



Chapter Updates

1st Wisconsin’s May Board Meeting: Another virtual meeting was held this month (May). The change was motivated by recommendations from the CDC to avoid meeting with large groups. The virtual meeting was a success.

June’s general meeting has been canceled. The Tamarack Island Lodge Raffle will take place on Thursday June 4th. The winner will be posted on the First Wisconsin Facebook page.

The June board meeting will be held virtually on its regularly scheduled date. Board members will be sent an invitation via email. Please reach out to a chapter director if interested in attending.

1st Wi’s Top Water Chal-Lunge

1st Wi’s Muskies Inc will be hosting a chapter outing on Saturday June 13th. The event will be hosted at Josie Creek County Campground. The event runs from 9:00am – 5:00pm with a lunch break running from 12:00-1:00. Tune up your top water game in advance of the outing to enhance your odds of taking home the traveling trophy. Reach out to Dave Jann or Mathew Ross for more information. Note: Members will be required to sign a Release of Liability to participate (See attachment).

Members Only Lunge Log

Lunker of the Month

Member Name	Month	Length
Fischer Smith	May	47.5
John Goodbrake	March	32.25

First Wi' Juniors (As of 5/26/20)

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Fischer Smith	1	22	47.5

First Wi' Mens (As of 5/26/20)

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Tony Martin	8	116	46
Todd Carlson	1	20	46
Travis Sharer	1	20	46
John Goodbrake	1	6	32.5
Nathan Mc Keeth	1	5	31

First Wi' Mens (As of 5/26/20)

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Ace Sommerfeld	2	15	35

RULES for Chapters MOFC/Lunker of the Month

Link to Chapter rules are on the last couple pages of April 2020 newsletter.

Muskie Inc. "Lite" Entry system explained also.

http://firstwimuskiesinc.org/documents/newsletters/2020_04.PDF

Link to Muskie Inc. Fishing Policies

https://muskiesinc.org/indy_files/zz_llentry.php upper right of page

New Horizons

With a current membership base of 226 (9 New Members this month), the board of directors is thinking outside the boat on how we can attract more members. We are looking for volunteers to help improve our reach in the Youth and Female fishing categories. If you are a Female or Youth



musky angler and would like to volunteer, or have ideas on how we can improve our followership, please reach out to us.

Current Fundraisers

The Tamarack Island Lodge Raffle is also underway. The winner will receive one week of house keeping for two people (Valid September 1st 2020 – ice up 2020). Only 200 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place on June 4th. We are also selling raffle tickets for the Muskie Alliance Ranger Boat. The boat drawing will be held on August 23. Thank you to Tamarack Island Wilderness Lodge and Muskies Alliance for supporting the First Wisconsin Chapter.

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, please reach out to our board or email KyleDarley@Darley.com to arrange pickup. Thank you to all of you that have purchased tickets to date. The money raised is paramount in keeping our chapter funded.

Lure Raffle Winners:

- 1st place: Rabska Baby Muskie package
 - Travis Sharer, Elk River MN
- 2nd place: Metalhead Bucktail and JMSLures Topwater
 - Mike Breutzmann, Antigo WI
- 3rd place: Joe Heil, Eau Claire WI
 - Andrew Eye crankbait and Glide

Thank you to all who participated!

One Fish, Two Fish

The Board has been diligently exploring the potential of re-introducing a stocking

program. Tom Riedel (Musky Madness), Nick Brenner, Paul Gottwald, and Josh Rabska (Rabska Musky Lures) have been working with local fisheries biologists, rearing ponds, and 1st WI Muskies Inc. members to learn how the chapter can revitalize the stocking program. Although we had a slight window to stock last fall, we weren't able to procure the needed fish in time to make it happen. Recent information leads us to believe we will be able to begin stocking muskies in the next 5 years. Meanwhile, we are exploring the feasibility of partnering with local clubs and agencies to build habitat and stock varying (non-musky) species in our musky fisheries.

Interested In Volunteering?

