



DATE: Tuesday November 19th, 2019
TIME: 5:32 PM –7:04 PM
LOCATION: Universal Metal Systems LLC

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday November 19th, 2019

Call to Order Time: 5:32 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, Tournament dates for 2020, raffle ideas, Winter meetings or not? LEAC meeting notes, Fishidy App for club members, fund raising.

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

Associate Board Members Present:

Directors Not Present: Justin DiRado, Brad Grimshaw

Current Membership: 99

Approval of Previous Minutes

Pete Alex motioned to accept October minutes/newsletter; Paul Olszewski seconded.

Treasurer's Report

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

- ✓ CHECKING: \$3,873.38
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$10,391.53
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$9,710.27

Reimbursements and costs:

Tournament payouts for FTC

Old Business:

- 1) Fall trout challenge was the nicest weather we have had in years. Congratulations to Team "Ditch Chicken" for the win. 2019 Trout cup win went to team "Nemesis" Congratulations.

- 2) Agreed to purchase (5) more telemetry fish tags, 2020 will be the last year of the tagging program and the EPSFA wanted to support this program with the PFBC.
- 3) Agreed to have a Summer Slam in 2020 with same format. However, we may move the event to the last weekend in July if we find no other scheduling conflicts that weekend. We will also ask FishUSA to combine the event with a potential manufacturer at the FishUSA location.
- 4) Agreed to pursue a tournament director for the 2020 Summer Slam for a fee of \$ 599.00. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the EPSFA BOD members.
- 5) Agreed to accept Howard Brad Grimshaw as a BOD member.
- 6) Agreed to meet in November 12th at Universal Metals for our non-public BOD meeting.
- 7) Agreed to not meet in December, which has been the norm since the Association was formed.
- 8) Discussed organizing another community event to reward an organization with a multi boat volunteer fishing event. EPSFA members would donate their time and boats to take folks fishing as a reward for their good community efforts in our area.
- 9) Discussed the Fall Trout Challenge duties, awards etc. to prepare for the event this weekend.

New Business:

- 1) Summer slam weekend picked for 2020. It will be **July 25th and 26th**. Captains meeting will be on July 24th. Moving the date back to try and boost attendance and possibly have fish USA do a Promotional event that weekend as well.
- 2) Spring trout challenge will be **Sunday April 19th**. Fall Trout Challenge will be **Sunday October 18th**. Both will be in the same format as in 2019.
- 3) B.A.S.S. Nation Regional championships will be held in Erie Pa on June 24th, 2020. The weigh in will be at Perry monument on Presque Isle. B.A.S.S, along with Erie Sports commission, the organizers are looking for other groups to provide activities for the youth to do during the weigh-ins which will increase attendance at the weigh-in. The EPSFA wishes we could get the same consideration and promotions for our tournaments.
- 4) Kids day date for next year is **Saturday May 23rd**. Start thinking about who we can get to donate this year. Start early, and we will be at the top of the list.
- 5) Pete attended a briefing on the Lake Erie Permit Program with Lake Erie Advisory Committee (LEAC) members on November 7th. In was held at Senator Dan Laughlin office and he was in attendance along with Representative Wentling. The PFBC discussed the Lake Erie permit fund program. (\$3.09 million currently in fund). Scott Bollinger provided a power point on all the positive things they were doing for land acquisitions and easements for the steelhead anglers. Pete brought up the need for cleaning stations for the boating community and expressed deep concerns that the same old thing max happen with regard to the bill being introduced but never passed. The wording and use of the existing bill needs modified with new legislation so the fund can be used to include the boating community (besides launch repairs) which brings in a large chunk of the \$40 million in economic funds to our community. Senator

Laughlin expressed interest in doing the fish cleaning stations without waiting for the HB bill to be passed. He stated that this should be possible without those funds. The EPSFA will follow up with him to reinforce the needs for these: long overdue” stations in Erie County.

- 6) Discussion ensued of why we are not allowed to dump our fish carcasses in PA like New York and Canadians do in Lake Ontario. We know it to be an issue with the Erie County Health Board, not a PFBC issue. To our knowledge, nobody understands why this can't be changed. They (the state) get our money for the guide permit which allows us to clean the fish on the boat, but carcasses must be saved and disposed of at home or barrels for the mink farmer to collect? That's if he can do it in a timely manner. Many days, barrels are overflowing and smell, which create its own health concerns. Further investigation needs to be done to understand the problems that dumping creates-per the Health Department. Other states and countries allow it, so why are we different? EPSFA to follow up with the County Health Department.
- 7) Sea Grant finished a study showing \$40 million economic impact input for to Erie county due to fishing Lake Erie. Check it out here. <https://seagrant.psu.edu/topics/research/assessing-economic-impact-and-value-recreational-fishing-lake-erie-waters>
- 8) Dan Pastore is now the fish commissioner in PA area 1. He is replacing Ed Marshaka who served two plus terms.
- 9) Further investigation needed for using the “FISHIDY” App as a club. Terry has been using for most of the summer and finds it easy to work with. It was purchased by Raymarine and is being integrated into their software for the new multifunction displays, including axiom. You can plan and transfer your day info in to your Raymarine display. It has over a million members and climbing. We will have our own private EPSFA group as well as following any waterway and activity in the country. Terry will be checking out what it would take to have our club, as a non-profit, using the app in a group setting as well as a full premium membership, and costs.
- 10) A gun raffle fundraising idea was brought up again. Partnering with Edinboro outdoors was mentioned as they have a system in place to cover all the logistics. Our members will have to step up and sell a lot more tickets though. The tickets will be easier to sell, but it cannot be done with only a dozen people selling the tix. An idea would be to send each member ten tickets to sell or the member can buy themselves. Also, the possibility if you win a gun, getting a gift card for equal value to any store you want. As of this meeting, no member has volunteered a charter trip to raffle off in 2020. The cooler raffle last year was not successful enough to do in again in 2020.
- 11) The SONS announced that the Holland Street Pier Extension Project was approved and will commence spring of 2020.

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.
- 3) Organize EPSFA equipment at Alex Roofing. Board approves \$200 if needed for shelving and organizing materials.

Motions Summary

- 1) October minutes/newsletter approved.
- 2) October treasurer’s report approved.

Announcements:

- 1) There are no public meetings the remainder of the 2019 year. Public meetings for 2020 still under discussion due to low attendance.

Other Business

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

Public Comments

None. Closed meeting

Adjournment Time: 7:07pm THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

ACCEPTED BY: TERRY KREMER (EPSFA SECRETARY) DATED: 12/01/2019