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Tuesday January 15th, 2019
6:35 PM –7:57 PM
American Legion post 773

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday January 20th, 2019

Call to Order Time: 6:35 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: Buoy fund, Lake Shore Towing, cooler raffle, GLSFC, tournaments, review old and new business.

Board Members Present: Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Terry Kremer, Joe Nemet, Quinn Bayle, Justin DiRado, and Mike Vincent.

Associate Board Members Present: Doug Straub

Directors Not Present: Todd Redmond

Current Membership: 148 (26 Members present at January public meeting, 18 + 8 Board members)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept November's minutes, Mike Vincent seconded. (No formal meeting held in December, only a tournament meeting was completed)

Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept January's Treasurer's report. Quinn Bayle seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$1,865.79
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$13,886.57
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,655.66

Reimbursements:

None

Old Business

- 1) Pete And Ralph Eades attended Lepmag meeting. It was found that there were discrepancies in their models from Michigan State. The QFC at Michigan State is to redo the models and finish By November 30th. Chuck Murray to be informed by Nov 30th and will let club know status of models. It was also stated that there should be an implementation of no more than 20% up or down of total take allowed per year. The walleye is governed this way, so why not the perch? Pete suggested at the meeting that they keep the same governor on the perch model. This will be discussed and considered-Chuck Murray agreed. This will keep quotas more consistent from year to year and allow them a better chance to replenish consistently. Update:1/17/2019 meeting. Pete will publish information in newsletter. PA doesn't reach our limit for walleye every year now
- 2) BOD members to start checking with manufactures trying to get items for the cooler raffle. This amount and items should be made known and completed by the January meeting, so tickets can be made. Paul O. to order tickets just prior to the January meeting with an established value. Update: Cooler raffle is at \$1,200 plus as of January 15th meeting. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available from all board members and Fish USA counter. Justin will Display photo at fish USA to show cooler and increase sales. Winner will be pulled at Summer Slam tournament in August.
- 3) Pete talked to Jeanette Schnars about the buoy. They are sent out for repair every year and costs are not known until they are looked at. Lake shore towing does give her big cost break considerations for placing and recovery of the buoys. Update: Buoy has \$10,000 now from donations, more is still needed.
- 4) Lake shore towing would like to come to our public meeting and speak about what services they provide for the boaters in our community. Towing memberships will be part of that discussion. We need to support our local businesses and renew memberships with lake shore towing, not Boat US. More community support is going to be needed to keep our local towing service here for years to come.
- 5) Vote was taken to renew membership for Great Lake Sport Fishing Council for \$75. Unanimous vote to continue.
- 6) Verify dates reserved at American Legion in Millcreek for public meetings January thru April 2019. Update: Completed by Terry. Jan 15th, Feb 19th, March 19th, and April 16th.

