

# Elosta Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday August 15, 2007

## Minutes

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- President Charlie Ames called the sixth monthly meeting of the 2007 summer season to order at 7:05 PM in the Lodge Room at Gander Mountain's Cicero store. Over 40 members/guests were present. Mac MacKenzie acted in his capacity as Secretary.

- Charlie motioned to accept the minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. His motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

- Treasurer Tom Lott read the Financial Report for the period July 19, 2007 – August 15, 2007. Checking deposits for the period totaled \$526.50. Checks written to Charlie Ames for printing (Newsletter), Gander Mountain (picnic door prizes), Cash (picnic cash box), Bee Tee Enterprises (plaques for the picnic), and "Kings Brass" CDs (gift for Barry Stevens totaled \$565.91. The Oswego net-pen account remains unchanged (no activity) at \$1566.25. The Pro-Am Net Pen Account increased to \$1,778.00 with a \$778.00 contribution from the Little Salmon River Derby. A \$1472.99 profit (lowest in three years) from the August picnic increased Elosta's current balance in the checking and savings accounts to \$14,196.81. The combined accounts total \$17,541.06 the motion to accept Tom's report as read was seconded and approved. Copies of the report were made available to the officers.

- It was noted that ELOSTA has reached a level of economic stability that provides the organization with the flexibility to become more actively involved in resource related issues. Another call was made to the membership present for two candidates who would be interested in an ELOSTA sponsorship at one of DEC's environmental camps. The Board of Directors will also meet to discuss potential areas of concern and logistic support for politically involved groups with similar goals and objectives.

- Dan Bishop (DEC) noted that there have no new findings of VHS in the State over the past month. The ongoing channel realignment effort to improve fish access to the Salmon River Hatchery ladder has been completed.

Plans for the distribution of the Occidental settlement include funds for an improved trail system to accommodate streamside anglers and reduce the adverse environmental impact of foot traffic along the Salmon River. Funds will also be allocated to fund a study to determine the feasibility of utilizing ground water in the hatchery. At this point Doug Fuegel questioned Dan on the status of the pump that had been purchased by groups like ELOSTA to supply this ground water. It has been over two years and nothing has been done. Doug explained that he was advised by Albany that the pump did not meet energy efficiency requirements and therefore, was not useable. Dan explained that issue is not within the scope of his responsibilities and pointed out that Doug Stang is now acting director of F&W.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is on September 22 and ELOSTA is welcome to participate.

- At 7:35 Charlie turned the meeting over member Jeff Lantiengue who gave a interesting and informative presentation on copper line trolling techniques. Jeff referred to a depth comparison chart for wire and, as an example, noted that 30# copper will sink approximately 5-6 feet for every 10 yards of wire. This means that you already have 60 yards off the reel just to reach a “down the center” long line depth of 50-60 feet. Couple that with a feisty 30 pound king and there goes the remaining 40 yards. It was evident that Jeff was talking about larger capacity reels with plenty of 30-50 # “Power Pro” line to back up the copper.

Jeff recommended Albright and haywire twist knots to attach the wire to the backing and the swivels. He suggested 10 foot plus leaders and the use of SPRO swivels to control line twist. This rig will work with all the lures commonly used on the lake and you can stay with your favorite color schemes. He likes to use “J-Plugs”. Wire will also work well off in-line Church Boards. Let your wire out to its fullest extent and then attach the backing to the board’s release. The wire should be stripped off the reel by hand until there is sufficient weight to free spool with out kinking the line. According to Jeff the hit on the boards is spectacular.

Long lining with 300 feet of kink prone wire that is not too forgiving can have its drawbacks. When a fish hits it has a lot of space to run around way out back before it can be brought under control. It can be a real circus act trying to keep a fast moving fish out of the other copper lines, rigger lines, and dipsey lines you have in the water.

- In general the Board members agreed that the bite has been good. Dipseys and copper wire rigs have been the most productive methods used and a lot of fish are being caught on white/white. Mac MacKenzie took the Fifth when asked where the perch were holed up out there.

- Charlie’s motion to adjourn was seconded and carried. Our next meeting will be at Gander Mountain at 7PM on September 19th ... walk-ins are welcomed. *Mac MacKenzie*