



DATE: Tuesday January 26, 2021
TIME: 5:30 PM –8:05 PM
LOCATION: Universal Metal Systems LLC

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday January 26th, 2021

Call to Order Time: NA(informal meeting)

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, Covid-19 effects on Kids Day, tournament dates, Lake Erie Permit, fish cleaning stations and fund raising.

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

Associate Board Members Present: None

Directors Not Present: Brad Grimshaw, Terry Kremer and Paul Olszewski.

Current Membership: 90. **Facebook followers:** 1,881

Approval of Previous Minutes

NA (unofficial BOD meeting)

Treasurer's Report

No formal treasurer's report given but these numbers below represent numbers as of 2/24/2021.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$364.27
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$9,395.18
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,713.69

Reimbursements and costs:

USPS \$148 for P.O. Box and FTC checks.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminders to all to renew your membership.
- 2) Since the Spring trout tournament permit was revoked by PAFBC due to COVID-19. The plan is to have a 2-day tournament in the fall, separate days, just like Summer Slam. You must fish both days to be eligible for the Trout Cup. If both days cannot be fished due to weather, covid-19, etc., then no Trout Cup will be given for 2020.

- 3) Walnut creek buoy has been offline for some time now. Pete talked to the Regional Science Consortium and was informed it is getting repaired.
- 4) Due to Covid-19. The board has decided to rollover current board positions.
- 5) Due to Covid-19. The board will suspend elections until a public meeting can be safely held.
- 6) Currently, we are still planning to have the Summer Slam tournament, unless PAFBC revokes the permit. Club will pay for trophies for the Summer Slam. David Theaman will be M.C. Terry will let us know when/if the permit comes from the PAFBC. The American legion #773, at 4109 west 12th street Erie, PA 16505, Cannot allow us inside for the Captains meeting due to the Governors restrictions. They have offered to let us have the Captains meeting in the outside picnic area. It has covered bays and restrooms.
- 7) Does Ameridrives want the donation back for “Kids Day” that could not take place? Ask Brad.
- 8) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed, for shelving and organizing materials. It will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at 5:00 PM.

New Business:

- 1) Due to Covid-19. The board decided not to move forward with the annual Kids Day.
- 2) EPSFA picked dates for the (3) annual tournaments. Formats to remain the same as 2020. STC April 18th, Summer Slam/Pro-Am July 24th and 25th, FTC October 17th. See website for rules and registrations.
- 3) BOD decided to look at hosting the Summer Slam at JR’s Restaurant this year. Pete will check with Jr and talk to FishUSA.
- 4) TJ will start working on tournament rules and Quinn will update website.
- 5) Paul Snyder will be hosting his Offshore Challenge-contact him for details. First event will happen in April.
- 6) Club raising opportunities were discussed utilizing for hire companies that help orchestrate them primarily through Facebook. Quinn and Joe were going obtain more details and investigate fees.
- 7) Pete will follow up on proposed fish cleaning stations with Commissioner Pastore.
- 8) BOD discussed suggestions for utilizing the Lake Erie Permit Stamp proceeds. No formal suggestions were received.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities were discussed but need more input... An idea was discussed to raffle of an electronics item to raise money and boost membership. All new or renewal membership will be given 3 chances, tickets will be sold at \$ each. Discussion to be ongoing...
- 2) 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.

Motions Summary

- 1) Motion was made to keep July Summer Slam date in 2021 the same weekend as 2020 for consistency and schedule. Motion approved.

Announcements:

- 1) Next meeting is TBD.

Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD's, associate BOD's, and a tournament director position available.
- 2) Please consider renewing you membership and recruiting new members to the EPSFA.

Public Comments

None. Closed informal meeting.

Adjournment Time: 8:05pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA SECRETARY/PRESIDENT) DATED: 2/24/2021