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## Blueways Initiative Update

By Scott Sparlin, Past President NUASF

We all were certainly pleasantly surprised and thrilled by The United States Department of the Interior's Secretary, Sally Jewell's recent visit to Minnesota on the 5th of November. It gave us a rare opportunity to reinforce our application to the National Blueway Initiative in person. I had the good fortune to meet with her about our application and the current status of the program. I urged her to help us keep the momentum and extensive Blueway network we have built over the last year and nine months going strong. She has directed us (The Blueway Working Team) to send a reaffirmation letter to her office which has been done already. Along with that I mentioned we were in the process of having a postcard blitz coming her way both in hard copy and electronically. The Secretary told me that was an excellent idea and it would be significant in her decision making as to moving forward. She expressed what challenges had arisen from some of the property rights organizations about the initiative, but that those had also been answered satisfactorily, as this initiative has nothing to do with property rights whatsoever. I did have a chance to emphasize to her the downside to not moving forward with the initiative. However, I

went away feeling she had a good grasp on that situation and what the down side of doing nothing would be. Lastly, I expressed a need for some quick answers within the near future. Given that decision, it will enable us to plan our Blueway initiative and what it will look like given the Departments participation or not. I did go away with a positive feeling, but like with all politics, you just never know. For more info on the National Blueways Initiative just go to: <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/whatwedo/rivers/upload/NBS-Overview>



**Scott Sparlin with Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell .**

## Friends of High Island Host Ron Schara and family and Minnesota Bound

On a nice crisp October day in New Auburn at the High Island Lake landing, Ron Schara and his Minnesota Bound crew, along with his Grandson and Daughter took to the water to catch some walleye and do video recording for his TV show. The lake and it's rebirth will be featured in an upcoming segment of Minnesota Bound later this Spring. Another component of his visit was to also video for an upcoming hour long made for Television movie which will include excerpts from the day as well and will air

on prime time on KARE 11 NBC. I had the good fortune to go out with Ron in the boat for a while and talk about the lake and its reclamation and rebirth. We discussed the challenges and how certain obstacles were overcome. On hand also were key members and leaders of the "Friends of High Island" watershed organization a project of Friends of the Minnesota Valley. Friends of High Island have been in existence and doing watershed improvements and lake projects and since 2003, making this their 10 year anniversary.

One of the reasons they call it fishing and not catching is because there, as we all know too well as anglers, there are no guarantees. So yup, you guessed it, we got skunked with a hook and line. But luckily we had DNR section fisheries supervisor Lee Sundmark with us along with his trusty hoop nets. He had set them the night before we went out just to see what we could get.

Well, let me tell you it was quite an eye opener. He had the nets set in no more than 3 feet of water only 25 feet from shore just up from the landing. I saw that and said there's no

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## Club Calendar

**Note: The Meeting Date Changes because of holiday**

Dec. 12th NUASF Social Night at Club House

Dec. 19th NUASF Club Meeting (**Note Meeting Date Change**)

Jan. 9th NUASF Social Night at Club House

Jan. 30th NUASF Club Meeting

Feb. 6th NUASF Social Night at Club House (**Put all prizes together for contest**)

Feb. 9th NUASF Ice Fishing Contest on Clear Lake 10am – 3pm

Feb. 13th NUASF Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake

Feb. 27th NUASF Club Meeting



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

At our last Fish Club meeting we held elections. The club re-elected Ken Sutherland and Ron Ludewig as board members. I would like to "THANK" Ken and Ron for all of his hard work and dedication to better the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman!

**ATTENTION ALL FISHERMEN:** If you are interested in going on the Dixon Lake trip please sign up at the next meeting and make your \$50.00 deposit.

The date for the trip is February 13th. I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total for the trip is \$120.00 per person for three nights, or \$170.00 per person food included. Todd and Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

I would like to thank everyone for doing such a great job on selling their books of tickets for the ice fishing contest and the Ice Castle Fish House. If you are interested and want more tickets contact Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765 or myself at 507-381-2041. Please turn in any unused tickets and or money at the January meeting. Thanks for all your hard work!!!

