



DATE: Tuesday June 19th, 2018
TIME: 6:37 PM –7:37 PM
LOCATION: Universal Metals

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday June 19th, 2018

Call to Order Time: 6:37 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: Tournament rules and logistics, fish cleaning stations, club insurance, tournament director, cormorants, Review old and new business.

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

Associate Board Members Present: none

Directors Not Present: Justin DiRado

Current Membership: 127

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept May's minutes, Quinn Bayle seconded.

Treasurer's Report

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

- ✓ CHECKING: \$7,175.21 (Increase due to tournament fees)
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,807.08
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,653.02

Reimbursements: None

Old Business

- 1) EPSFA kid's day big success. Paul O has done outstanding job coordinating this event. Many families want to sign up for next year.
- 2) "Bay Rat Bash" at FishUSA on June 9th 10:00AM-6:00PM. Terry had table setup with handouts for events and memberships. Free kid's membership offered but had no takers. Spinning wheel with candy and free bay rat lures (supplied by Todd), was a big hit. Did not sign up any memberships at event, but a few said they would sign up online. Many interested in tournaments, but don't want to fish against charter boats or seasoned fisherman. Explained summer slam pro-am event, and that made people more interested.
- 3) Emailed all families/kids registered for our kid's day about the Bay Rat Bash.
- 4) FishUSA gave handouts for Bay Rat Bash to Paul O for dispersal at our kid's day event on May 26th.
- 5) Amended 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 changed and uploaded to website.
- 6) 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.
- 7) FishUSA will promote tournaments on their roadside business sign prior to the tournaments.
- 8) Mass email sent for publishing of the Walleye Challenge and Summer Slam. FB page updated to advertise and remind folks of the Walleye Challenge coming.
- 9) Tent (30x40), tables, and chairs ordered for W.C. and S.S. Book both events for discount. Brads bounce a lot was previous supplier.
- 10) Pete will arrange, and his company will donate porta-pot for both events.
- 11) Arrange stage trailer and steps for both events.
- 12) Food and cooking for both events.
- 13) 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. SONS need around 180 pounds for their fall cookout. A small after work fishing mission may be organized to do so. To be determined still.

New Business

- 1) Joe Nemet presented club insurance quote. More coverage for same money. 1 Million coverage for B.O.D and 2 million aggregates. Drop insurance for scale due to age versus actual cash value. Unanimous approval by B.O.D. Thank you Joe for your time and effort in this matter.
- 2) LEAC meeting. Attended by Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, and Mike Vincent. Fish Commission will entertain idea of fish cleaning station with Lake Erie stamp money. They want clubs to do leg work and present type of stations to use, waste removal, setups, and costs. Check with John Mulligan from port authority. He may have already completed research into station at Lampe marina. Fish cleaning station committee volunteers are Pete Alex, Mike Vincent, and Quinn Bayle.
- 3) Lake Erie Percid Management Advisory Group (LEPMAG) webinar next month.
- 4) Tournament committee is B.O.D. Mike Vincent will not be at Walleye challenge captains meeting and concedes to other directors.
- 5) Permits from the PAFBC for all tournaments this year are completed.
- 6) Penny Hartman considered for position of tournament director. She has been tournament director for multiple events Pete has been a part of and has done an outstanding job. Pete will contact her about doing summer slam tournament. Tournament directors job is to run Captains meeting, weigh-in, setup and teardown. Agreed on Payment of \$500 plus expenses.
- 7) Cormorants season should be considered in PA. They do tremendous damage to fish and smolt populations. What organization can we partner with to get a season passed in PA. They were protected under the federal migratory bird act until this spring. A good article is listed at <http://greatlakesecho.org/2018/04/12/people-can-once-again-kill-cormorants/>

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. Pete send file to Terry for editing.
- 4) Possible after work EPSFA fishing mission to help SONS or Vets events.
- 5) Thank you letters for kid's day donations. Smiths, Utz, and Poor Richards

- 6) By-laws need Amended for membership term. It was changed to 360 days from sign up. By-laws Article 3, section 4.
- 7) By-laws need Amended for 2-year officer positions. Article 4, section 3.
- 8) Recommendations for next year to do 1 charter raffle and 1 tackle package raffle. Feedback from customers at Fish USA
- 9) 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.

Motions Summary

- 1) May minutes approved.
- 2) May Treasurer's report approved.
- 3) Motion to accept new insurance proposal.

Announcements:

Next public meeting (third Tuesday of month) 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.

Next board meeting for B.O.D. only is July 17th, 2018 at Universal Metals, 1404 East 12th 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: 8:37 pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 7/04/2018