



**DATE:** Tuesday May 22nd, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:36 PM –8:36 PM  
**LOCATION:** Universal Metals

## **Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association**

### **Meeting Minutes: Tuesday May 22, 2018**

**Call to Order Time:** 6:36 PM

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** Kids Day, Tournament rules and logistics, helping homeless Veterans, Bay Rat Bash day, Review old and new business.

**Board Members Present:** Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Terry Kremer, Justin DiRado, Todd Redmond

**Associate Board Members Present:** Doug Straub

**Directors Not Present:** Joe Nemet, Quinn Bayle, Mike Vincent

**Current Membership:** 90 Active-54 Inactive

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Pete Alex motioned to accept April's Treasurer's report. Terry Kremer seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$3,162.52 (checks were written for EPSFA STC)
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,807.08
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,653.02

**Reimbursements:** None

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Kids Day: Sold out. Still need volunteers to help. We have reached the donation goal set of \$1,000 for the kids.

- 2) Tournaments: Walleye Challenge and Summer Slam rules were published to website on 5/13/18.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Terry Kremer has agreed to accept secretary Position. Motion was made by Todd Redmond and Paul Olszewski second the motion.
- 5) 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](http://www.glfc.org) for full report
- 6) Justin DiRado working to finalize donation and sponsorship with FishUSA and Shimano for the Summer Slam. Received confirmation on 4 Tekota reels and 4 Talora rods, plus \$250 from Shimano. Trying to do cross promotion of Summer Slam with "Fall Brawl".
- 7) 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.
- 8) Reserved TREC center movie theater for captains meeting august 10th 1800-2000hrs Need check sent to Beth at TREC. Terry has form filled out, need check made out and sent in (Joe & Terry)
- 9) By-laws need Amended for 2-year officer positions. Article 4, section 3. (Terry)
- 10) By-laws need Amended for membership term. It was changed to 360 days from sign up. By-laws Article 3, section 4. (Terry)
- 11) 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. Approved. (Quinn)
- 12) Update bod and secretary on contacts page. (Quinn)
- 13) Formal letter needs written to PFBC northwest regional manager Tom Edwards with Chuck Murray and Mark Haffley copied. Request change of regulations allowing boats to fish Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie for steelhead during the Friday closed season prior to opening day of trout season. (Pete)

## New Business

- 1) EPSFA kid's day final prepping discussed. Paul O has done outstanding job coordinating this event. Everything is ready. Setup starts at 7:30 AM. Have time to help? More people are always needed. This will be the largest group we've ever had.
- 2) "Bay Rat Bash" at FishUSA on June 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM-6:00PM. The event is catered towards kids and families. Fish USA will have food and drinks. Lure painting for kids. Terry will have table setup for promotion of our club, memberships, free kid's membership, Tournaments, etc. Would like extra help to man the table. Pete recommended using his spinner wheel or two at table for kids to spin to win a prize or candy. Also, for Pete to provide small EPSFA decals to hand out at the table.

- 3) Email all families/kids registered for our kid's day about the event. (Quinn)
- 4) FishUSA to give handouts to Paul O for dispersal at our kid's day event on May 26<sup>th</sup>. (Justin)
- 5) Amend Rule 6 and disclaimer: to include: "Random coolers may be collected by EPSFA officials upon returning to listed departure point on disclaimer. They will be sealed and transported to FishUSA weigh-in". Both events rules will need to be changed and uploaded to website. (Terry & Quinn)
- 6) Recommendation for next year to do 1 charter raffle and 1 tackle package raffle. Feedback from customers at FishUSA.
- 7) Hang EPSFA "schedule of events 2018" sign at all the marina's and any businesses that will allow. Already done are Elk Creek Sports Store, Walnut, Poor Richards, Bay Harbor east and west. Pete will do Lampe, East end angler, and North East Marina. Anyone else with idea's of where to advertise, contact Terry for Digital or paper copy. We need as much advertising as possible.
- 8) FishUSA will promote tournaments on their roadside business sign prior to the tournaments. (Justin)
- 9) Mass email needs sent for publishing of the Walleye Challenge and Summer Slam. (Quinn) FB page needs updated to advertise and remind folks of the Walleye Challenge coming. (Paul)
- 10) Tent (30x40), tables, and chairs need ordered for W.C. and S.S. Book both events for discount. Brads bounce a lot was previous supplier. (Joe)
- 11) Pete will arrange, and his company will donate porta-pot for both events. (Done)
- 12) Arrange stage trailer and steps for both events. (Todd)
- 13) Food and cooking for both events. (Paul O)
- 14) Request from Erie County Veterans Affairs Director, Thaddeus Plasczynski. He is working with Non-profit "Embracing our Veterans". They help with housing and feeding homeless veterans in Erie County. Give assistance in paying utility bills, food assistance, and furniture. Getting them off the street and in permanent housing. He wants to put on a walleye dinner fund raiser in Late August or September. Thad is donating his entire year catch to this and is requesting our assistance. They are asking for walleye donations, either from our tournament donations, or anyone that is willing to help. The walleye will be filleted by him if needed and stored until the event. The S.O.N.S. has already been promised the donated catch from our tournaments. What if we could set aside another day for a pickup tournament and donate all the fish to this cause? Further discussion needed. We should do everything we can to help. They've earned it. Paul O will check with SONS to verify how many fish they need first and then we will determine what has to happen to help Thads event. A small after work fishing mission may be organized to do so. To be determined still.
- 15) GLATOS was discussed. Justin expressed interest on behalf of FishUSA on being involved with that program for the big picture. Pete's contact is Chris Vandergoot. Chris spearheads the GLATOS studies and research for multiple States.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) EPSFA still to arrange meeting with PFBC and others for discussing the brown trout program and stocking of browns and steelhead. Possible belly tags to track movement like walleye.
- 2) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 3) Reviewing club bylaws and amending.
- 4) Possible after work EPSFA fishing mission to help SONS or Vets events.

## Motions Summary

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

## Announcements:

Next public meeting (third Tuesday of month) January 15<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.

Next board meeting for B.O.D. only is June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Universal Metals, 1404 East 12<sup>th</sup> street, Erie, PA 16503

## Other Business

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

## Public Comments

None, Closed meeting of Officers and B.O.D.

Adjournment Time: 8:36 pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 6/04/2018