Ice fishing season is here and many lakes are froze over and covered in snow. Due to these conditions it is very hard to tell if you are walking on 2 inches of ice or 8 inches of ice. Please be careful if and when you are on the ice. Remember the golden rules of ice thickness- 4 inches walking only, 6 inches snowmobiles and four-wheelers, 12 inches or more for small cars and pickups, 16 inches for full size vehicles.

Winter is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

## High Island continued fromm page one

way he will get anything that close to shore overnight. Well get this, the fish numbers in the nets as he and Ron's grandson brought them in were nothing short of phenomenal. A bunch and I mean a lot of Walleye from 8 to 20 inches, a number of nice crappies, some decent largemouth bass, a 2 lb. sucker, yellow bullheads and sunfish. The nets were full of fish, you could have filled up half a pickup bed, I couldn't believe my eyes.

Guess what, as I write this there are between 75 and 100 houses out on 11 inches of ice on December the 10th and everyone is catching fish. Guess where I'm going fishing in a couple days. Don't forget if you are available on Saturday the 18th of January, the Friends of High Island are asking NUASF for help out on the lake starting at 11 AM. If you can make it that day, please let me know by email at yasure@lycos.com

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### The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

## Monthly Meeting Nov 21st , 2013 Members Present: 40+

### I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Dick Petermann and seconded by Jim Hulke to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

#### A) Balance

1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orv Rannow to accept report as read. Passed unanimously.

2) Discussion about beer donations, decided to leave the way it is.

### III. Old Business

#### A) Membership update.

1) Membership stands at 185 – 21 Due. Jason Kuester leads

w/ 8 new members

#### B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) None

#### C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Tony Miller clubhouse clean up report

a) We need some new racks, picture was found w/ a broken frame

b) Threw out items in the refrigerator that that were bad.

c) Found a bunch of outdated pop. Members should take some or it will be thrown out.

d) Arranged club coats and tee shirts into one spot.

e) Cleanup was held on social night. Racked leaves, cleaned gutters and roof.

### IV) Other Old Business

A) NU Medical Center are donating chairs they no longer using, we will take 25

### V) New Business

#### A) Election of board positions

1) Motion was made by Ron L. and seconded by Jim H. to reelected Ron Ludewig and Ken Sutherland, Passed unanimously.

#### B)Mecklenburg Scholarship Update

1)Tell any family or friends that may have an interest in receiving the scholarship. Contact Dave Mecklenburg.

#### C) Winter Club Fishing Trip Dixon Lake Resort

1) Feb 13-16th Leaving Running's parking lot 6AM

2) \$50 d

#### D) Minnesota River Blueway Application

1) Minnesota River Alliance seeking designation for the MN River

2) 2000 postcards have been printed addressed to Secretary of Interior Jewell Please fill them out and mail as soon as possible

3) For more information go [www.minnesotariverblueway.com](http://www.minnesotariverblueway.com)

E) Food for next meeting Orv Rannow. Please bring dish if you can.

### VI) Other New Business

A) Lake Hanska Association – 90,000# of carp have been harvested. We would like a member come to a meeting and give a presentation. They need more members - \$20 yearly fee

B) Ice Fishing House will be in the Parade of Lights, possible will sell tickets after the parade.

C) Club jackets, hats and tee shirts are for sale anytime.

D) Motion was made by Dave Wenk and seconded by Jim Liebl to cover the postage to mail the Blueway postcards – Passed U.

### VII) Adjourn @ 8:30

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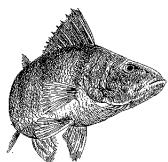
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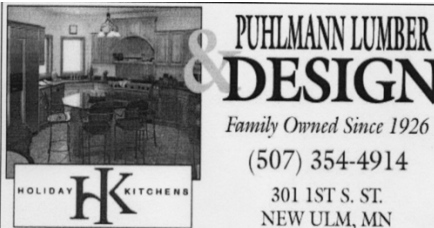


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