



**DATE:** Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** American Legion

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### Call to Order: Time 6:47pm

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** New BOD, first general public meeting, 2018 Tournament dates, Kids Day, Terry Kremer and review old and new business.

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

**Associate Board Members Present:** Doug Straub

**Directors Not Present:** Mark Mitkowski

**Current Membership:** 142

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Pete motioned to accept January's Treasurer's report-Todd R. seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 2,294.86
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,805.73
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,651.83
- ✓ MEETING 50/50: collected \$60.00

#### Reimbursements:

- 1) None

#### Old Business

- 1) It was decided the EPSFA could keep the tournament trailer at ARI in lieu of paying \$200 annual fee.
- 2) American Legion Post #773 located at: 4109 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street-Erie, PA 16505 chosen for EPSFA new meeting location. \$53 night.

- 3) Fundraising: Captain Joe Nemet is donating a 3 person fishing trip (not charter) on Lake Erie. Tickets to be sold at \$5.00 ea and Captain Pete Alex is donating a 4 person Lake Ontario charter/water seminar. Tickets to be sold at \$10.00 ea. Tickets will be sold at the EPSFA public meetings and events. Winners drawn day of Walleye Challenge.
  - a. Todd Redmond contacted Dr. Bob and will be donating a charter also.
  - b. Mark Mitkowski volunteered to do the 50/50's at the EPSFA public meetings.
  - c. Justin verified tickets can be sold at the FishUSA counter.
- 4) Quinn contacted Chris Maas from 1099 Marketing to go over web site procedures.
- 5) Acoustic telemetry tags: EPSFA to fund \$ 1,500.00 (5 tags) toward this program.
- 6) 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
- 7) Tournaments will be discussed at the February meeting.
- 8) Pete provided Paul O a written summary of dates and events for Paul O to announce on social medial.
- 9) Buoy funding: Paul thought buoy was not in need of future funding? Pete confirmed Jeanette is looking for funding still. Pete to ask her if we can contribute during Erie Community Gives Day in August. Also, discuss having her talk at a future meeting and see if they can consolidate buoy data.
- 10) Kids Day is May 26<sup>th</sup>. 9am-12pm. 75 kids attended last year. Paul suggested EPSFA members reach out to clubs/organizations for funding.
- 11) Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council membership renewed.
- 12) Terry Kremer confirmed and accepted as BOD member.

## New Business

- 1) Pete described his decision to take over the EPSFA as interim president, getting back to club roots, and redirecting club efforts. Why the EPSFA is important and needs to keep a voice in the community.
- 2) Paul O clarified EPSFA memberships are valid 365 days from purchase and FB has 600+follows
- 3) Pete acknowledged past directors present and thanked them.
- 4) Quinn B stated that shortcut links on website are resolved, forums have been reduced to meeting minutes, newsletters, buy/sell/swap, and general discussion to maintain most active threads and reduce unused threads. Separate donation buttons are live for general donations and Brown Trout fund, mission statement was reduced and condensed to reflect 2018 goals, BOD contact information was updated, web speeds were increased and tourney fees/sign up will only be available through website.
- 5) Tourney: EPSFA will continue to keep 10% of entries for administration.
- 6) Kids Day: Doug volunteered to help Paul O with event planning and Holy Trinity will donate to the event. Any other social games of chance clubs can make donations for Kids Day as well.

- 7) LEAC (Lake Erie Advisory Committee) discussed: no new updates since last meeting and EPSFA disappointed no one was advised of PFBC decision to use Lake Erie Permit dollars to fund the Walnut Creek Project.
- 8) Ralph Eades will continue as the LEPMAG rep. for EPSFA-EPSFA to reimburse him for hotel and travel. (not food) If Pete attends at same meetings, he will be attending on behalf of the GLFC. Justin is a possible future replacement for Ralph but can be a silent observer. Next meeting is May 7-8 in Toronto.
- 9) GLFC next meeting is in Toronto and the LEC (Lake Erie Committee will meet there). Pete plans on attending.
- 10) The Erie Hunting and Fishing Expo at Bayfront Convention Center (March 3-4) has an open forum on Saturday March 3rd at 1:00 pm to solicit opinions from the public on how the PFBC can better utilize resources to promote aquatic resources and raise/generate funds.
- 11) Justin described FishUSA Charter and Guide discount program. Contact Justin at FishUSA if interested.
- 12) Charter raffle tickets are available for purchase and sale, members are welcome to take tickets to sell.
- 13) Mike Felege described the SONS fish stocking program and 3-CU, they are doing very well this year in terms of survival and stocking numbers for the spring.
- 14) Ken Nulph will oversee the March EPSFA elections process, all positions are up for election (BOD members are 2 year terms, Executive terms are 1 year), EPSFA currently has open BOD and Associate positions available. Associate BOD's do not have voting authority and meeting duties carry less commitment while other BOD members have voting authority and more commitment; no one volunteered to be on executive director election ballot at this time.
- 15) Ken Nulph made it known he wishes to be a BOD member and will be included on BOD in March.
- 16) Pete spoke on the current Water Works Lighthouse Project: He described that the "lighthouse" structure at Waterworks is actually water intake controls, \$50,000 was donated by Dan Shipley to be refurbished and returned to PI and be part of a larger PI transportation hub project.
- 17) Pete is still trying to arrange a 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. Discovered the browns have not been being stocked the past 2-3 years on the east side, except what WCC stocks-primarily for their put and take fishery. PFBC now has their own brood stock and does not need the NY eggs anymore.

- 18) A suggestion came from the floor to extend longer terms for BOD members. Was noted for future consideration.
- 19) A suggestion came from the floor to have monthly meetings. After open comments and BOD discussion, it was decided to leave as is. However, an interim-summer meeting/social event will be considered.
- 20) A tournament discussion was held after the meeting adjourned to allow parties not interested, to depart. EPSFA noted comments and interests from the tournament discussion held after the adjournment.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) Joe Nemet will research the EPSFA various insurance policies: liability insurance-inland marine policy and trailer policy.
  - a. Pete will also look at updating the insurance quotes.
- 2) EPSFA still to arrange meeting with PFBC and others for the purpose of discussing the brown trout program and stocking of browns and steelhead.
- 3) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 4) Review club bylaws and look at amending in the future.
- 5) Tournament rules and formats.

## Motions Summary

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

## Announcements

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

## Other Business

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

## Public Comments

- 1) Noted under new business.

**Adjournment: 8:41pm      THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

**ACCEPTED BY: JUSTIN DIRADO (EPSFA ACTING SECRETARY) DATED: 2/20/18**