

Elosta Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday May 21, 2008

Minutes

(Also available at www.elosta.org)

Vice President Doug Fuegel called the third monthly meeting of the 2008 summer season to order at 7:05 PM on May 21st in the Lodge meeting room in Gander Mountain's Cicero Store. Charlie Ames was unable to attend the meeting ... his wife had undergone extensive heart bypass and valve surgery the day before. The twenty nine members/guests in attendance wished the very best to both. Mac MacKenzie acted in his capacity as Secretary.

Doug's motion to accept the minutes for the April 16 meeting at Gander Mountain as presented in the Newsletter was seconded and carried with one exception. The minutes made no mention of the receipt of net pen contributions submitted with various annual renewals. Treasurer Tom Lott noted that the decision had been made by the Board not to establish another separate account to accommodate these funds. It was explained that the remainder of the long standing DEC account was closed when it was allocated to the new nets (2008) at Oswego. A significant portion of that net pen cost was also supplemented from ELOSTA's general fund which is where the gratefully accepted net pen gifts are deposited. Another possibility would be to include these gifts with the newly established Pro-Am account. That alternative was also rejected for obvious bookkeeping and accountability reasons.

Tom Lott read the Treasurer's report for the period April 17 through May 21, 08. The report was tabled at the March 6th meeting pending Tom's return from a ski trip. Four checks totaling **\$1017.18** were written over the period for web-site expenses, Newsletter editing, Encompass Printing, and wheels (Pro-Am account) for the Oswego net pens. ELOSTA's current balance after deposits from accrued interest totals **\$12,850.75**. The Pro-Am net pen account currently totals **\$218.17**. Copies of Tom's report were made available to the officers and interested members. Copies are also maintained by the Treasurer and Secretary. The motion to accept Tom's report as presented was seconded and carried.

Doug Fuegel noted that we had a very few tickets left for the Lowrance drawing - these were sold within minutes.

In general the fishing reports from around the region are good. The browns are cooperating but, the best fishing is during the early morning and late evening hours. The water is still quite cold and the fish can generally be located in six to 12 feet of water. Mac MacKenzie noted that he does not have his boat in the water but, limits of browns can be taken from shore during the sun-up sun-down hours. Oneida Lake continues to provide good fishing and the perch fishing is outstanding at Henderson Harbor.

DEC reports that there has been no feed-back to date on the walleye die-off during the Sandy Creek lamprey treatment program. The exact cause will probably never be known as there were healthy fish mixed in with the dead fish. Most of the fish affected were stressed males that had entered the stream at a much earlier date. No long term impacts to the walleye fishery are

anticipated. However, under the circumstances, future lamprey treatment programs will take spawning activities into consideration.

DEC also reported that the Oswego net-pens were stocked on schedule. However, April was a warm month and unseasonably high water temperatures were encountered in the Oswego River. To reduce the potential for significant loss these fish were retained in the pens for just two days and released.

DEC presented a fascinating Power Point Presentation describing the operation and benefits of the State's new fish counting and marking trailer. This information was covered in some detail in the previous Newsletter. Members wishing to obtain more specifics should go to <http://www.nmt.us/products/afs/afs.htm>. This rig is unbelievable.

After a few - ok, a lot of spins - the winner of the Lowrance GPS and Sonar unit was drawn from the barrel. He is **Jeff Burns** of Syracuse. Congratulations Jeff.

Doug asked Mac MacKenzie about ELOSTA's membership roster to date. Overall the database listing shows 350 current and known former members. During 2007 the total number of members including advertisers and complementary was 327. To date in 2008 the listing is currently 315 including 22 paid advertisers and 19 complementary.

A computer glitch earlier this year caused the loss of some member's names who joined after August 1st of 2007. Most of you have contacted us but, we have no way of knowing if any name has been missed.

Doug thanked all those who attended. A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried at 8:45PM. Mac