

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

January 2019

PO Box 812 Alpena, MI 49707

Officers

President Jim Leeseberg
Vice President Dave Birmingham
Financial/Recording Sec Dennis Burns

Board of Directors

Bill O'Neil
Richard Hubert
Eric MacKenzie
Kevin Cosbitt

DECEMBER MEETING NOMINATIONS FOR TBWC 2019 YEAR TO BE VOTED ON IN OUR JANUARY 2019 MEETING

VICE PRESIDENT

NO nominations received

Currently held by Dave Birmingham will continue

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Currently held by Dennis Burns will continue

NO nominations received

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 of 4

Currently held by Kevin Cosbitt & Eric MacKenzie

Nominations are:

Eric MacKenzie
Spencer Weidbrauk
Jeremy Phillips

Voting will take place at this meeting for 2 of 3 Board nominations

The following is a description of the scope of procedures and duties in our bylaws but may not limit any officer from other duties agreed to.

ARTICLE IV.

- A. General meetings shall be held monthly on the second Wednesday each month at a predetermined site unless an exception is made and posted in the monthly newsletter.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.
- C. 20% of the membership is required to conduct any business.

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- D. Committees shall be made up of no less than two (2) members in good standing, and shall report their findings to the general membership. All committee action will be supported by a written report to the directors and/or membership.
- E. Executive board shall have a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.
They are elected for a one (2) year term and shall hold office until new officers are elected and are members of the Board of Directors.
- F. Nominations shall take place at the December meeting.
- G. Elections will take place at the January meeting with takeover in the February meeting.

- H. If any officer misses three (3) consecutive meetings without an excuse being presented to the President within this time, he/she shall automatically be suspended from office and the office declared vacant.

PRESIDENT

1. Shall conduct the meeting of the club.
2. Shall name committees deemed necessary to conduct the activities of the club.
3. Shall call meetings and special meetings as necessary to conduct all activities of the club.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Shall act for the President in absence of the president or his/her inability to perform the duties of the President.
2. Shall assist the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer in the organizational functions of the club.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. Shall develop minutes and be responsible for all records of the club.
2. Shall be responsible for financial transactions. Two (2) signatures shall be affixed to each check. The President, Vice President, Treasurer are eligible to sign checks.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Shall consist of four (4) members in good standing.
2. Shall assist the officers in all operating functions of the club.
3. All officers shall be board members.
4. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be chosen by the board members at their first regular meeting. It shall be his/her duties to preside at all meetings of the Board and he/she shall have full authority to call special meetings of the

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Board when necessary. He/she shall at regular membership meetings give a report of the previous Board meeting.

TERMS

1. The President shall be elected on even years.
2. The Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected on odd years.
3. One half of the Board shall be elected on even years and one half be elected on odd years.
4. There is no a limit to the number of terms individuals may choose to run. Individuals may run for any position they choose.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS FOR 2019

We did set our tournament schedule for 2019 at the December meeting. Consideration was given to the MWT and local vents that would conflict with our schedule.

However the April Augres tourney for Saturday April 27th may be a bit too early. Last year we fished it on May 20th which was too late for the good bite near shore and conflict with our 2018 tournament banquet awards get together.

Discussion will start on rule changes at this meeting and may be ongoing for the next few winter weeks on but not limited to entry fee, hours, location, number of tournaments, etc.

Nite Eyes which is a public event format including its entry fee and payout will be included.

We will be looking for one or two people interested in **running** the fishing tournaments for 2019 which would include but not limited to collecting entry fee money, possible membership fees, writing pay out checks, weigh-in etc.

If you have any impute for 2019 schedule be at this meeting.

If you have any ideas on what changes you would like to see contact Denny Burns
@ jackieodennyb@frontier.com

Or mail to TBWC Box 812, Alpena MI 49707.

We want to make this better for all.

OTHER WINTER TOURNAMENTS

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE

SATURDAY JANUARY 26th

DARK-TO-DARK

- Registration is at South Shore Party Store Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. **Pre-registration is available.**
- \$20 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH
- Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch from 7-8pm; late arrivals will not be accepted
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback

The tournament will be postponed until February if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 5:30am.