We are actively seeking volunteers to fulfill assistant roles on the board. Any interested members can reach out to a board member to learn more. Further, we are looking for volunteers to help make the 44th annual 1st Wisconsin Muskies Inc Tournament and other chapter events a Success. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to one of the board members.

Digital Transformation

The club has made a proactive decision to shift a considerable amount of our communication to the chapter Facebook page. Timing couldn't have been better considering the recent shelter in place order enacted at the state level. Please take a moment to log on to facebook and like our page to ensure you are receiving the most up to date information on club happenings.



The club is also working on giving our website a facelift. Members who frequent our website will soon be pleasantly surprised by the enhanced online experience provided by Capture Life (Web Development & Design company).

Regional Meeting Summary

The Regional meeting was held in Wausau in March. Tom Reidle provided the summary to follow. The biggest thing that was done were motions were presented to disband the state chapters organization, as it largely duplicates the region in function and for duties related to the Kleeba Challenge be shifted to the region (passed). It was further motioned that the remaining roughly \$1250 in the state chapters account be given to the DNR shocking boat project in central WI as this is a project very near completion, most clubs have invested in it already, and it will affect a significant portion of musky water (passed). Our chapter supported the electroshock boat by providing a \$2000.00 donation.

Board Meeting Attendance

Attendees:

1. Josh Rabska
2. Nate McKeeth
3. Tom Riedel
4. Kevin Rabska
5. Jack "Bud" Gerlach
6. Paul Gottwald
7. Joe Heil
8. Kyle Darley

Absentees:

1. Matt Ross – Provided notice
2. John Goodbrake – Provided Notice
3. Dave Jann

4. Nick Brenner
5. Don Maves
6. Scott Schreiber
7. Rob Given

Board Moves

Kyle Darley made a motion to purchase 6 tag readers utilizing funds from the fish stocking budget. The motion was seconded by Paul Gottwald and Passed Unanimously.

Kyle Darley made a motion to open a 2nd checking account to support the clubs (future) paypal account. Nathan McKeeth Seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chapter Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>When & Where</i>	<i>Event</i>
06/13/2020	9:00am – 5:00pm Top Water Chal-Lunge Diaryland Flowage (Josie Creek Camp Ground)	Chapter Outing
06/15/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting * Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	
07/06/2020	5:30 PM General Membership Meeting Chippewa-Rod-n-Gun	Summer Meeting
07/20/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting * Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	
08/03/2020	5:30 PM General Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	Summer Meeting
08/17/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting * Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	



09/07/2020 No General Meeting *
Tournament Month

09/18/2020 44th 1st Wisc Annual Musky Tournament September 18-20th, 2020

1/23/2021 Annual Banquet Fill Inn Station

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Editors Corner:

Thank you to all of our members for making our events a success. We are looking forward to getting back to business as usual following the passing of SARS-coV-2. A special thank you to all of our volunteers & Donors for keeping the wheels turning. If you have anything exciting you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, please reach out to Kyle M. Darley by email: KyleDarley@Darley.com

RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE SIGNING



Participant's Name:
(Please Print) _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Zip Code _____ email address _____
Telephone Number _____

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies, Inc. and **(CHAPTER NAME AND COPY/PRINT FOR FUTURE USE)**
I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

I am aware of the inherent risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers, or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. This release applies to any and all risk of contracting, or exposure to, the Covid-19 Coronavirus or any disease, by contact with, or proximity to, other persons, locations, equipment, or facilities encountered during the course of travel to, participation in, and returning home from this event, whether such persons are also participants or otherwise.

1. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds, and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies, Inc. and **(CHAPTER NAME AND COPY/PRINT FOR FUTURE USE)** Muskies, Inc., the host, sponsors, and event officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament.”
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any question or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Muskies, Inc. and _____, the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, their officers, officials, (“Releasees”), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

_____ Date Signed: _____
Participant's Signature

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (Under Age 18 at Time of Registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above of all Releasees, and I, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these programs even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____ Date Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature