

Michiana Walleye Association Newsletter

January 2022

13040 Day Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.
Located 1/2 way between Bittersweet Rd. and Capital Ave. (IN 331)

MWA PLEDGE

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE WATERWAYS AND FISH THEREIN.
TO PROVIDE A FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
TO EDUCATE THOSE GENERATIONS SO THAT THIS TRADITION MAY BE CARRIED ON.



*From your club officers
and directors!*

Board of Director Nominees

Please consider this opportunity!

We will have three Board Of Director positions to fill at the January 11, 2022 membership Meeting. If you or a qualified member you know would consider nomination please contact a board member or club officer to be placed on the ballot. Nominations may also be made at the January 11 membership meeting prior to the vote.

Qualifications and Elections: Nominees for the Board must be "members in good standing". Directors will be elected by the general membership at the January meeting. Term of office is (3) years.

Duties of Directors: The duties of each Director and to the Directors in their entirety include to strive to achieve the purposes of the Michiana Walleye Association and shall take an active role in the promotion and development of the Michiana Walleye Association, Inc.

New members will begin serving at the next Board Meeting.

Help make your club the club you want. This is a great opportunity for you to assist in the future direction and viability of MWA.

Activities Calendar

January 4, 18, 25

Tuesday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Work Night

There will be no communal meal. Please use your own judgment for Covid-19 prevention.

JANUARY 10

Board Meeting

Monday 6:30PM

January 11

Member Meeting

Tuesday 7:00PM

Food served at 6:00PM

Bring a side dish if able.

THIS IS MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT. Hope to see you there.

February 12

Valentine Brunch

10:00AM - 12:00AM

Served by the club men for the club ladies

RSVP by February 8. Sign up sheet at the club or call Barry Ukele 574-274-7472

MWA Leadership and Officers

PRESIDENT:

PHIL HAKES 574-575-0609

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TREASURER:

RON HIPSHER 574-274-4200

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BARRY UKELE (Sec) 574-274-7472

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RICK NICHOLS 574-993-1913

TIM WYATT 574-904-0971

DALE DILLER 574-596-6301

All Board Meetings are open to MWA members as non-participants. Anyone wishing to address the Board must contact the Board Chairperson at least one week in advance of the meeting to be placed on the Board agenda.

MWA December 14 Member Meeting Minutes Sec Lisa Jaworski

There was no membership meeting in December. Lisa reports on the Christmas Party held Saturday December 11, 2021.

Present: approximately 50 attended (roughly 12 youth included)

Guests attended were members, spouses, and families. Special guests: Santa Claus and one of his Elves.

- Gathering began about 5:00 p.m., with a near full group assembled by 6:15. The party started with a brief welcome by our President. He welcomed those attending and thanked the many hands that prepared the meat and all who provided the potluck items, decorated, bought gifts for the children, and helped with all the details. The club was blessed with a gift from Tim Wyatt of a beautiful hand-made wooden American Flag wall hanging.
- It was mentioned that names were being gathered for attendance at the **Valentine's Brunch to be held February 12**. This is a long-time tradition of MWA, where the guys treat the gals and do all the setup, cooking and cleanup. A yummy brunch is to be enjoyed by all. Please place your reservations no later than February 8. Sign up by calling Barry Ukele 574-274-7472 or signing up on the bulletin board at the club.
- Also noted was that at the Jan. 11 meeting MWA will honor all members and distribute special appreciation gifts. Make sure you attend to get your gift. (I believe that gifts will be held for three months and then be redistributed or donated.)
- An invocation by Les Bontrager preceded the dinner. At 6:25, a yummy potluck dinner was officially opened and then shared by all. MWA Club provided ham and turkey. Can you believe no one brought a green bean casserole?
- Following the dinner Santa and his Elf visited with the children. They shared the story: "The Night Before Christmas" and led the whole room in a lively couple of holiday songs. Each child received a hand-made teddy bear, a bag of treats and a gift they selected from many options. Many pictures were taken...those attending are invited to forward pictures to the editor for record keeping / posting!!!
- A drawing was held for a few lucky individuals who got Poinsettia plants that had been centerpieces. The tables and the room were most festive in Christmas decorations galore.
- After dismissal, many stepped up and helped with clean up. Leftovers were given to anyone interested. The toys that remained were to be donated to "Toys for Tots" program.
- The cleanup crew was done around 9:00. Many thanks for all the support and good memories made.

MWA December 6 Board Meeting Minutes Sec. Barry Ukele

- Jack Egenhoefer was present to talk about Big Fish all species contest for next year. The Board passed a motion to continue for next year.
- Cement poured for new fish shack. Construction will begin next spring.
- The Board Elections will take place at the member meeting in January.
- Christmas party will be held December 11.
- Next Board meeting will be January 10.
- The Tournament funds will be used to buy two new hand held scales.

Member Meeting January 11, 2022

MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM. FISHING STORIES TO SHARE AT 6:30PM

- **Food will be served at 6:00PM. Main dish will be provided. Members wishing to participate are encouraged to bring a side dish.**
- **This is member appreciation meeting. All attendees will be given an appreciation gift.**
- **Voting for three Board Members will take place. It is not too late to nominate yourself or a qualified member.**
- **Big Fish prizes will be awarded.**
- **Please consider attending this important meeting. Lets' begin this New Year on a high note for the club and members.**

Valentine Brunch!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

To show the ladies in our lives how much we appreciate them.

Bring your wife, daughter, or special lady in your life

HOSTED BY THE CLUB MEN

Featuring Double D's famous biscuits and gravy plus almost every other imaginable items you could want for breakfast

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 8

SIGN UP SHEET AT THE CLUB OR CALL BARRY UKELE 574-274-7472

Please join us for a fun filled morning.

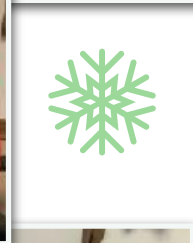


The 2021 Christmas Party presented through photos



Santa's Elf reading to the children
"The Night Before Christmas"

Read Lisa's report under Member Meeting Minutes



Message from the Membership Committee Chair

Happy New Year!

Greetings to members old and new!!

With the coming of the New Year, is the addition to the newsletter, of a section honoring those who are celebrating a special day during that month. This is just another way that YOUR membership committee honors YOU, our greatest asset THE MEMBERSHIP!!! When we created the revised application form last year, asking for your (and spouses) birthdays and anniversary dates, we were starting to put this together. Please, do your part by providing us with your information, so that we can honor you too! Listed below is our first installment of honorees:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Leonard Huebner	1/1
Janice Bishop	1/4
Jon Kintner	1/14
Heath Malone	1/14
Michael Jaworski	1/23
Gary Ray	1/23
Delbert Lee Ritchie	1/23
Lester Bontrager	1/28
Jim Hough	1/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!! Wedding anniversaries will be included in the upcoming month! If we missed your special day, contact Mike @ 574-274-6101

Once again, we will be holding a contest where any currently paid member who signs up a New, Paid in Full Member, will have their name included in a drawing for either a Single, or Family Membership for 2023!! The contest will run from January 1 to March 31!! Please do your part in supporting YOUR CLUB!!!

On a final note: The Membership Committee will be hosting a Membership Appreciation Night during the January 11 monthly member meeting. We look forward to be seeing you then!!!

Scholarship Tickets Now available! \$5.00 per chance - Limit 400 Tickets

Win a 1/2 day trip for two with **Captain Jeremie Weber of Reel - Tite Charters LLC** on one of the Great Lakes. Captain Jeremie is a MWA member and is an active member with Michigan Charter Boat Association, The National Professional Anglers Association and #340 of the Walleye Federation. He is a United States Coast Guard licensed charter license number 7328370. They are licensed in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. They are a fully insured charter. All required inspections are current and up to date. Their #1 priority is the safety of their customers.

**Drawing will be held on April 12, 2022.
Get your tickets early.**

MWA members are encouraged to sell tickets to friends, family, or anyone they know who might be interested in this great project. Simply contact Harley Hough (574) 261-4315 to arrange for signing out the number of tickets you wish to sell. You will not be asked to pay for the tickets at this time. Contact Harley Hough or any club officer for further information.

The MWA Scholarship Program is one of the Michiana Walleye Association continuing community service projects designed to assist students planning on pursuing careers in conservation, environmental, or DNR related fields of study. Currently we have provided over ten thousand dollars of financial assistance to students in their fields of study. Each semester a \$500 scholarship is awarded.

Applicants or their family need not be MWA members to be eligible. Anyone interested in applying may contact any of the Board members listed in the newsletter for further information.



Member Activities and Benefits

Member meetings

MWA **General Member** meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday each month** at the club house. The general public is invited to attend. Fish stories or product reviews at 6:30PM and the club meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Drinks are available for purchase. Guest speakers and fishing reports are often included as well as fishing techniques for new members and interested parties. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

Tuesday Evenings! (except 2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday evenings have been designated as a work night on the club grounds. Club members are asked to come out early and help with whatever maintenance and repair needs to be done to help keep our club grounds looking good. Some members use the time to play a few hands of euchre.