New Business

- 1) Trophy presentation for 2018 Fall Trout Tournament win to Jason Whitman of Team Outcast, and Overall 2018 Trout Cup to Dr. Bob Ferraro of Team Heartbeat.
- 2) Tournament dates have been set. We will have spring trout on April 14th, Summer Slam on August 10th and 11th. Fall Trout on October 20th. The only major changes to the rules this year will be Summer Slam amateur division: reduction to 6 fish instead of 9. The double down optional entry will be changed to pay out 20% of field formula (same as tournament payout). However, be sure to check rules for each tournament as they become available on the EPSFA website (tournament section).
- 3) The BOD announced that we will not be hosting the traditional Walleye Challenge. Paul O. spoke on that and clarified that due to lack of a tournament director or membership volunteers and moderate turnout, we decided to engage in (1) large event, that being the Summer Slam/Pro Am two-day (optional) event in August. We also want to combine this with a FishUSA event that weekend and make it our annual flagship event.
- 4) The EPSFA received a large year end donation of \$3,000 designated to be added to our 2019 Tournaments. This will be broken up over the three tournaments of this year. This will be in addition to the normal pay out for each tournament. First place for Spring Trout Challenge \$500 bonus, First place for Fall Trout Challenge \$500 bonus, 2019 Trout Cup winner \$500 bonus, First place in Summer Slam Pro division \$1,000 bonus, Amateur division first place \$500 bonus.
- 5) Kids day will be on Saturday, May 25th this year. Due to the overwhelming success of this program, allowable entries have been changed from 75 to 100 kids! Paul Olszewski will spearhead this program as he does every year. Sign-ups will be online at EPSFA.com. Donations are needed to help this program with food and prizes for the kids. All members should reach out to employers and contacts for donations to make this kids day a success. Want to volunteer? Call Paul @ 814-566-4995.
- 6) Schedule of events flyer need created for 2019. We will need to post at all marina's, sport stores to get the word out. (Terry volunteered to complete this again)
- 7) Update rules for all tournaments, approve by BOD, and post to website. (Terry & Quinn)
- 8) Complete contract for TREC center auditorium rental on August 9th and send check. (Terry & Joe)
- 9) Possible future presenters: Lake Shore Towing, commercial net fisherman, and PFBC. EPSFA to invite them to meet for information/presentations.
- 10) Can Lake Erie stamp money be used to fund buoy? Question to be asked to PAFBC.
- 11) Pete communicated with Jeanette Schnarrs regarding this year's buoy(s). She stated they have the funds (\$10,000) to deploy at least (1) buoy this year and is still seeking funds to deploy the second buoy. Pete relayed to her that one is better than none and maybe the goal should be to keep (1) active

buoy at all times and save excess money for funding (1). With exception to use it or lose it grant opportunities.

- 12) LEPMAG (Lake Erie Percid Management committee) has a video conference call scheduled for this week. Ralph and Pete will try to engage in it. (Ralph and Pete and the EPSFA's committee members)
- 13) Justin discussed AFTCO (national outdoor products retailer) becoming involved with fishing related conservation projects and fishery projects such as GLATOS. FishUSA and AFTCO may work together in the future on such projects as the local walleye tagging project.
- 14) Create new category on EPSFA message board Forum called "Fishing Reports" (Quinn)
- 15) Request made to members to invest some time to our "fishing reports" area on the forum on this year. This was a big selling point for membership in our club originally but faded way. Members could get the latest and best fishing information for our area. Our members, including charter boats and serious fisherman, should be willing to share (most) of their information on our "members only" fishing report forum. We need to be focusing on getting more members in our club, and this is one of the best ways to do it.

Unfinished Business

- 1) EPSFA is still attempting to arrange a meeting with PFBC and others for discussing the brown trout program and stocking of browns and steelhead. Pete has extended the request to the PFBC and is waiting for a reply. EPSFA wanted to discuss possible belly tags to track movement just like the current study being done with walleye.
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 3) GLATOS was discussed. Justin expressed interest on behalf of FishUSA on being involved with that program for the big picture. Pete's contact is Chris Vandergoot. Chris spearheads the GLATOS studies and research for multiple States. Justin has been in contact with some companies to try and get them on board with this program as well. Donating money for tags and other things.
- 4) Terry work on Raymarine for summer slam prize. Contact has been made and discussed with marketing director. No firm commitment made yet. Trying for Axiom 9" display.
- 5) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed for shelving and organizing materials.
- 6) Chuck Murray stated 3CU wants to stop raising brown trout, because they are not coming back. They are stocking them primarily at Trout Run and Elk Creek in the spring. They believe most are being eaten by the localized spawning walleyes. Pete needs help talking with 3CU about having them transported and stocked on the east side, where there is less spring walleye presence. Plans are also in the works to Adipose clip and insert snout ID tag into steelhead in the next 2-3 years. This would be a similar program used on Lake Erie Lake Trout and Lake Ontario Coho and Chinook Salmon

Motions Summary

- 1) November minutes approved.
- 2) November Treasurer's report approved.

Announcements:

Next public meeting (third Tuesday of month) February 19th, 2019 at American Legion post #773 located at 4109 West 12th street, Erie, PA 16505. BOD at 4:30pm and public at 6:30pm.

Guest Speaker:

Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD's, associate BOD's and a tournament director position available.

Public Comments

- 1) No public comments were given during this period

Adjournment Time: 7:57 pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 01/26/2019