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**TIME:**  
**LOCATION:**

Tuesday June 23rd, 2020  
6:00 PM –7:14 PM  
Universal Metal Systems LLC

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Tuesday June 23rd, 2020

**Call to Order Time:** 6:00 PM

**E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss:** review old/new business, roll over current board positions, Covid-19 effects on tournaments, Summer Slam coordination, Trout tournament to be possible a 2-day event in the fall, and fund raising.

**Board Members Present:** Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Joe Nemet, Terry Kremer, Mike Vincent, and Quinn Bayle.

**Associate Board Members Present:** None

**Directors Not Present:** Todd Redmond and Brad Grimshaw.

**Current Membership:** 96. **Facebook followers:** 1,743

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept February's minutes/newsletter; Joe Nemet seconded.

### Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept February's treasurer's report. Terry Kremer seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$3,150.99
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,394.30
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,712.84

### Reimbursements and costs:

USPS \$148 for P.O. Box and FTC.

### Old Business:

- 1) Continue with investigation into the Erie County Health Department not allowing fish carcasses to be dumped in open waters of Lake Erie. New York is allowed if 100 feet offshore, Canada is allowed in

open water, and Ohio is not legal. Terry to follow up with Mike Rinkevich at the Erie County Health Department. **Update:** Mike Rinkevich stated there is no Erie County Health Department rules against dumping fish carcasses in PA waters of Lake Erie. Terry contacted PFBC Northwest Regional Director Tom Edwards. He stated it falls under Title 30 “illegal dumping” and the Clean Stream Law of 1937. His main argument for this law is considers the commercial perch head boats. There are 2 boats in Erie, with the protentional to catch 1,500 fish a day X 2 trips a day, that would be 6,000 “potential” carcasses in a day (yes, I know your laughing right now at 1,500 perch a day trip). Plus, the potential from many 6 pack charter boats running every day. If there is to be any change, it will have to be generated through the PA lawmakers. It could possibly be brought up to our State Senator Dan Laughlin for further discussion.

- 2) Local angler: Matt Duckett is trying to push back on commercial perch netting until after the spring spawn has been completed. He has contacted the EPSFA, SONS and state senator Dan Laughlin for support. He is looking for all the local clubs to possibly support banning commercial net activity during the spring perch spawning period. He filed a “right to know” with the PAFBC to obtain the yellow perch catch reports to get a better understanding of the impact. The EPSFA discussed hearing more about his efforts from him as they progress, and information is received.
- 3) Paul Olszewski to ask Mark Morrow if he is available to emcee at the Summer Slam.
- 4) We still need some donations for “kids’ day”. We are shooting for 100 kids again this year. Any questions on sponsorship of volunteering should be directed to Paul Olszewski.
- 5) Update and publish tournament rules for Spring trout, Summer Slam, and Fall trout.
- 6) Update and distribute 2020 schedule of events. Terry will take the west side again; others need to do drop these off in Erie and Northeast bait and tackle shop locations.
- 7) An idea was discussed to raffle of an electronics item to raise money and boost membership. All new or renewal membership will be given 3 chances, tickets will be sold at \$\_\_\_ each.

### New Business:

- 1) Since the Spring trout tournament permit was revoked by PAFBC due to COVID-19. The plan is to have a 2-day tournament in the fall, with separate days, just like Summer Slam. You must fish both days to be eligible for the Trout Cup. If both days can not be fished due to weather, Covid-19, etc., then no Trout Cup will be awarded in 2020.
- 2) Walnut creek buoy has been offline for some time now. Pete talked to the Regional Science Consortium and was informed it is currently being repaired.
- 3) Due to Covid-19. The board has decided to rollover current board positions.
- 4) Due to Covid-19. The board will suspend elections until a public meeting can be safely held.
- 5) Currently, we are still planning to have the Summer Slam tournament, unless PAFBC revokes the permit. The EPSFA will pay for trophies for the Summer Slam. David Theaman will be the emcee. Terry

will let us know when/if the permit comes from the PFBC. The American legion #773, at 4109 west 12<sup>th</sup> street Erie, PA 16505, cannot allow us inside for the Captains meeting due to the Governors restrictions. However, they have offered to let us have the Captains meeting in the outside picnic area. It has covered bays and restrooms.

- 6) Question was raised: Does Ameridrives want their donation back for the “Kids Day” that did not take place? Brad Grimshaw to ask.
- 7) BOD decided and picked a date to organize the EPSFA items and equipment at Alex Roofing. The BOD approved up to \$200 if needed, for shelving and organizing materials. The work party will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at 5:00 PM.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities discussed but need more input...Ongoing...
- 2) 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 way. 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.

## Motions Summary

February minutes/newsletter approved.

February treasurer’s report approved.

Pete Alex motioned to rollover current board positions; Mike Vincent seconded

Pete Alex motioned to suspend board elections until public meeting can be held; Terry Kremer seconded.

## Announcements:

- 1) Next Public meeting is TBD.

## Other Business

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

## Public Comments

None. Closed meeting

**Adjournment Time: 7:14pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

**ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 6/25/2020**