Grounds Use

Each member will get a combination to the lock to enter the gate to the club's grounds with their membership card. The grounds are available to you and your family to enjoy. This includes the wooded area that is filled with the wonders of nature that children love to explore. Included is a stocked catch and release pond, a basketball court, horseshoe pits, and picnic grounds with outdoor restroom facilities.



Club House Use Donation

Our clubhouse use donation is as follows: Currently for any MWA member, membership one year or more, donation is \$100 per day, plus \$50 cleaning deposit. The cleaning deposit will be refunded if the clubhouse is found to be properly cleaned by the user. Non-members donation is \$200 per day, plus \$50 cleaning deposit (refundable). The clubhouse has a seating capacity of 110 persons. It is a great facility for family celebrations, graduation parties, family reunions, etc. It is a non-smoking, non alcoholic facility with a warming kitchen inside.



Club Apparel

MWA apparel is available for sale. Many colors available. Long or short sleeve T-shirts (with or without front pocket), Ladies style shirts, Sweat shirts, Camo hats, Walleye hats, Jackets. Embroidery will be available for an extra charge. T-shirt prices are from \$10 to \$15 depending on size. See or call Rick Nichols at (574) 993-1913, for more details. Items available at membership meetings.



Hitchhikers Program

For all MWA club members who would like to fish on the river or local lakes, we offer the Hitchhikers Program. This is an opportunity for our club members who do not have a boat to get out and fish. It's also a program for members with boats but would like a boat buddy or to fish with an experienced member.



To get on the list for the Hitchhikers call Barry Ukele (574) 274-7472. The sign-up list is also posted on the club bulletin board.

Reminder

Visit Clear H2O Tackle, 69037 Christiana Lake Rd., Edwardsburg, MI 49155, 269-414-41431, 855-515-3228. ClearH2O gives MWA members a **10% discount.**



Visit the store for your fishing needs.



MWA BIG FISH Contest 2022

- **Purpose** - To give our membership and family members a chance to participate in a Contest all year as a fun activity with no pressure.
- **When**- January 1 - December 31. Prizes to be awarded at the January member meeting.
- **Who**- Two separate levels, all Adult members and Junior family members under age16. MWA Tournament, Charter, and Guide Fish excluded.
- **Measure** - Length of fish will be used to determine the winner in each category.
- **Fishing boundaries** - to be eligible fish must be caught within the boundary waters of Indiana and Michigan and within 75 miles of the club and must comply with the states DNR Fishing Regulations.
- **Entry Form** - The applicant must fill the entry form by December 31 and include the information on the entry form including a photo of the member holding the fish.

- If fishing alone the member must submit a photo of the fish next to a measuring device.
- Limit - there is a limit of two species wins per person.
- The result will be posted monthly in the newsletter.
- Entry forms - will be available at the club and will be included with certain issues of the newsletter.
- Prizes - Winner of each category(species) will be put in a drawing of \$100, \$50, and \$25 cash prizes.
- A separate youth's drawing will be for a \$25 gift certificate.
- Keep the entry form in your boat and tackle bag.



Fish Species	Size (Inches)	Current Leader
Walleye		
Largemouth Bass		
Smallmouth Bass		
Northern Pike		
Crappie		
Bluegill/Sunfish		
Pumpkinseed		
Perch		
Chinook Salmon		
Coho Salmon		
King Salmon		
Rainbow Trout		
Muskellunge		
Catfish		



MWA "BIG Fish" Contest Entry Form (Tournament, Charter and Guide fish excluded) Please print (except for signature)

MWA Angler's Name: _____

Fish Species: _____

Date caught: _____

Length: _____ Bait used: _____

Angler's Signature: _____

Witness: _____

The Big Fish Contest shall run from January 1 to December 31.
Two separate levels: Adult and Junior under the age of 16.

Categories are: Walleye, Sauger, Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Northern, Musky, Crappie, Perch, Bluegill, Great Lakes Coho, King, Lake Trout, Brown, and (Other).

The length of the fish will be used to determine the winner in each category. To be eligible, the fish must be caught within the boundary waters of Indiana and Michigan and within 75 miles of the club and comply with the states DNR Fishing Regulations.

Applicant must fill out and submit the Entry Form by DEC. 31 and must include the following information: angler's Name, species, where and when the fish was caught, length, bait used, angler's Signature, witness Signature and photo of member holding the fish. If fishing alone submit photo of fish next to measuring board or other devise. Limit of two category wins per person. Winner of each category will be put in drawings of \$100, \$50 and \$25 cash prizes.
A separate youth's drawing will be for a \$25 gift certificate.

Mail entries to MWA Fishing Contest, 13040 Day Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545, email to michiana.walleyes@gmail.com, text to Jack (574-276-2064) or bring them to the drop box on the club porch. Include photo of fish.



Dave Peffley - Owner

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