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Wednesday December 20th, 2023
7:25 PM – 8:17 PM
Alex Roofing Co., Inc.

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday December 20th, 2023

Call to Order Time: 7:25 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, Kids Fishing Day, tournaments, brown trout report, Facebook/website, and fund raising.

Board Members Present: (In person): Pete Alex, President; Paul Olszewski, Vice President; Joe Nemet, Treasurer, George Kuhns, Secretary

Associate Board Members Present: 0

Directors Not Present: Brad Grimshaw, Pat Crosby, Quinn Bayle, Todd Redmond, Mike Vincent

Current Active Membership: 59 Facebook followers: 2,136

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Joe Nemet and seconded by Pete Alex

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Paul Olszewski

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 1,918.69
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 2,586.74
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,206.38

Reimbursements and costs:

\$1,281.00 paid for insurances – Insurance coverage was discussed for the trailer and its contents
\$2,351.00 paid for tournament expenses
\$164.00 miscellaneous purchases
\$911.00 Kids Day expenses
\$581.00 website fees were also paid

Old Business:

- 1) Chuck Murray has retired from the PFBC and Mark Haffley has taken his position.
- 2) Elections: Terry Kremer has resigned from his Board of Directors position as Secretary. An email was sent out to inform EPSFA members and advertise the open position. At a special meeting held on April 11th 2023 Pete Alex made a motion to elect George Kuhns to the secretary position. Paul Olszewski seconded the motion and a vote was held resulting in 5Y / 0N electing George Kuhns.
- 3) Paul Olszewski discussed the Brown Trout meeting held on February 28th 2023. In attendance were members of the SONS, PA Steelheaders, 3CU, EPSFA, as well as Mark Haffley. Increased stocking efforts were the topic of conversation.
- 4) Pete Alex submitted a letter to the PFBC Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer requesting approval to use the Lake Erie Permit fund to pay for removal of large naturally occurring navigational hazards in the water. Dan Pastore suggested boating funds be used in place of Lake Erie Permit funds. No answers have been provided.
- 5) Pete Alex submitted a letter to the SONS in support of the 24/7 live camera at Walnut Creek Marina. The camera is live as of December 15, 2023 and can be accessed through the following link:
www.fishusa.com/walnut-webcam/
- 6) Paul Olszewski noted necessary amendments to Spring Trout Challenge rule #16 as well as Summer Slam rule #17 regarding boat lengths. The current rule is incomplete and needs to read "18' or larger".
- 7) Pete Alex attended the Lake Erie Percid Management Meeting via Zoom. Pete noted the following; There are 93 million Walleye currently in Lake Erie age 2 or older. Approximately 52% of the Walleye in Lake Erie are adults, age 2 or older. The 2022 fishing season had a very high harvest rate, and following the 2022 spawn 2024 looks to be excellent as well. The Yellow Perch harvest also increased by 1%. Ohio and Canada net Yellow Perch post spawn, while Pennsylvania does not.
- 8) Fund Raising was discussed and Mike Vincent suggested communicating with other clubs such as the SONS to participate in raffle and ticket sales. Potential gift card raffles were mentioned as well as a charter from Nemesis Sportfishing. Joe Nemet suggested the raffle of a Lake Erie charter aboard Nemesis for the 2023 or 2024 season. Pete Alex made a motion to raffle the trip as well as pay Joe Nemet the sum of \$200.00 toward his costs for the trip. The motion was seconded by Paul Olszewski and a vote was held resulting in 5Y / 0N. Joe Nemet and Quinn Bayle will organize an electronic raffle.
- 9) John Mulligan has resigned from the Port Authority.
- 10) The Lampe Marina Fish Cleaning Station is scheduled for construction and should be finished in September of 2023.

New Business:

- 1) Pat Crosby has resigned from the board of directors as of 12/20/2023.
- 2) Pete Alex has not heard back from the PFBC Director Timothy Schaeffer regarding the letter he sent requesting approval to use the Lake Erie Permit Fund to pay for removal of large naturally occurring navigational hazards. No progress has been made.
- 3) The Nemesis Sport Fishing charter raffle has been awarded to Dave Lefavier. Congratulations Dave! Joe Nemet donated the \$200.00 charter expense reimbursement back to the EPSFA. In all, the raffle raised \$1,500.00.
- 4) George Kuhns made a motion for Great Lakes Special Events to redesign and maintain the EPSFA website and administer the registration process. A Budget was set not to exceed \$1,500.00 including the first year domain fees. Following years maintenance costs are not to exceed \$300.00 exclusive of the domain fees. The motion was seconded by Paul Olszewski and a vote resulted in 4Y / 0N approving the motion.
- 5) Director Todd Redmond attended the Bob Hetz Memorial Boulder Dedication Ceremony at the Fairview Gravel Pit.
- 6) The Lampe Marina fish cleaning station is 90% complete and should be open in spring of 2024.
- 7) A tournament meeting was held and the following dates have been set: April 21st – Spring Trout Challenge, July 27th & 28th – Summer Slam, and October 20th – Fall Trout Challenge. In addition to these tournaments, the Team of the Year and Trout Cup will also be up for grabs this year. The tournament committee also discussed the return of Big Fish Friday as well as a potential Big Fish Derby leading into the Summer Slam.
- 8) The Board of Directors is considering several fund raising opportunities in 2024. A Lake Ontario charter raffle aboard Vision Quest was suggested.

Brown Trout Report:

A letter was sent by Pete Alex to Mark Haffley and Timothy Schaffer of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regarding increased Brown Trout stocking. This document will be posted on the new website once it is complete. The EPSFA will continue to follow up with the PFBC.

Tournament Committee Updates:

- 1) The 2023 Fall Trout Challenge was held Sunday October 22nd. 1st place and big fish awards go to Team Nemesis with a winning 6 fish weight of 38.45 pounds anchored with a 7.8 pound big fish. Team Bite Force brought in a 6 fish box weighing 35.75 pounds earning them 2nd place. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- 2) The Spring Trout Challenge is scheduled for Sunday April 21st.

Kids Day:

- 1) Kids Day 2024 will be held on May 25th.
- 2) EPSFA member Matt Duckett in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Boys and Girls Club will be donating all rods, reels, and tackle for Kids Day 2024.
- 3) Kids Day 2023 was held on May 27th with 120 registered participants.
- 4) Thank you to our 2023 Kids Day sponsors: Limestone Bait, Smiths Provisions, Society of Holy Trinity, Ameridrives, FishUSA, and the Sons Of Lake Erie.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities.

Motions Summary (aside from meeting start and end)

- 1) George Kuhns made a motion (seconded by Paul Olszewski) for Great Lakes Special Events to administer the EPSFA website.

Announcements:

- 1) Next BOD meeting is to take place prior to the Spring Trout Challenge. Date and time TBD.

Other Business

- 1) There are still BOD's, and associate BOD's positions available.
- 2) Reminder to renew your membership and recruit a new member.

Public Comments

Closed meeting.

Adjournment Time: 8:17 PM

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA PRESIDENT) DATED: