



DATE: Tuesday April 17th, 2018
TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
LOCATION: American Legion

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday April 17th, 2018

Call to Order Time: 6:47PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: Tournament rules, Terry Kremer appointed as secretary, Investigate Insurance policies, kid's day, Review old and new business.

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

Associate Board Members Present: Doug Straub, Ken Nulph, and Mark Mitkowski.

Directors Not Present: None

Current Membership: 85 Paid, and 57 pending. (Membership cycle renewal starts-that explains decline in membership)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept March's minutes Ray Halt seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept March's Treasurer's report. Bob Farraro seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 5,197.63
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 10,807.08
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,653.02
- ✓ MEETING 50/50: collected \$ 48.00 and Chris Rhoades donated his half back to the club. Total \$96.00
- ✓ Disbursements: \$ 1,100 General Liability Policy

Reimbursements: None

Old Business

- 1) BOD Decided to keep meeting minutes in the forum and not on the homepage at this time.
- 2) Terry kremer set up booth at Fish USA Berkley event April 7th from 1000-1500. sold dozen raffle tickets, handed out schedule of events, membership and goals, and fishing information handouts.
- 3) Chuck Murray and Mark Haffley, biologist from PFBC, answered our top 5 questions we submitted the best they could prior to their presentation. Complex answers and most on the administrative end.
- 4) Kids Day: Sold out. Still need volunteers to help. We have reached the donation goal set of \$1,000 for the kids. Contact Paul O. or a director if interested.
- 5) Tournaments: We had a meeting on 4/3/18 to go over walleye challenge and summer slam rules. Rules were written, and second tournament meeting held 4/17/18 prior to public meeting. Minor changes to be made and should be published on website next week.
- 6) Mark Morrow has agreed to be the emcee for Summer Slam.
- 7) The BOD has made the officer positions a 2-year term.
- 8) Charter raffle tickets are available for purchase and sell. Members are welcome to take tickets to sell. There is a link on the website: <https://epsfa.com/product-category/raffle-ticket/> Tickets can be purchased. A BOD member will fill out actual ticket with the information. Then be added to raffle ticket stubs collection.
- 9) Special thanks to Chuck Murray and Mark Haffley for the presentation on the sport fishery of Lake Erie. They were very thorough and included, walleye, steelhead, brown trout, perch, smallmouth bass, and Lake trout. They gave us estimates of populations, trends for the last 20+ years, projected fishing this year for each species, and much more. Looks like an outstanding year for walleye and trout!!!
- 10) Mark Haffley went over tagging of walleye program. Starting next week, they will begin catching walleye to implant acoustic sensor in belly, and yellow tag on its back. Yellow tag gives notice that fish has acoustic tag in belly, don't freeze, don't cut with knife, and reward is \$100. Don't throw back. Call number on tag. PFBC needs that information.
- 11) PFBC to start mass marking tagging program on steelhead. There will be a tag put in the snout, and adipose fins clipped.

New Business

- 1) Terry Kremer has agreed to accept secretary Position. Motion was made by Todd Redmond and Paul Olszewski second the motion.
- 2) Pete Alex gave report from his GLFC meeting in Toronto. Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) and Sea Grant funding was approved for 2019. See www.glfc.org for full report
- 3) Justin Dorado working to finalize donation and sponsorship with FishUSA and Shimano for the Summer Slam. Trying to do cross promotion of Summer Slam with "Fall Brawl".

- 4) Received donation for kid's day from Ameridrives Inc. for \$100. Special thanks to Brad Grimshaw for getting his employer to donate. Thank you, letter, sent 4/10/18.
- 5) Reserved TREC center movie theater for captains meeting august 10th 1800-2000hrs. Need check sent to Beth at TREC.
- 6) By-laws need Amended for 2-year officer positions. Article 4, section 3.
- 7) By-laws need Amended for membership term. It was changed to 360 days from sign up. By-laws Article 3, section 4.
- 8) We should give honorary business membership to Jr's on the bay and Fish USA for all their help. Just put on the website as business link. By-laws article3, section 3.
- 9) Update bod and secretary on contacts page
- 10) Formal letter needs written to PFBC northwest regional manager Tom Edwards. Request change of regulations allowing boats to fish Presque Isle Bay for steelhead during the Friday closed season prior to opening day of trout season.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Joe Nemet and Ken Nulph will do more research regarding officers/director's insurance and event liability insurance.
 - a. Pete received some insurance quotes but is tabled until the club does more research on liability and officer/director insurance.
- 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: ongoing until all tournament rules are finalized

Motions Summary

- 1) March minutes approved.
- 2) march Treasurer's report approved.
- 3) Terry Kremer as new secretary.

Announcements:

Next public meeting January 15th, 2019 at American Legion post #773 located at 4109 west 12th street, Erie, PA 16505. BOD at 4:30pm and public at 6:30pm.

Other Business

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

Public Comments

Comments were made about cancelling spring trout tournament on April 15th and moving to April 22nd due to severe weather. The entire board was behind this due to safety. It was said that we should have cancelled the tournament all together, because there was no make-up day scheduled in the rules. In the spirit of competition and what the club is about, we decided to allow one chance for a make-up day on the 22nd. Anyone that could not attend was given a full refund of their entry fee.

John S stated that he agreed with board decision.

Adjournment Time: 7:30pm **THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 4/20/2018