

**MSSFA State Board Meeting**  
**MUCC Headquarters, Lansing, Mi.**  
**Nov. 11, 2009**

The meeting was brought to order by President Rick Balabon at 7:10 pm. A 15 member quorum was present.

**Minutes** (Sickon) ...Motion (Foster) to approve minutes as presented... Second (Potts)...passed

**Financial Report** (Haddad)... YTD income xxxxxx... YTD expenses xxxxxx...Balance xxxxxx  
Motion (Merckel) to accept report as presented...Second (Foster)...passed. Motion (Foster) to maintain maxi saver account at xxxxxx in order to avoid the \$5.00/month bank maintenance fee...Second (Sickon)...passed.

**Letters & Communications** (Balabon)... The Asian carp barrier maintenance issue was explained in a letter from Mark Gaden of the Great Lakes Science Center. The shipping canal will be treated with rotenone poison to kill the fish before the electric barrier is shutdown for maintenance. The Officers/Directors contact list was distributed for annual corrections.

**Old Business**

**Membership** (Balabon)...total membership in good standing total is xxxxx. New membership applications and decals will be available at the January meeting.

**It Pays to Belong** (Davis)... Glacier Corp. will discount the "salmon in the schools" chiller equipment to all MSSFA clubs.

**New Business**

**Audit Results** (Haddad)... The bookkeeping and accounting audit is complete for 2008. The accounting firm certified the books and reconciled the bank accounts. The auditor emphasized that all expense accounts must be backed up with receipts.

**Legislative Report** (Merckel)... The Executive Order 2009-45, which combines the DNR and DEQ, is available at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**DNR Fisheries Committee Reports**

**Lake Michigan** (Merckel)... The 5-Salmon/ day bag limit will continue in 2010. 80% of the lake bottom is covered with quagga mussels. 90% of the free phosphorous is tied up in the approx. 300 trillion mussel shells. The weir results were very healthy. 2010 budget appropriation for DNR was cut by 10% or \$3 million. The boilerplate language to keep all 6 hatcheries open was removed from the appropriation bill.

**Lake Huron** (Merckel)... Steve Hewitt is the new basin coordinator. The fish rearing options of all the DNR hatcheries is under review. 80,000 Brown Trout (2 year olds) have been planted in various Lake Huron ports. Steelhead will be net-penned in Harrisville, Oscoda, and Harbor Beach (20,000/port).

**Good of the Order**

A June 12, 2010 fishing derby on Lake Geneva will be sponsored by the Holland chapter of MSSFA.

Bud Potts reports that the salmon eggs are in for the "salmon in the schools" program. The sign up window for next year is Jan. - March of 2010. Contact Kevin Frailey at the DNR for details.

Motion (Sickon) to adjourn at 9:15 pm...Second (Foster)... passed

Respectfully Yours,  
Gerald Sickon  
MSSFA Sec. / Treas