



DATE: Tuesday July 17th, 2018
TIME: 4:37 PM –6:08 PM
LOCATION: Universal Metals

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday July 17th, 2018

Call to Order Time: 4:37 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: Tournament rules and logistics, fish cleaning stations, tournament director, trout regulation change, cormorants, review old and new business.

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

Associate Board Members Present: Ken Nulph

Directors Not Present: Mike Vincent

Current Membership: 134

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept June's minutes, Todd Redmond seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Pete Alex motioned to accept June's Treasurer's report. Quinn Bayle seconded.

- ✓ CHECKING: \$5,600.76 (Decrease due to tournament payout)
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,808.43
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,654.22

Reimbursements:

\$136.35 to Paul Olszewski. Food and drink for walleye challenge

Old 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. New insurance policy is now in force.
- 2) Lake Erie Percid Management Advisory Group (LEPMAG) webinar. No one was able to attend, however LEPMAG keeps meeting minutes for the record.
- 3) Tournament committee is B.O.D. Mike Vincent will not be at Walleye challenge captains meeting and concedes to other directors.
- 4) Permits from the PAFBC for all tournaments this year are completed. Terry has them in file folder.
- 5) Penny Hartman considered for position of tournament director. She has been tournament director for multiple events Pete has been a part of and she 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. Not going to work out. Paul will be tournament director for Summer Slam. Continue the search.
- 6) Cormorant culling season should be considered in PA. They do tremendous damage to adult and juvenile fish populations as well as the environment. 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/> Chuck Murray going to a meeting in August specifically to discuss this matter. Paul O going to talk with SONS about getting on board with us.
- 7) Walleye Challenge went very well. Lots of compliments given at Fish USA. Random boat checks and cooler collection went well and seemed to be accepted. Not as good of a turn out as we wanted, but Summer Slam should be better with Amateur division.

New Business

- 1) Formal letter 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 trout during the Friday closed season prior to opening day of trout season. Request was sent up to Ed Mascharka and presented to John Arway. It was stated that it was not the intent of that written regulation to prohibit the keeping of trout in Lake Erie or Presque Isle bay. Confirmation was sent back to club that the regulation will be changed in the future to allow target and keep trout during that 32 hour closed period prior to opening day. (P.I. Bay and Lake Erie). This is another example of what group

can accomplish versus an individual. Another example of why membership and support of EPSFA is important.

- 2) Microsoft office subscription ran out on club laptop. It was discussed about renewing. Terry volunteered to add office 365 to laptop because he has an extra license. Documents will be saved onto Microsoft one drive so that other members can have access to the files at any time.
- 3) Walleye Challenge spreadsheet needs completed and sent to Quinn for upload on website. (Terry & Quinn)
- 4) Book Millcreek American Legion for Winter months (Jan-Apr) so there will be no conflict with normal dates. (Terry)
- 5) Pete said talking to Penny Hartman is now a bad idea after he experienced an incident in NY regarding their Pro Am. He will not ask her to consider a tournament director position.
- 6) EPSFA BOD will meet Tuesday August 7th to discuss and finalize plans for the Pro Am.
- 7) Pro Am is coming up August 11th and 12th. The EPSFA hopes the split divisions will make the event more appealing to all. Also, the optional day(s) may entice more teams to enter. Registration to enter is August 3rd, 2018 11:59pm. Add \$100 to entry fee after the 3rd.

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) Possible after work EPSFA fishing mission to help SONS or Vets events. Terry to contact Thad and see exactly what he still needs
- 4) Recommendations for next year to do 1 charter raffle and 1 tackle package raffle. Feedback from customers at Fish USA
- 5) 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. Justin has been in contact with some companies to try and get them on board with this program as well. Donating money for tags and other things.
- 6) 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. Big mink farmer has retired, and John Early is starting off his new farm, but only has 400 minks right now. Intends to grow, but it takes time. This may impact the carcass drop off and pickups in the future.

Motions Summary

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

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 4:30pm August 21st, 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: 6:08 pm **THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 7/31/2018