

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
August 6, 2008
Lansing, Mi.**

The meeting was brought to order by President Rick Balabon at 7:00 pm. A 16 member quorum was present.

Presidents Report (Balabon)... Fishing reports have been positive from Lake Michigan for salmon and from Lake Huron for walleye.

Minutes (Sickon)... Motion (Potts) to accept minutes as presented...second (Davis)...passed.

Financial Report (Haddad)... YTD income is \$xxxxx...YTD expenses are (\$xxxxxxx) Balance is \$xxxxxxx. Motion (Potts) to accept financial report as presented... second by (Schultz)... passed.

Communications/Letters (Balabon)... The IRS distributed the current documentation requirements for expense reporting. The Great Lakes Fisheries Commission sent a letter requesting support from the MSSFA for the Federal ballast water control bill.

Old Business

Website (Balabon)... Chapter membership lists are now available online. If spelling or address corrections are needed, please e-mail them to the state office promptly.

It Pays to Belong (Davis)... Boaters World has dropped all discount cards... Boat US membership is available for a 50% discount... The state MSSFA website has the most current list of participating vendors... Dunham's 10% discount cards were given to all the directors for local chapter distribution.

New Business

Communications Committee... The MSSFA newspaper printing dates and delivery dates have a less than desirable gap time. The committee is trying to correct it. A job description for the executive director has been agreed upon.

Budget Committee... The 2008 expense budget proposal was \$xxxxx. The membership income (xxxx full cost members @\$25, and xxxx senior discount members @ \$15), adds up to \$xxxxxxx. A xxxx projected deficit must be addressed. Expenses were analyzed and budgets were trimmed in various areas for a total of \$xxxxx in cuts. Further reductions are needed (\$xxxxx) to satisfy the budget. The committee proposes that travel cost reductions are about all that's left before cutting into the bones. Travel cost reductions of \$xxx will make the budget good.

DNR/ Committee Reports

EX. Director Report (Pelt)... The DNR is taking the 5-salmon daily bag limit to the Natural Resource Commission for a hearing. Consensus is that it will probably carry.

Lake Huron Report (Merckel)... Next meeting is on August 19, at the Ram Center in Roscommon.

Good of the Order... Cam Haskins (Holland chapter) reported that Holland will begin constructing a new fish cleaning station in April 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Sickon
MSSFA Sec. / Treas.