

WAM Member Meeting Minutes December 9th, 2018

Personal Note From Theresa Jones:

Good afternoon ladies! I told you I'd be here in spirit! I want to thank you all so much for coming to this 4th quarter member meeting and the Holiday Party! I'm super excited you're all here, and yet super bummed I can't be! I miss all of you so much!

In the absence of both myself and Kristen, who is away at the Fargo Sportshow telling all the Dakotans about WAM, I asked some ladies to help me make this day a success. Could I ask for the Holiday Party Committee members present to please stand up when your name is called.

Angie Fasbender, Angie Wicks, Hailey Sheprow, Ellen Laska, Ashlan Mabel, Val Tesch, and Sara Spiering. You ladies made this day possible, and stress free, with your ideas, commitments to certain tasks, coming early to set up, and remarkable teamwork. Thank you so much, I'm glad we had a blast planning this afternoon! Let's give this team a round of applause please!

Okay, so, I've asked Sara to run the meeting and any board members present will answer questions along the way and I've asked Patti to take notes for us. Any questions that can't be answered will be addressed publicly via the minutes when I publish them in the fb group. So please, enjoy your meal while we get through this meeting portion, you'll have plenty of fun things to do afterwards. So without further delay, I'll stop writing and let Sara get on with it!

Call to Order 12:34pm:

- Sent the Roll Call Sign in Sheet around, attending are:
 - 1. Sara Spiering, 2. Robin Karels, 3. Dawn Lavigne, 4. Val Tesch, 5. Rachel Norstrem, 6. Jamie Hembroff, 7. Angie Fasbender, 8. Ellen Sweningson-Laska, 9. Katie Stockton, 10. Cassie Cajune, 11. Patty Johnson, 12. Christie Foster, 13. Susan Warkel, 14. Hailey Sheprow, 15. Tonett Pardun, 16. Jeanine Widmer, 17. Maren Jecha, 18. Deb Samuelson, 19. Raelee Johnson, 20. Katie Hinz, 21. Kim Petrie, 22. Angie Wicks, 23. Alysan Mcleod, 24. Britane Peterson, 25. Sharon Rittenour, 26. Autumn Peterson, 27. Janice Wong, 28. Bridgette Kelly, 29. Shannon Meyer, 30. Amy Musinger, 31. Jody Cu, 32. Michelle Morey, 33. Tina Jacobsen, 34. Pat Hauslein, 35. Audrey Spear, 36. Jill Michels, 37. Loretta Miller, 38. Coreen Lubeley, 39. Gail Vedder, 40. Courtney Schurhammer, 41. Lillian Stevens, 42. Cindy Millar, 43. Stephanie Lawson, 44. Laura Peterson, 45. Brittany Nelson, 46. Jan Cartwright, 47. Elizabeth Colsen, 48. BJ Rhode, 49. Deanne Anderson, 50. Jenny Hedman, 51. Melissa Lebeau, 52. Erin Charlton, 53. Lindsey Otte, 54. Makayla McClintock, 55. Sara McClintock

President Report On behalf of Kristen Merwin

- Election Ballots
 - Per the current bylaws, the 2019 ballots have been mailed out, and must be postmarked for return by the 17th, which is next Monday. They will be counted by December 31, 2018 by one current Board Member, Theresa Jones, and one current member, Ann Bjorklund. Results will be posted in the first 2019 REELNEWS, the website, and in the Facebook group.
- Ice Queen Tournament
 - We have launched sign up for our very **FIRST...FREE... NATIONWIDE... VIRTUAL** ice fishing tournament! It starts January 1st runs till February 28th ... and is for women only. There are 25 top prizes by our major sponsors!! Find more information on the website about prizes, rules, and how to join.
- 2019 WAM Annual Ice Tournament
 - Our 2nd annual Ice Tournament will be Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 at McQuoid's Inn on Mille Lacs Lake from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This tournament is in a ladies only 2 person team format with 75 teams max. The cost is \$40 per lady. Find more information on rules and how to join on the website.
- Minnesota Hall of Fame Induction
 - As you may have seen announced on Facebook, Women Anglers of Minnesota will be inducted as the Class of 2019 to the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame. We are beyond thrilled to be recognized for the significant contribution our organization has made to the fishing industry. Stay tuned for more information after the first of the year on how to get tickets to the induction ceremony breakfast on Friday, March 22nd at the Northwest Sportshow.

Vice President Report: on behalf of Erin Murray

- Master Angler Certificates
 - Due to high cost of postage (approx. \$5.00 each), certificates are available digitally, by request. Pins are still being mailed for approx. \$3.00 per package. Inside each envelope is a congratulatory note, and instructions for requesting an emailed copy of the certificate. Recipients are also being recognized on social media. Due to the large number of submissions not anticipated at the program's inception, posting/ mailing of awards is done on a monthly basis. Since the 2018-2019 Master Angler year started in June, there have been 40 qualifying entries. The season will end again on May 31st 2019 and Angler of the Year will be announced at the summer tournament. All details on the program can be found on the website. Pictures of previous winners with their catches are posted on the Facebook page. Feel free to email or message me for more info!
- Trade Show Booth Display and Logo Refresh
 - The board agreed it was time to update our booth display and refresh the club logo at the same time. We invested \$3000 into this project. The logo is now in a full color, high-resolution format, with clean lines and less small detail, which makes it optimal for printing purposes and digital use. The booth display we had previously for tradeshow was hodge-podged, outdated, and falling apart. The new one has a professional look, gives us credibility, and is built to last.

Social/Charity Report: on behalf of Theresa Jones

- Charity
 - The Donation Request page on the website has been updated in an effort to streamline the process for the board and the recipient. There is now a separate form for each type of donation request we typically receive and honor. The categories are high school fishing teams, open water and/ or ice water rod and reel combos, raffle/silent auction requests, monetary requests, and then “other” for any other type of requests.
 - In 2018 we spent over \$10,350 in charity requests! How was the money spent you might ask? Well, we spent \$3500 in February for 350 open water rods, all of which were donated out by the end of August. We actually have requests on a waiting list for the 2019 season. I'm thrilled to announce we have decided to expand our rod donation program to include the hard water season for children's fishing clinics and spent another \$3500 for 300 Ice Rod and Reel Combos by Clam! We also spent over \$4000 in various monetary donations for youth fishing clinics as well as raffle and silent auction prizes for fundraisers. I will send out a general end of year expense report for 2018 in the first 2019 REELNEWS, and will do a more comprehensive report as a file in the facebook group for those who are interested.
- Social
 - No updates here, just be on the lookout for exciting new happenings from Social in 2019!

Trip Report: on behalf of Shari Swanson

- Winter Trip
 - This year's 2019 winter trip is at Devil's Lake, North Dakota at the Woodlands Resort and will be February 7th-10th. It includes 2 Days of ice fishing in Heated Fish Houses. You'll just need to bring your Rods, Tackle and Vexilar. You can find more information and registration on the website.

Fundraising: Britane Peterson

- Britane talked about the success of the large raffle we did in September

Membership: Elizabeth Colsen

- Elizabeth talked about the success of the 2018 Ice Show.

Member Floor Requests:

- Request submitted for kids ice fishing tournament

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45pm