

ELOSTA Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday June 20, 2007
Minutes

President Charlie Ames called the 4th monthly meeting of 2007 to order at 7:10 PM at the Gander Mountain Lodge Room. 63 members and guests were in attendance. Charlie acted as secretary in the absence of Mac MacKenzie and Doug Fuegel.

Charlie motioned to accept the minutes of the May 16th meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. His motioned was seconded and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Tom Lott read the financial report for the period May 16th - June 20th, 2007. There were deposits of \$ 913.00 and expenditures of \$ 544.09. The Oswego net-pen account is \$ 1566.25 and the Pro-Am net-pen account is \$1000. ELOSTA's accounts total \$ 11,771.60 and the combined accounts are \$ 14,337.85. The motion to accept Tom's report was Seconded and approved.

Dan Bishop brought us up to date on the fish kill in Skaneateles Lake. The tests confirmed that the kill was due to VHS. This is a very perplexing problem since the disease as it exists in Europe only effects cold water species such as trout and salmon. This mutated form of the disease seems to be affecting cool water species such as muskys, walleyes, smallmouths etc. DEC will stay on top of the situation and will continue to enforce the emergency baitfish regulations.

Jerry Loughnot and Rick Paninski gave an excellent presentation on walleye fishing in Oneida Lake. Jerry's presentation dealt with trolling and Ricks with weed fishing.

Jerry discussed three way rigging, leadcore lining, using heavy keel sinkers in conjunction with inline planer boards. For most applications the Offshore boards seem to work the best. However when using heavy snap weights and leadcore the Church boards are preferable since you can adjust the keel weight which allows the board to run level.

Jerry stressed the importance of depth control and the necessity of the "Precision Trolling Book" which will tell you the depth that your diving lure is running with a given length of line.

Rick discussed spinner fishing in sparse weeds at length. Rick ties his own spinners and has an inventory of over 150. The No. 4 willowleaf is the primary choice but at times smaller blades seem to work better. Most of the components he uses are purchased from mail order firms such as Stamina and Hagens. This is because you cannot find much of a selection locally.

Rick discussed the tackle he uses which is a 6 ½ ft. medium action rod and also his choice of line which is braided Power-Pro. He also pointed out other techniques such as jigging which are deadly at times.

The one thing that he stressed as extremely important is boat control. If you expect to be successful you must have drift bags and an electric trolling motor. In general you can't fish the heavy weeds and you must stay on the edge which does require precise boat control.

This was an excellent presentation and was well received by the standing room only crowd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be at Gander Mountain at 7:00 PM on July 18th. *Charlie Ames*