

## FIGURE 8 MUSKY CLUB 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hello all!

I want to start by saying **THANK YOU** to Mark and Karissa for the past 6 years of presidency. You did an outstanding job and the club, and I personally, can't thank you enough. You accomplished so much over these past 6 years!

We held our fall meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, we voted on new board positions, had new proposals, and some new ideas. The new Board is President- Nick Bystol, Vice President- Jeremy Van Ert, Secretary- Chris Ledvina, Treasurer- Andy Heinz, Board Members- Brian 'Sparky' Steichen, Kyle Kowalczyk, and Corey Coenen.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

We will be getting back to our quarterly meetings, these will be the first Wednesday of the following months February, May, August, November, February, etc schedule. The first meeting will be held at **Remis** in Cecil on **Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. The plan is to rotate the meeting locations to various establishments, we do not have these set yet but will post that as soon as we know the future locations. These will be posted on Facebook and if you would like to receive a text that will be an option also.

There were a few league proposals which will be put on the agenda to be voted on at the May meeting. If there are any other proposals those can also be brought to the February meeting. We are looking to get a board together to get Shawano Lake to a 50-inch size limit. If you are interested in being on this board, please let me know. There was also discussion on fundraising ideas with one of these being the Alliance Boat. If anyone has an event, they think having the boat at would be beneficial let me know or bring that to the February Meeting. If we can continue stocking fish, we are going to have to come up with some new ideas to raise money, any and all ideas are welcome.

### SEASON NOTES

Over the past summer and fall we have had a lot of things happen. First off congratulations to the league winner's 1<sup>st</sup>- Jack Woehler, and a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>- Allie Gowey and Eric Maduscha. League was an overall success, and we had a great turnout throughout much of the year.

Second, we had our Mid-Season Tournament/ Cookout back in July. This is a great event that Mark and Karissa started and I'm hoping it can continue to grow. Fishing takes place in the morning followed by a cookout with beer, soda, lawn games and a few raffles. Hopefully each year we can get a few more people attend. It's a great event for the whole family, and everyone is welcome.

Next, we had our Fall Outing up at Deer Path Resort. The winner was Trevor Grunwald catching a great north woods musky. This outing continues to grow each year, Deer Path is an outstanding place to stay and treats us great. This year the outing will be held on **October 12<sup>th</sup>**,

**2024 at Krull's Deer Path Resort.** As of right now we have told Jay to only keep the cabins that we had for last year so please if you plan on attending **plan ahead and get your cabin reserved.** This is a great time to get some Northwoods musky fishing in on the lake of your choosing and sit around in the cabin's afterwards and talk fishing with everyone.

### STOCKING NEW/ DNR UPDATES

This fall we had a couple surprises. The WIDNR is now allowing Wisconsin Strain fish to be stocked into Shawano again. We were able to put 875 fish into the system. The total cost of these fish was \$12,000, with the generous donations from Matt's Memorial Musky Tournament (\$5,000), Dave's Musky Club (\$2,000), and \$5,000 from the club we were able to make it happen. We can't thank these two clubs enough for the generous donations.

Next, we just found out that no Great Lakes Strain fish were stocked this year throughout the entire state. Both hatcheries had a fish die off due to an unknown virus. That is about all we know at this time but if they continue to have issues with the hatchery it will probably allow for more fish to be stocked next year.

Lastly, Shawano's fish Biologist Aaron O'Connell has stepped down. There were a couple things in the works with Aaron, so we are hoping to still get these accomplished. One was getting Shawano off every other year stocking and moving it to every year stocking. We are unsure at this time who will be taking over for him but hope to have as great of working relationship with the next biologist as we did him and get these things accomplished. At this time, we are unsure if they will be looking to do the movement study as he had but we are still hopeful.

### BANQUET

Sorry, there was no banquet this fall. With the transition it did not allow enough time. It was decided at the last meeting that spring would be the best. We are still getting the exact date and location figured out but as soon as it is known we will get the mailers out. The mailers will be out with plenty of time for people to get them in.

### IN CLOSING

The other two things enclosed are membership forms and a schedule for league and club outings. I look forward to serving as president and hope to continue to help the club grow. If anyone has any questions or concerns my phone is always on. Hope to see everyone this year at some or all the events and please spread the word about the club. Please feel free to reach out anytime!

Happy Holidays,

Nick Bystol

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