

WAAM - Meeting Notes April 13, 2016 by Lorraine Enns-Goulet

Pulled pork supper, courtesy of Danny's Whole Hog! Thank you!!

Soldiering On

- Date for Soldiering On is set for Sunday, May 29, 2016
 - Looking for 40 boats, if you wish to sign up, please contact Jim Bais and/or Ed Moore
 - Would like to see mostly WAAM members boats, but if unable to, will go to outside volunteers
 - Soliders and their families are invited
 - Goal this year is to have each child go home with a fishing rod and reel
- IF ANYONE HAS CHILDRENS LIFE JACKETS PLEASE BRING AS MANY AS YOU HAVE!!
PLEASE ALSO BRING EXTRA LIFE JACKETS IF YOU HAVE AS WELL
- Event to be held at Selkirk Park again
 - Needing volunteers to help with lunch and "other duties as assigned"
 - Town of Selkirk is completely behind this event, as well James Bezan will be attending
 - Soldier On falls under Federal Charity and is the only one in Canada that all donations go 100% to Soldier On
 - They support approx 5700 soldiers to overcome adversity with injuries of all kinds
 - Try to get soldiers involved in various physical activities long term to build on the team support and camaraderie

Anglers Edge Mapping presented by Craig McDougall and Rob McDougall

- Brothers, grew up fishing Wpg River, Nopiming, LOTW etc
- Mapping is done for Lowrance
- Starting mapping in 2012 (15 lakes) cross reference extensively, and will go back to do touch ups once put together
- found that paper maps didn't give a whole lot of information
- their maps use lots of color for depth accuracy and structure
- available as a set, or can get individual chips
- also available in print form
- Working on different lakes, and they will become available each spring
- Will offer continuous upgrades each spring
- Will be doing Lac du Bonnet this year
- Available at Pro-Am, Faloma Marina and www.anglersedgemapping.com
- Also can go to www.gofreeshop.com for an individual map to download to chip (just because "freeshop" is in address, does not mean no charge...)

OLD BUSINESS

- All ice rod and reels with the exception of two were distributed. WAAM will accept pictures of kids fishing and do a draw for the remaining two
- FM/WAAM outing was a huge success, made money and FM will be donating to a charity of their choice this year
- Ducks Unlimited Boys Night Out (May 12, 2016) tickets are regular price \$80, WAAM is paying \$20, so actual purchase price is \$60, Lobster or if your preference is steak MUST advise club ASAP so they can pre-order
- Club took deposits for the Skinz-It

Knife Sharpening 101 presented by Cameron Tait

- Overview with video presentation on knife sharpening
- Cameron is a Red Seal chef and is an instructor at RRCC
- Also hunts and fishes
- His knife sharpening preference is a Japanese water stone at 22.5 degrees
- Sharp knives are a must as they provide less waste, smoother cuts and easier work
- Speed and heat will ruin knives
- To keep knives sharp, use a common steel before each use, draw lightly from heel to tip, about 5-7 smaller swipes
- Japanese water stones are available in different grits, they start at 800 and go to 2000. Keep in mind the lower the number, the more aggressive the grit

- soak these in water for approx 20 minutes
- King/Lee Valley are excellent stones
- Try to get stones that use water only
- If not using knives for food grade, may consider using sharpener with oil
- Diamond stones can wreck your knives in minutes
- Merchant knife sharpeners are OK, not great, but OK
- Takes time to learn to use the stones , but will be worth it
- Sharpen knives in 1" increments starting with tip and then turn to do other side
- Sharpening is all about pressure and angles
- Different steels have different hardness
- Can always fix chipped knives with 400 grit to make new edge
- Do not put knives in dishwasher and don't use the "self sharpener" knives
- Look for Gord Pyzer Outdoor Canada Blog great tutorial on knife sharpening

New Business

- Club purchased 20 kids summer rod and reel combos from Quantum to give away at different events this summer
- BBQ season! Start times will be 6 PM. Dates may change depending on where they will be held etc.

May 18 - WSL Gussy coming to give presentation

June 1st-Pro Am

July 13-Guertin

Aug 10-tentative date - Adventure Power Products

-2015 Sponsorship Awards and Plaques were handed out. Thank you to all who helped WAAM become a better club!!

-Groups/Businesses that donated \$2000 and over received walleye print that was the picture from the MB fishing licenses

All Party Forum - Garry Frankel

-Condensed version - political parties not up to date on fisheries

-If recreational fishers don't speak up and be heard we could lose huge on our fisheries

If you want to see/hear more, contact Garry Frankel, he is a wealth of information!!

Motion put forward by Mike Dotoli to send WAAM Executive to Fish Futures, Garry Frankel seconded motion, motion carried

Tonight's supper donations totalled \$303.45 Thank you to everyone!!

Raffle Prizes Awarded to

Generation Next Entry - Richard Giesbrecht

Quantum Rod and Reel - Wayne Gee

Cabela's Predator Chair - Jim Bais

Cooler and bbq sauce - Carlo Guzzi

Knife Block - Todd Williamson

Field Knife Kit & bbq sauce - Jason Pollins

Wrench set, cap, shirt & bbq sauce - Meghan Anderson

Shop Vac, WAAM shirt - Rosie Gee

Quantum Rod & Reel - Wayne Gee

Generation Next Entry - Rick Loeb

Three knife draws - Donated by Cameron Tait

Hat - Glen Lischynski

Big knife and shirt - Danny Toth

Small knife and shirt - Bryan Maloney