



DATE: Tuesday April 18th, 2023
TIME: 5:54 PM – 7:48 PM
LOCATION: Universal Metal Systems LLC

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday April 18th, 2023

Call to Order Time: 5:54 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, Kids Fishing Day, tournaments, brown trout report, Facebook/website, and fund raising.

Board Members Present: (In person): Pete Alex, President; Paul Olszewski, Vice President; Joe Nemet, Treasurer, Mike Vincent, Director; George Kuhns, Secretary

Associate Board Members Present: 0

Directors Not Present: Brad Grimshaw, Pat Crosby, Quinn Bayle, Todd Redmond

Current Active Membership: 77 Facebook followers: 2,088

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Joe Nemet and seconded by Paul Olszewski

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Paul Olszewski

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 5,373.47
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 2,596.58
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,215.74

Reimbursements and costs:

\$300.00 Donation to the Bob Hetz Memorial Fund (We received a thank you card from Mrs. Hetz)

\$500.00 3CU Donation (We received a thank you card from Mike Felege)

\$226.00 PO Box 1 year renewal

No outstanding taxes - \$55.00 paid to tax preparer / 1099 forms

\$600.00 Paid to 2022 tournament director

Various reimbursements to Paul Olszewski for miscellaneous purchases

\$1,007.00 paid for insurances – Insurance coverage was discussed for the trailer and its contents

Minor website fees were also paid

Old Business:

- 1) Past fundraising raffles have concluded. Future raffles were discussed under New Business.
- 2) The Spring Trout Challenge has concluded. Results were discussed under the tournament committee.
- 3) Kids Day 2022 was successful. Kids Day 2023 was discussed under Paul Olszewski's report.
- 4) Chuck Murray has retired from the PFBC. Mark Haffley has been named head biologist.
- 5) Pete Alex submitted drawings regarding the Lampe Marina lift well for boater and charter pick up / drop off use. John Mulligan was not receptive to this idea and so they will continue to let the \$300,000.00 investment do nothing.
- 6) The 2022 Summer Slam deposit system was implemented by Quinn Bayle. The system was successful and will be utilized again for the 2023 Summer Slam Tournament.
- 7) Smith's Provisions donated 250 hot dogs to Kid's Day 2022. Pete Alex will contact them for 2023.
- 8) The PFBC Covid-19 available funds available through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission have become obsolete.
- 9) Pete Alex attended the Lake Erie Committee meeting via Zoom. Information was discussed under new business.
- 10) Aleasha Nemet took on the role of tournament director in 2022. She will remain tournament director for the 2023 tournament season.
- 11) Brad Grimshaw conducted boat and cooler checks at the 2022 Summer Slam.
- 12) Elections were discussed under New Business.

New Business:

- 1) As stated under Old Business, Chuck Murray has retired from the PFBC and Mark Haffley has taken his position.
- 2) Elections: Terry Kremer has resigned from his Board of Directors position as Secretary. An email was sent out to inform EPSFA members and advertise the open position. At a special meeting held on April 11th 2023 Pete Alex made a motion to elect George Kuhns to the secretary position. Paul Olszewski seconded the motion and a vote was held resulting in 5Y / 0N electing George Kuhns.
- 3) Paul Olszewski discussed the Brown Trout meeting held on February 28th 2023. In attendance were members of the SONS, PA Steelheaders, 3CU, EPSFA, as well as Mark Haffley. Increased stocking efforts were the topic of conversation.
- 4) Pete Alex submitted a letter to the PFBC Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer requesting approval to use the Lake Erie Permit fund to pay for removal of large naturally occurring navigational hazards in the water. Dan Pastore suggested boating funds be used in place of Lake Erie Permit funds. No answers have been provided.
- 5) Pete Alex submitted a letter to the SONS in support of the 24/7 live camera at Walnut Creek Marina.

