

## ELOSTA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 15, 2009

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President Charlie Ames called the fifth monthly meeting of the 2009 summer season to order at 7:00 PM on July 15th in the meeting room at Gander Mountain's Cicero store. Thirty five members/guests were on hand to hear Tom Allen of "A-TOMIK" Lures - [www.atommiktrollingflies.com/cut\\_bait.htm](http://www.atommiktrollingflies.com/cut_bait.htm) - give a presentation on salmon fishing with flies. Mac MacKenzie acted in his capacity as Secretary.

Charlie motioned that the minutes in the June Newsletter be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. His motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Tom Lott gave a detailed summary of payments and account transfers as they appeared in his Financial Report for the period June 18 – July 15, 09. Checks, totaling \$509.34 were written for computer materials, Newsletter editing, and Newsletter printing. Checking deposits from Newsletter Ad fees totaled \$675.00. Elosta's current combined savings and checking accounts total \$15,288.20 including the \$1918.17 remaining in the Pro-Am netpen account. Copies of Tom's Report were made available to the Officers and Board members present. The motion to accept the report as presented was seconded and unanimously carried.

At 7:15 pm Charlie Ames introduced Tom Allen of A-TOM-MIK trolling flies. Tom gave a brief summary of his long term interest in the Lake Ontario fishery and his various activities that led to the establishment of Atomik. The Atomik name is derived from son's name **TOM**my, his daughter's name **MIK**ala, and the "A" in their last name "Allen".

Tom likes to compete on the lake and in the business environment. It has taken him a long time to break into the industry. He called attention to the many familiar names that have come and gone and, firmly asserted, that he plans on being around for awhile. Over the past seven years Atomik has demanded most of his attention, which also produced a win in the Pro Am.

He noted that the annual introduction of new colors is more the result of competition between the vendors rather than demand from the fishing community. This season Atomik will be dropping the "Standard" single hook fly in favor of the more reliable double hooked "Tournament Series". They use 50# fluorocarbon line which is factory knotted with a jig and vise. Those wishing to tie their own would do better with the easier to tie Palomar knot.

In response to requests for some hot fishing tips he emphasized the need to pay attention to specifics like water temperature, color, leader length, speed, drop-back, and light conditions. Running the lure in the right place at the right time takes fish. He suggested 10 – 15 feet behind the ball early and an average of 40 feet behind the ball as the bite slows. In general the fish seem to be more active during the full moon period.

In general plastic rotators such as "Spin Dr's" and "Protrolls" are more speed tolerant and will not spin out as fast as metal dodgers. Running the fly 19" behind the

flasher is a good place to start. Interested in learning more??? Go to [www.atommiktrollingflies.com/cut\\_bait.htm](http://www.atommiktrollingflies.com/cut_bait.htm) and check out the catalog. Most local tackle shops also stock a full line of Atomik products.

Charlie called upon Doug Fuegel who reiterated some of the concerns he raised in his last column concerning addition of Ethanol to gasoline. Ethanol is a powerful detergent that combines with water to form a gel that is corrosive to fuel lines and tanks. Not to mention gumming up fuel filters. Doug had talked with Star Brite who sent him a case of their newly formulated relatively expensive “Star -Tron” additive. The EPA has mandated that Ethanol will be required locally by the end of September.

Dan Bishop recapped his previous report that netting results on the Salmon River indicate fewer naturally produced young of the year Chinook. They are convinced that the returns were negatively influenced by frequent high river flows over the period.

The funds remain available to acquire the Sandy Pond public access site. However, an ongoing dispute between the owners of the estate has held things up.

The Statewide Angler Study has been completed and is available for review at the DEC website. Not too much to report on the ongoing cormorant program.

Anglers have been reporting a lot of action with small Atlantics this season. Dan explained that Canada has a very active stocking program which probably explains the numbers of fish seen. However, he also cautioned that this might not reflect a future fishery featuring this species. Atlantics are susceptible to a Thiamine deficiency when they feed on alewives.

Comments from the floor were relatively consistent regarding returns from Oneida and the big lake. The fish are still deep (200-275 feet) and most are being taken from areas west of Oswego and north of Sandy Pond. As of this meeting there were a lot of pesky fleas out there to contend with.

Tom Lott said that the walleye fishing on Oneida was picking up some and other reports indicate that Cayuga and Skaneateles have shut down.

At the June meeting a motion was made from the floor regarding ELOSTA’s purchase of NYS fishing licenses for the veterans who will participating in PHWFF’s national event on the Salmon River this fall. That offer has been made and accepted by PHWFF.

Zane McFadden reported that he and his eye Dr. had discussed the use of ultra violet light to enhance the attraction of fishing lures. Since ultraviolet is not in the visible light spectrum and it won’t penetrate any distance into water – where is the benefit??? A good question which I hope to follow -up on.

President Ames thanked all those who attended and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Next meeting is at 7PM, August 19th at Gander Mountain in Cicero. As always, walk-ins and their input are welcomed. **Mac MacKenzie**