

## ELOSTA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 19, 2009

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President Charlie Ames called the seventh monthly meeting of the 2009 summer season to order at 7:05 PM on September 16th in the meeting room at Gander Mountain's Cicero store. Twenty five members/guests were in attendance and Mac MacKenzie acted in his capacity as Secretary.

Charlie motioned that the minutes of the August meeting be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. His motion was seconded and carried.

Tom Lott gave a detailed summary of payments and account transfers as they appeared in his Financial Report for the period August 15 – September 16, 2009. Checks, totaling \$792.02 were written for the Northeast Sports Show booth, Libby Loughnot (Newsletter), Encompass Printing (Newsletter), and Tom Lott (soda pop and crackers for the Sept. meeting). Tom provided the smoked salmon dip.

A deposit in the amount of \$1053.00 from Mike's Little Salmon River Challenge (earmarked for netpen activities in the Eastern Basin) was deposited with the Pro Am Netpen funds. That account now totals \$2971.17. The last outstanding Ad fee of \$75 was also deposited bringing the combined savings, netpen, and checking accounts total to \$14,284.38. Copies of Tom's Report were provided to the officers and board members present.

A motion to accept the report as presented was seconded and carried.

President Ames advised the membership that he had polled and received approval from the Board regarding an ELOSTA donation in the amount of \$350 to the Conservation Council. A motion to accept the proposal was seconded and carried.

Jerry Loughnot called attention to a case of StarBrite's "**Star\*Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment**" that he brought in for interested members at dealer's cost. An \$18 bottle will treat 250 gallons of gas or diesel fuel. StarBrite claims that this additive will correct most fuel storage and clean burning problems including those attributed to Ethanol. Ethanol has been added to automotive fuels for some time. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> it will also become a component of all fuels obtained at marina operations.

A note from the Secretary. A member suggested from the floor that the additive "ValvTect" already does this job. Not sure about that; but, StarBrite obtained a court injunction that dismisses ValvTect's claim.

The meeting was turned over to Jerry Loughnot who, standing among a number of favorite rods and assorted colored "STUFF", gave a presentation on Oneida Lake perch "catching" tactics. Essentially, the basic and most productive method is a vertical presentation with a controlled horizontal drift. Drift bags and electric motors are needed to effectively compensate for a wind that seldom cooperates. Anchoring is not as productive as it is on Lake Ontario for example.

Fickle winds also require the use of various sinker weights, ½ - 2 ounces, to maintain contact with the bottom. This translates into a sensitive stick , or two, or three, - with the backbone to cope with changing conditions. Jerry also experiments daily with various colored hooks tied with a relatively short snell to provide a better off-set from the line. This gear has to be coupled with a bit of finesse and some fathead minnows to produce the foot long fish he took from his cooler.

A general and somewhat heated discussion from the floor expressed concern over the proposed closing of Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery by Onondaga County. Whether this is just another political diversion tactic to obtain concessions elsewhere is not apparent at this time. However, members are encouraged to contact their legislators and make their feeling known. ELOSTA has responded under its letterhead.

Opinions concerning this season's fishing experiences on the "Big O" were inconsistent to say the least. In general it was felt that there were more than the normal numbers of Coho and the Kings were few and far between. Schools of baitfish ??? clouded the sonar screens across the Eastern Basin. Large dormant hooks suggested that the fish were there??

Charlie reminded everyone of the upcoming open house at the Altmar Hatchery on September 26. A number of members volunteered to set up and man ELOSTA's booth throughout the day.

President Ames thanked all those who attended and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. Next meeting is at 7PM on October 17 at the DEC Fish Hatchery in Altmar . As always, walk-ins and their input are welcomed. **Mac MacKenzie**