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Tuesday February 18th, 2020
5:58 PM –7:26 PM
Universal Metal Systems LLC

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday February 18th, 2020

Call to Order Time: 5:58 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, March public meeting for elections, raffle ideas, cormorant legislation, fund raising.

Board Members Present: Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Joe Nemet, Terry Kremer, Brad Grimshaw, Justin DiRado.

Associate Board Members Present: None

Directors Not Present: Mike Vincent, Quinn Bayle, Todd Redmond

Current Membership: 124. **Facebook followers:** 1,736

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept January's minutes/newsletter; Paul Olszewski seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept January's treasurer's report. Terry Kremer seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$1,779.45
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,393.28
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,711.90

Reimbursements and costs:

\$1,500 for purchase of 5 more telemetry tags for walleye tagging program. This is the last year (in foreseeable future) they will be inserting transmitters into the Walleyes.

Old Business:

- 1) Apply for tournament permits from PAFBC. **Update:** have spring trout, awaiting other 2.
- 2) Promote walleye school on our Facebook page. Joe Nemet will be giving offshore trolling techniques seminar.

- 3) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed for shelving and organizing materials. **Update:** Needs to happen this spring
- 4) Public meeting will be March 24th at American Legion #773 located at 4109 West 12th Street, Erie, PA 16505. BOD at 4:30PM and the public at 6:30 PM. BOD elections will be held. Joe Nemet will share his offshore trolling techniques during the meeting. Mike Vincent to talk to the public in attendance about open BOD positions and associate positions.
- 5) Received an anonymous donation of \$1,500 for our trout tournaments. \$500 for spring trout challenge winner, \$500 for winner of fall trout challenge, and \$500 for 2020 trout cup winner.
- 6) Update website with new pictures and content to make more recent.
- 7) Need raffle ideas at February meeting.
- 8) Continue with investigation into Erie County Health Department not allowing fish carcasses to be dumped in open waters of Lake Erie. Terry to contact Mike Rinkevich (Pete's contact) at the Erie County Department of Health.

New Business:

- 1) Continue with investigation into Erie County Department of Health not allowing fish carcasses to be dumped in open waters of Lake Erie. New York is allowed 100 feet offshore, Canada is allowed in open water, Ohio is not allowed. Terry to follow up with Mike Rinkevich at ECHD for more information.
- 2) Pete discussed the efforts of a friend of his that is trying to campaign against the early trap netting that is occurring during the early perch spawning period. The goal would cease the netting from occurring during the spawn period and allow it after the spawn has been completed. He has contacted State Senator Dan Laughlin for help and will be contacting other clubs. He is looking for all the local clubs to support this. He filed a "right to know" with the PAFBC to get the Perch catch reports during the spawn period to get a better understanding of how many perch are harvested during that critical period. We will support him in any way that we can. Due to the poor Perch fishing we currently have; we think it may be a reasonable request.
- 3) Members please take 10 minutes and submit a comment on the Cormorant Control Proposal. There are links on the EPSFA Facebook page or try this link. <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0103-0001> If we don't take this opportunity to comment and act, we should never complain about the ramifications of having so many with the destruction they cause to fish populations and environment. **The deadline to comment or write is March 9th, 2020.** Please ask all your friends to comment as well.
- 4) Paul will check to see if Mark Morrow is available to be the emcee again at the Summer Slam.
- 5) We need to get more donations for the "Kids Day". We are shooting for 100 kids again this year. Any questions or donations can be directed to "Kids Day" director; Paul Olszewski.
- 6) Terry to update and publish tournament rules for Spring trout, Summer Slam, and Fall trout.
- 7) Terry to update and distribute the 2020 schedule of events. Terry will take the west side again; others need to do Erie and Northeast.

- 8) The BOD discussed an idea for a fundraising/membership drive raffle. That is to raffle off an electronic item to raise money and boost membership. Any new or renewal membership will be given 3 chances to win. In addition, tickets will be sold at \$____ each.
- 9) Pete mentioned that he may be at the LEAC meetings in Hamilton, Ontario and unable to attend the March meeting.
- 10) Justin announced that he will be stepping down as a BOD after the March meetings but may consider an associate director position. He would still remain a liaison with us and FishUSA for events etc...
- 11) EPSFA/FishUSA still trying to coordinate another event during the same weekend as the Summer Slam.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed for shelving and organizing materials. **Update:** Needs to happen this spring
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 3) 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

January minutes/newsletter approved.

January treasurer's report approved.

Announcements:

- 1) Next Public meeting is March 24th, 2020 at the American Legion post #773 located at 4109 West 12th street, Erie, PA 16505. BOD at 4:30PM and the public at 6:30 PM. Speaker to follow the meeting

Other Business

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

Public Comments

None. Closed meeting

Adjournment Time: 7:26pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 2/20/2020