ATLANTIC SALMON INTO THE THUNDER BAY RIVER. REPORTS LAST YEAR THE ATLANTICS AND BROWN TROUT WERE IN ALL WINTER AS WELL AS IN THE BOAT HARBOR.

You can drop off the fish heads from Atlantics only with the adipose fin clipped at the Fisheries Station at the end of Fletcher St.

The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing tactics.

Take advantage of these, they may give you some ideas on how to improve your fishing attack instead of doing the same thing day after day.

These were purchased by the club for all to use.

On line you can find a number of articles and demonstrations for success used by pros using various methods for different times of the year.

BROWN TROUT

Glen Klimczak will have an update at this meeting.

Romeo Bourdage writes,

Michigan Brown Trout-- Welcomes the return of the Michigan Walleye Tour for 2019

It is official, MWT will help to anchor the Michigan Brown Trout Festival for the 2019 fishing tournament. The club has worked to secure the MWT since this summer seeing that the two day tourney adds a great deal of fisherman to the actual Brown Trout Tournament, additionally anchors the last weekend of the

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tournament with the showcase of the MWT tournament season with Alpena being the last stop in the four series event. The MWT posted the schedule Sunday on its Facebook page which gives fisherman a great deal of time to plan for summer tournaments and get lodging secured. The MWT is great for the Alpena community on all fronts and features a world class walleye location. The last tournament hosted more than 65 teams with the potential of 80 pending how tournament anglers plan their summer tournaments-- Alpena was chosen because the fishermen love the area and its prize walleye fishery. We are excited to be hosting this event and welcome the Anchor Sponsors: Biggby Coffee, Panel Processing, Gator Bait Tackle, and Michigan Brown Trout Festival. We have additional local business/club sponsors committing to Alpena's share of the \$5,000 towards the guaranteed \$10,000 1st place prize: Thunder Bay Walleye Club, Hilltop Bar & Grill, Allegra Printing, Sports Page Bar and Grill, Alpena Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Alpena Veterinary Clinic. If you are interested in being part of the sponsorship, please contact Romeo Bourdage for details.

DNR

The DNR contacted Richard Hubert about James Farm Pond saying they do NOT plan to utilize it this year. Apparently the required of fingerlings need does not warrant it.

Richard is the keeper of the pond fertilizing, filling and making sure all the electrical is in order.

Last fall they did extensive work in the pond basin and plan to do more in the area surround the pond.

FOR SALE ITEMS

WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals

I have recently installed the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals to my boat. I gave them a real test on my NWT trip to Lake Erie. I have to say they were GREAT! Nicest ride I have ever had on big, bad water. No launching or bouncing. No "bottoming-out" or back jarring. I highly recommend the WavePro Air Pedestals for anyone looking for an easier ride on rough water. The air spring chamber allows for 0-200 psi of air spring preload to accommodate a wide range of weights. The WavePro Pedestals can be purchased through John Unkovich (989-727-2797) at Viking Marine on Hubbard Lake. If you have any questions about the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442).

Wayne VanDyke

SERVICES

Boat & RV Fiberglass repair-- Mid-Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St. Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000
www.midmichiganfiberglass.com Factory Authorized. Highly recommended by Romeo 989-358-5310

Electric Motor, Canvas, and Downrigger Repair

If you are in need of work on your Minnkota, need canvas work, or your Cannon Downriggers Serviced get ahold of Brad Valley @ Valley's Canvas Services and Repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191.

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Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now winter repair?

Call the Boat Keeper!

Most of you already know that TBWC member Greg Trelfa is a great mechanic. Why order from the big stores when Greg now has access to a full line of marine parts and accessories for all the major brands like Johnson, Evenrude, Mercury, Yamaha and more. He can also supply you with the latest in electronics from Lowrance and Hummingbird, and does professional high end installations as well. His kind of personal service and expertise is hard to come by, so if you are looking to upgrade some electronics or need some repairs or maintenance done and want it done right at very competitive prices, give Greg a call @ 595-3149.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday January 9th 2019 at 7pm

MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126

Besser Tech Center

ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -126) it's the large room to the *RIGHT* as you go in the front entrance in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

Agenda:

Elections for Officers and Board of Directors

Club Tournaments

Brown Trout updates

Cormorant Control

Open discussion on any topic.