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Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:39 PM –7:11 PM  
American Legion post 773

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Call to Order Time:** 6:39 PM

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** Kids' day, guest speakers this month, FishUSA happenings, and review old and new business.

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

**Associate Board Members Present:** none

**Directors Not Present:** Terry Kremer, Justin DiRado and Quinn Bayle

**Current Membership:** 139 (12 Members present at March public meeting, 12 + 5 BOD + 3 guest speakers)

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept February's meeting minutes, Paul Olszewski seconded.

### Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept February's treasurer's report. Todd Redmond seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$4,860.67
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$13,886.57
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,656.66

### Reimbursements:

None

## Old Business

- 1) Schedule of events flyer are done, but need to be posted at all marina's, sport stores, FishUSA, and any place a fisherman may visit. We **MUST** get the word out early!! Any other marketing ideas would gladly be discussed.
- 2) We did find out Lake Erie stamp money could be used to fund the buoy's if needed, once the new proposed HR Bill is approved. Currently, the near shore buoy has funding to be deployed this year and they are still trying to get funding for the second buoy normally deployed off Walnut.
- 3) BOD to ensure Lake Shore Towing and Capt. Paul Greiner are on for March Meeting.
- 4) We received a donation for the Kids' Fishing Day from Ameridrives Company. BOD to send thank you letter.
- 5) Pete will be attending Lake Erie Committee meeting in Michigan in March. They will be announcing the 2019 TAC (total allowable catch) at this meeting and providing the Lake Erie report.
- 6) Would like to thank our guests from the PAFBC; waterway conservation officers Matt and Tyler gave there update on regulations and what is happening now with the new director in place.
- 7) Would like to thank guest; commercial fishermen Jim Schafer, for his presentation on commercial fishing nets. What the flags mean, how they are set-up and how to avoid a tangle. There are three commercial licenses in PA, and each license can use 6 nets. Most are set within 10 foot of the bottom except when targeting White Fish. White Fish nets are set as high as 45' off the bottom.

## New Business

- 1) Kids fishing day is SOLD OUT and it only took 6 days! Paul O. is looking for volunteers and donations to help fund this event. Please contact him or one of the BOD if interested.
- 2) The rules have been finalized for all the EPSFA tournament's and will be posted this month on our web site.
- 3) BOD approved issuing big faux checks for the tournament winners and approved ARI producing them for a cost of \$25-\$30 each.
- 4) Reviewed By-Laws for elections. All officers are to run every two years. Current officers will be up for election in 2020. It was agreed that all current BOD and Associate BOD members will not have to run for election until BOD positions are full. Those positions will run continuous until such time.
- 5) BOD agreed to email copies of the Lakeshore Towing membership form and Wolverine Marina's informational flier to all members via email. Also, it was agreed that we will post the same information on our FB page.
- 6) Membership declined slightly this month due to some membership expiring.
- 7) BOD member presented our treasurer a check for \$250.00 from the ST. Francis Ushers Club of McKean-earmarked for the kids fishing day.

- 8) Doctor Bob was appointed (un-voluntarily) as the club's main fish report provider on the EPSFA forum.
- 9) Pete will be attending the Lower Lakes Committee meetings at the end of the month in Ypsilanti Michigan. The TAC as well as much other pertinent Lake Erie information will be announced at the meeting.
- 10) EPSFA to issue Thank You's to several parties.
- 11) Mike Felege from 3-C-U announced that the PFBC steelhead smolts have been released but the 3-C-U fish were not released due to Lake temperatures being too cold.
- 12) Lakeshore Towing provided a presentation and much information on their services including Wolverine Marina. They asked for all members support via membership and to help a good local business. They were clear that without membership, they cannot maintain their service to our area and, that Boat US memberships differ from what they offer for a lesser price. They also stated that they are now managing the old docks at the former Anchor Marine site. Those docks will not have power but will have some water. They also stated that EPSFA members will receive a \$5 membership discount.
- 13) Spring Trout Challenge is nearing and deadline to register is 11:59 pm Friday before the event. An additional \$500 will go to this year's winner.
- 14) Captain Paul Greiner concluded with an excellent presentation on boater safety and tips to ensure your boating experience is safe for you, your guests and clients. Paul has been a charter captain for 10 years and has 50 years of water experience on Lake Erie. We would recommend all boating related clubs consider having him present his boater safety presentation to them.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) PAFBC's Mark Haffley and Chuck Murray are scheduled to be our presenters for our April's public meeting. EPSFA wants to solidify the plans for the brown trout program and stocking of browns and steelhead. How many are going to be stocked, where, and when. Co-op and PAFBC grown. Pushing for east side release. 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
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 3) Kids day will be on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Donations are needed to help this program with food and prizes for the kids. Donations needed: **\$1,500**. 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. SONS will have volunteers to teach casting and help.
- 4) 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 away. 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.

- 5) 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.
- 6) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed for shelving and organizing materials.

## Motions Summary

- 1) February minutes approved.
- 2) February Treasurer's report approved.
- 3) Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm. Todd Redmond seconded

## Announcements:

Next public meeting (third Tuesday of month) April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at American Legion post #773 located at 4109 West 12<sup>th</sup> street, Erie, PA 16505. BOD at 4:30pm and public at 6:30pm. Speakers to follow meeting

April Guest Speakers: PFBC (Chuck Murray/Mark Haffley) to discuss 2018 in review and 2019.

**\*\*If you are interested in Lake Erie, the fishery and want to voice your complaints or suggestions, you need to consider attending this meeting!**

## Other Business

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

## Public Comments

- 1) SONS of Lake Erie need fish donations. If you would like to donate your catch, take them to Poor Richards, whole or cleaned and tell them for SONS donation.
- 2) 3-C-U is also looking for cans and plastic bottles with NY recycle on them. They raise and feed their stocked fish from monies received from recycling effort. Drop off at Poor Richards.

Adjournment Time: 7:00 pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (INTERIM EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 03/20/2019