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**TIME:**  
**LOCATION:**

Tuesday January 18th, 2022,  
5:50 PM – 7:56 PM  
Universal Metal Systems LLC

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Tuesday January 18th, 2021

**Call to Order Time: 5:50 PM**

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** review old/new business, Kids Day, tournament dates, Lake Erie Permit, fish cleaning station update, taxes, and fund raising.

**Board Members Present:** Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Joe Nemet, Mike Vincent, Quinn Bayle, and Todd Redmond.

**Associate Board Members Present:**

**Directors Not Present:** Brad Grimshaw and Terry Kremer

**Current Active Membership:** 73 **Facebook followers:** 1,913

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Paul Olszewski

#### Treasurer's Report

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Quinn Bayle

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 3,457.84
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 7,195.89
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,714.56

#### Reimbursements and costs:

Tax forms and top 3 places of Spring Trout Challenge

#### Old Business:

- 1) Reminder to renew your membership and recruit a new member.
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities: Quinn will check into formats and a company that specializes in hosting these FB fundraisers.

- 3) Due to Covid-19. The board has decided to rollover current board positions.
- 4) BOD picked 2021 dates for all tournaments.
- 5) Due to Covid-19. The board will suspend elections until a public meeting can be safely held.
- 6) Ameridrives decided to allow EPSFA to keep \$300 Kids Day contribution to use in future event...
- 7) Fish cleaning stations were approved and to be completed in 2021 at 2 or 3 locations. The EPSFA was instrumental in keeping these at the forefront to the PFBC and others for several ongoing years.

### New Business:

- 1) EPSFA picked dates for the (3) annual tournaments. Formats to remain the same as 2020/2021. STC April 24<sup>th</sup>, Summer Slam/Pro-Am July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, FTC October 16<sup>th</sup>. See website for rules and registrations. Rules, FB and website updates to follow.
- 2) Paul Snyder will be hosting his Offshore Challenge-contact him for details. First event will happen on April 16<sup>th</sup> (day before Easter). Second one to be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and final event will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>(day before FTC)
- 3) Club raising opportunities were discussed: Quinn will take lead on the raffle. Decision was made to raffle off a FishUSA gift card and a BayRat Lures card valued at \$300-\$500 ea. Also, an AFTCO apparel package was also discussed as a 3<sup>rd</sup> option. Raffle to begin sometime this winter. Details to follow.
- 4) T.J. and Joe to work on the tournament permits and rules updates.
- 5) We made decision to host Kids Day in 22'. Paul will check with the State Park folks and see if this is possible and seek permit. Date to be: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 6) Taxes: Joe sent out 1099's for 2021 and will be working on sending in required tax documents.
- 7) Quinn will update website software and freshen up the page with new pictures, background etc...
- 8) Fish cleaning station update: Both Walnut Creek and North East Marina stations were finished fall of 21'. The Lampe Marina station will be put out for bid in 22. The Port Authority has obtained funding for their portion of the work and the PFBC funding was approved fall of 21' for the balance of the work needed. Lampe Marina station may be completed by fall of 22'.
- 9) The 2021 Fall Trout Challenge and 2021 Fall trout Cup make up was discussed. Rules were reviewed as well as past decisions. A decision was made to have the Fall Trout make up from 2021 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If the event occurs, it will decide the 2021 Trout Cup. The event is open to everyone regardless of Trout Cup status and will be treated like a separate event from the STC on the following day. A major reason we decided to do this was a "use it or lose it" for the \$500 per event donation received 2020.
- 10) It was decided to have the Summer Slam/Pro Am again on July 30/31. However, we will require a \$100 deposit from a minimum of (20) combined teams prior to and by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If we do not receive those commitments by day end on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the event will be cancelled and deposits returned. This will allow time to cancel our volunteers, porta jon, host location, tent service, etc... and allow folks time to make other plans for that weekend.

- 11) Chuck Murray retired from the PFBC this past fall. The PFBC will be seeking a new head biologist for his position. Chuck was very committed to our fishery and anglers over his long tenure in Erie-Thanks Chuck!
- 12) The EPSFA will seek to restart the brown trout program with the PFBC. We feel the program was successful for 3 years and up until the time changes were made.
- 13) We contacted the Erie Port Authority and presented them with pictures and drawings for use of the Lampe Marina boat lift well. This was installed several years ago and has never been used. It ties up valuable space at the Marina. We made a request for the Port to revamp this (at minimal cost) to allow boaters to tie up there for pick up/drop off and fish cleaning station use. John Mulligan said they will look into the funding and future plans for this.
- 14) BOD discussed suggestions for utilizing the Lake Erie Permit Stamp proceeds aside from the FC stations and Lampe Marina lift well. No other formal suggestions were received. \*However, members can submit bona-fide requests to any BOD member for consideration, then approval.
- 15) Patrick Crosby of Harborcreek, PA was invited to the meeting to observe as a possible BOD candidate. Patrick accepted a BOD position with the EPSFA a couple days later and will be officially accepted at our next meeting. Pat is an avid fisherman, boat owner and charter captain. Welcome Patrick.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities.
- 2) Future public meetings.

## Motions Summary (aside from meeting start and end)

- 1) Quinn B made motion to cancel public meetings again in 2022 and Mike V. seconded.
- 2) Pete A made motion to host FTC make up day-with 2021 Trout Cup final on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 5-1 in favor.

## Announcements:

- 1) Next BOD meeting is TBD.

## Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD's, associate BOD's, and a tournament director position available.
- 2) Reminder to renew your membership and recruit a new member.

## Public Comments

Closed meeting.

## Adjournment Time: 7:56 PM

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA SECRETARY/PRESIDENT) DATED: 1/29/2022