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved unanimously.
- *Membership update: Membership stands at 192 w/ 35 due. Orin Schultz wins the membership drive with 6. Pat Roiger came in a strong second w/ 5. This year there were 37 new members signed. It was voted that we give Mankato Tent & Awning a free years membership for all the help they have given and continue to give the club.
- *Area Lakes and Rivers Report: A 43" Muskie was caught on the Blue Earth River. Lake of the wood is very hot. Little Cottonwood River is as well. Clear Lake is up and down w/ 4-5" of ice. At High Banks the ice is 9-11" thick. It was noted that people on Waseca and on the MN River were fishing on ice that is unsafe.
- *Clubhouse and Grounds update: Tony Miller thanked the club members for the use of the facility for a family Christmas Party. Tony also had some suggestions for improvements. He said he would volunteer to paint the outhouse. He said he would look around for a used TV. Ken Kohn said he had a TV he would donate to the club and Tony said he would dispose of our old TV. Jim Hulke and Mark Dauer have cleaned out our old fish house we store at The Berg's on Clear Lake. Someone took the house off our hands. We still have the old wood burning stove from the house and will entertain an offer.
- *No other old business.
- *New Business: Scott Sparlin gave a report on several projects he has been working on. The Friends of High Island Lake – over 4 million walleye fry were stocked in the spring. A request was made for a \$250 donation. It was noted that we may have already voted on a donation. Ross will check the minutes and we will bring it to a vote again next month. A conservation drainage demonstration project was done on 7 Mile Creek in Nicollet County. Scott gave a report from the meeting of the Invasive Species Asian Carp Coalition. He suggested we back, as an organization, any project they feel will best stop the migration of the carp. The grants available are from the Environmental Protection Agency and will be sought after in partnersip with MSUM. Ross will check the minutes to see if a donation was already approved. A motion was made amd passed to donate at least \$250 to the Friends of High Island if there was not a previoius vote taken. It should also read that a conservation Drainage Demonstration Project for 7 Mile Creek was recently funded from the Clean Water Fund of the Legacy money of which Scott Sparlin will be working on during the upcoming year. This may be a way to resurrect the Mini Con Park Project. Scott requested the club find a way to revive our Camp Courage Fishing outing at Studtmann's Pond.
- *Rick Carlson gave a report on the health of the Minnesota River and migration of the Asian Carp.
- *Club Ice Fishing Contest update: Prize collecting is going well. There is a food booth signpu sheet at the front desk. Ice Castle sales doing OK, it's all profit from this point on. We talked about developing a thank you we could hand out or email to people who purchase tickets. Thanks to anyone who helped pull the house to different events. If we could pull the house and set up in Mankato we could sell a lot of tickets, contact Jason or Ron Ludewig.
- *Winter Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake: Feb 16-19th meet at Running's at 6:00AM. Get \$50 deposit to Jason if you plan on going. 40 have already signed up.
- *Food for the next meeting will be provided by Eric Olson – Venison steaks. **Page 3**



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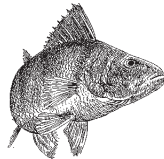


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