- 6) Paul Olszewski noted necessary amendments to Spring Trout Challenge rule #16 as well as Summer Slam rule #17 regarding boat lengths. The current rule is incomplete and needs to read "18' or larger".
- 7) Pete Alex attended the Lake Erie Percid Management Meeting via Zoom. Pete noted the following; There are 93 million Walleye currently in Lake Erie age 2 or older. Approximately 52% of the Walleye in Lake Erie are adults, age 2 or older. The 2022 fishing season had a very high harvest rate, and following the 2022 spawn 2024 looks to be excellent as well. The Yellow Perch harvest also increased by 1%. Ohio and Canada net Yellow Perch post spawn, while Pennsylvania does not.
- 8) Fund Raising was discussed and Mike Vincent suggested communicating with other clubs such as the SONS to participate in raffle and ticket sales. Potential gift card raffles were mentioned as well as a charter from Nemesis Sportfishing. Joe Nemet suggested the raffle of a Lake Erie charter aboard Nemesis for the 2023 or 2024 season. Pete Alex made a motion to raffle the trip as well as pay Joe Nemet the sum of \$200.00 toward his costs for the trip. The motion was seconded by Paul Olszewski and a vote was held resulting in 5Y / 0N. Joe Nemet and Quinn Bayle will organize an electronic raffle.
- 9) John Mulligan has resigned from the Port Authority.
- 10) The Lampe Marina Fish Cleaning Station is scheduled for construction and should be finished in September of 2023.

Brown Trout Report:

Mark Haffley feels stocking 200,000 or fewer browns is realistic with the support of local clubs. These fish would be stocked during the 2025 season if approval is given this spring. Currently the goal is around 80,000 which is usually not met. If it is increased up to 200,000 with no reduction in the annual 1 million steelhead stocking goal, no lake wide approval is needed and Mark feels it is doable. The PA Steelheaders, Casting Club, and Trout Unlimited wrote letters of support.

Tournament Committee Updates:

- 1) The Spring Trout Challenge was held on April 16th 2023. Pete Alex noted the diverse species caught including several Brown Trout, Salmon, and Steelhead. The event had great weather, 12 teams participating, and local news coverage at the weigh in. Congratulations to team Poker Face winning the event with a full 6 fish box. Team Vision Quest finished second with team Renegade on their heels in third place.
- 2) The Summer Slam Tournament will be held at the same location as last year, The Bayfront Park and Ride for both weigh-ins as well as the captain's meeting. There are currently 2 sponsors; Fish USA and Real Nutz Vodka. At a special meeting held on April 11th it was decided that Aleasha Nemet will remain tournament director. The same format will be applied to this year's tournament and a minimum of 20 boats will be required by the cutoff date. A cutoff date of June 30th was suggested. Joe Nemet and the tournament director will obtain any remaining permits.

Kids Day:

- 1) Kids Day 2023 will be held on May 27th. The authorization letter has been completed with Presque Isle Sate Park, and Paul Olszewski has obtained the permit.
- 2) There are 3 current donations; \$500.00 from the Society of Holy Trinity, \$500.00 from Ameridrives, and bait donated by Limestone Bait Company. As mentioned under Old Business Pete Alex will contact Smith's Provisions regarding hot dogs.
- 3) Paul Olszewski will write thank you notes to the event sponsors, and he will talk to the SONS regarding volunteers.
- 4) The number of participants has been increased from 100 to 120 spots for 2023. There are currently 43 registered participants and 77 open spots.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities.
- 2) Future public meetings.

Motions Summary (aside from meeting start and end)

- 1) Pete Alex made a motion (seconded by Paul Olszewski) to Elect George Kuhns to Secretary Position.
- 2) Pete Alex made a motion (seconded by Paul Olszewski) to proceed with a Nemesis charter raffle.

Announcements:

- 1) Next BOD meeting is to take place prior to the Summer Slam Tournament. Date and time TBD.

Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD's, and associate BOD's positions available.
- 2) Reminder to renew your membership and recruit a new member.

Public Comments

Closed meeting.

Adjournment Time: 7:48 PM

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA PRESIDENT) DATED: 4/21/2023