



**DATE:** Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM – 10:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** ARI Conference Room

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Call to Order: Time 5:30pm

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** 2018 Tournament dates, Kids Day and review old and new business.

**Board Members Present:** Pete Alex, Quinn Bayle, Justin DiRado, Mark Mitkowski, Paul Olszewski, Todd Redmond, and Joe Nemet

**Associate Board Members Present:** None

**Directors Not Present:** None

**Current Membership:** 140

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete motioned to accept December's minutes-Paul O. seconded.

#### Treasurer's Report

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 2,296.18
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$11,305.73
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,651.83

#### Reimbursements:

- 1) \$134.00 to Paul Olszewski for PO Box Fees.
- 2) \$236.35 to Pete Alex for Office Supplies (mouse-stylus-electronic notebook)  
Notebook was set up with Office Pro via Alex Roofing Acct. for no charge to club  
Pete provided lap top bag for no charge to club.

#### Old Business

- 1) Joe transitioned the previous treasurer's permissions and took care of the online banking procedures at NWSB. Pete also stopped at the bank and was set up on the accounts.
- 2) Pete published the newsletter.
- 3) Quinn & Pete checked on St Boniface Ushers Club as meeting location-Not ideal.
- 4) Decided to keep website domain/hosting currently where it is at VS hosting with FishUSA since

Quinn was able to update the website for faster page loading.

- 5) Quinn to forward to Joe updated costs to continue with Go Daddy as the carrier for our website domain.
- 6) Quinn and Pete made the revisions to the mission statement and headers. Quinn made web changes.
- 7) Quinn will look into adding a donate button on website.
- 8) Mass Email Process tool: approved Mail Chimp
- 9) Reviewed membership benefits of the EPSFA. Benefits discussed and to be listed on membership purchase link. Also—memberships expire one year from joining/purchase date.
- 10) Justin DiRado discussed his conversation with Bob Hetz with regard to the 3-C-U and familiarized himself with their organization.

## New Business

- 1) Renewal of cargo trailer storage: It was decided the EPSFA could keep the tournament trailer at ARI in lieu of paying \$200 annual fee.
- 2) Pete presented the rates and availability for the American Legion Post #773 located at: 4109 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street-Erie, PA 16505. We were given a members fee of \$53.00 per
- 3) Fundraising: It was decided Captain Joe Nemet would donate a 3 person fishing trip (not charter) on Lake Erie. Tickets to be sold at \$5.00 ea and Captain Pete Alex would donate a 4 person Lake Ontario charter/water seminar. Tickets to be sold at \$10.00 ea. Paul O. will obtain the tickets. Tickets will be sold at the EPSFA public meetings and events. Winners drawn day of Walleye Challenge.
  - a. Todd Redmond will contact Dr. Bob and see his interest in donating a charter also.
  - b. Mark Mitkowski volunteered to do the 50/50's at the EPSFA public meetings.
  - c. Justin to verify if tickets could also be sold at the FishUSA counter
- 4) Joe Nemet will research the ESPFA various insurance policies: liability insurance-inland marine policy and trailer policy
  - a. Pete will also look at updating the insurance quotes.
- 5) Quinn was going to contact Chris Maas from 109 Marketing to go over web site procedures-if needed.
- 6) Acoustic telemetry tags: Pete motioned to fund \$ 1,500.00 (5 tags) toward this program and to support the other clubs doing so. Todd Redmond seconded.
- 7) Tournament dates were set and are as follows: Spring Trout Challenge: 4/15/18, Walleye Challenge: 6/23/18, Sumer Slam: 8/11/18 & 8/12/18: Fall Trout Challenge: 10/21/18
- 8) Tournaments in general:
  - a. Discussed keeping entry fees the same for all events but adding a double down option (\$250) for the trout and walleye challenges and possibly the Summer Slam. Basically doubling the entry fees for those wanting to enter.

- b. Trout Cup to continue but we will review format.
  - c. Discussed to seek public input in February before finalizing rules etc... for all of the tournaments.
  - d. Quinn Bayle and Paul O to announce dates on social media and web page.
- 9) Pete was to provide Paul O a written summary of dates and events for Paul O to announce on social medial.
  - 10) Buoy funding: Paul thought buoy was not in need of future funding? Pete to reach out Jeanette to get a general buoy update, discuss having her talk at a future meeting and see about future funding needs.
  - 11) Kids Day is May 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 12) Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council renewal. Paul O made motion to renew, Pete seconded.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) EPSFA to arrange meeting with PFBC and others for the purpose of discussing the brown trout program and stocking of browns and steelhead. EPSFA has concerns over the predation of the smolts due to large walleye population and large inshore population along the shoreline in the spring. Pete Alex to contact PFBC.
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 3) Review club bylaws and review tournament formats and dates for 2018
- 4) Terry Kremer as a possible BOD.

## Motions Summary

- 1) December minutes approved
- 2) Telemetry tag approval
- 3) America Legion approved as future public meeting location.
- 4) Approved renewal of Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council

## Announcements

- 1) Next meeting to be held February 20<sup>th</sup> at American legion: BOD 4:30pm and membership 6:30pm

## Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD and associate positions available.

## Public Comments

- 1) NA.

**Adjournment: 10:30pm**      **THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

**ACCEPTED BY: MARK MITKOWSKI (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 1/24/18**