

ELOSTA Monthly Membership meeting

Wednesday May 17, 2006

Minutes

(Also available on www.elosta.org)

- President Charlie Ames, called the second monthly meeting to order at 7:10 Pm in the Gander Mountain Lodge in Cicero. Thirty one persons were in attendance at the start of meeting including four board members and three officers. Mac MacKenzie acted in his capacity as Secretary.
- President Ames motion to dispense with the reading of the April 19th meeting minutes was seconded and carried. After a last call for tickets sales the drawing took place for the Lowrance GPS/Sonar unit. ELOSTA member Barry Stevens of Canastota, NY was the winner.
- Tom Lott read the Treasurer's Report for the period April 29th – May 17th, 2006. Deposits received from annual dues, Ad fees, and the raffle totaled \$1,361.50. Checks written for Newsletter editing and printing totaled \$487.27. Elostas current balance is \$10,083.56. The ongoing net-pen account remains at \$1,566.25. The motion to accept the report as presented was seconded and carried. Copies were made available for those who were interested.
- Charlie then turned the floor over to Capt. Gerry Bressadola (Dixie Dandy) who, with the help of his very talented son Tom from "Simplified Entertainment", explained a computer question and answer game they had set up. The members divided into two man teams and each was provided with a remote control similar to the one we all have for the TV in our homes. A multiple choice question, presumably fishing related, was flashed on a pull down screen. Each team was directed to enter the correct answer into the number pad on the control as quickly as possible. The computer kept a tally of the total number of points accumulated by all the teams. There were a few nice prizes for the winners and everyone had a great time.
However, as usual, there was some rebuttal about the subject matter and the correct answers to some of the questions. But, it was Gerry's football and we know how that works out.
- At 8PM Charlie thanked Gerry and Tom for a very entertaining evening and offered the floor to the Officers and Board Members. Most mentioned the cold wet weather and an overall lack of cooperation from the fish.
Doug Fuegel – Had several Oneida Lake Association applications with him and suggested that Elostas members consider joining. He also had received our long overdue Boat/US applications and called attention to the reduced new member and annual renewal rates offered to Elostas members.
Bud Duell – "Old Hickory" Advised the membership that the fish in the Oswego net pens had been released. He said that the new pumps did their job but a lot of mud and debris had to be cleaned from the nets and end screens. The fish were in better condition than past years – running 50/pound instead of 80/pound. Losses were light, only two dozen fish out of 20K rainbows and 30K kings were lost.
Jay Levy – Spoke about his charter out of Sodus earlier that day. They took 5 Coho and 4 steelhead. The hot lure color for the day was "Creamsickle".

Roy Hunsberger – Not a whole lot going on – he did well on Kings until that prolonged east wind hit us. Inshore water temperatures plummeted to 40degrees. Everything turned off. In passing Roy also mentioned the large numbers of dead gobies that had been blown ashore at Mexico Point.

Tom Lott- Doing ok on walleye in Oneida Lake. Fish are in tight schools and you have to look for them. There are a lot of white perch this year.

- Bill Thomas – delegate to Oswego Sportsman’s Federation reported that they are into a number of programs that run the gamut from soil conservation and special kids days to numerous hunting and fishing activities. He noted persons wishing to report hunting and fishing violations should contact DEC at their new number 1-877-457-5680. There is someone on call 24/7.
- Mike Roche, Elosta delegate to the Onondaga Federation of Sportsman’s Clubs reported a roster of 32 clubs in that organization with a total of over 7000 members. For the members present at the meeting he noted that there will be an open house on the 20th
- Several members mentioned that the Oswego River above the dams is almost too low to fish and, the Kings, scattered by the east winds, are starting to show up again. At 8:55 PM, Gander’s closing time, Charlie called attention to our next meeting on June 21st and motioned to dismiss the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded and carried. ***Mac MacKenzie***

First it was Alewife and now it's Gobies

Several Elosta members have observed countless dead gobies littering the shoreline from Dempster Beach to the Little Salmon River. DEC reports that large numbers of dead fish have also been observed north to Cape Vincent and the St. Lawrence River. DEC officials and others are currently investigating the problem??? Early responses suggest that disease of some sort is the culprit. Perhaps the gobies moving back into their shallower seasonal haunts have an aversion to the persistent south east winds and the 40 degree inshore water temperature that occurred during mid-May? Let's hope the cause, if determined, is good news and goby specific.

Mac