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Tuesday March 22nd, 2022,
6:06 PM – 7:54 PM
Universal Metal Systems LLC

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday March 22nd, 2022

Call to Order Time: 6:06 PM

E.P.S.F.A. Board of Directors Meeting to Discuss: review old/new business, Kids Fishing Day, tournament dates and rule change status, Lake Erie permit, fish cleaning station update, taxes, and fund raising.

Board Members Present: (In person: Pete Alex, Paul Olszewski, Joe Nemet, Mike Vincent, Pat Crosby
(Present via telephone: Quinn Bayle, Terry Kremer, Brad Grimshaw and Todd Redmond).

Associate Board Members Present: 0

Directors Not Present: 0

Current Active Membership: 83 Facebook followers: 1,939

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Mike Vincent

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Quinn Bayle

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 4,839.72
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 7,196.01
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,714.71

Reimbursements and costs: None

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder to renew your memberships if needed.

- 2) Club fund raising opportunities: Discussed when to end current raffle of the FishUSA gift card and a Bay Rat Lures card valued at \$500 ea. It was decided we would pull the 2 winners at the Spring Trout Challenge (after weigh-ins are completed).
- 3) EPSFA (3) annual tournaments. Formats to remain the same as 2020/2021. Make up for 2021 FTC will be April 23rd. (This will also determine the Trout Cup Champion) STC April 24th, Summer Slam/Pro-Am July 30th and 31st, FTC October 16th. See website for rules and registrations. (There are additional notes from the January meeting for those interested in seeing them-regarding the 2021 FTC make up).
- 4) Summer Slam/Pro will be held again on July 30/31. However, we will require a \$ 50 and \$100 deposit from a minimum of (20) combined teams prior to and by June 1st. If we do not receive those commitments by day end on June 1st, the event will be cancelled, and deposits returned.
- 5) Paul Snyder will be hosting his Offshore Challenge-contact him for details. First event will happen on April 16th (day before Easter). Second one to be held on July 23rd and 24th and final event will be held on October 15th (day before FTC)
- 6) Taxes: Joe will be sending in required tax documents.
- 7) Quinn completed some website updates.
- 8) Fish cleaning station update: Both Walnut Creek and North East Marina stations were finished fall of 21'. The Lampe Marina station will be put out for bid in 22. The Port Authority has obtained funding for their portion of the work and the PFBC funding was approved fall of 21' for the balance of the work needed. Lampe Marina station may be completed by fall of 22'.
- 9) Chuck Murray retired from the PFBC this past fall. The PFBC will be seeking a new head biologist for his position. Chuck was very committed to our fishery and anglers over his long tenure in Erie-Thanks Chuck!
- 10) The EPSFA will seek to restart the brown trout program with the PFBC. We feel the program was successful for 3 years and up until the time changes were made.
- 11) We contacted the Erie Port Authority and presented them with pictures and drawings for use of the Lampe Marina boat lift well. This was installed several years ago and has never been used. It ties up valuable space at the Marina. We made a request for the Port to revamp this (at minimal cost) to allow boaters to tie up there for pick up/drop off and fish cleaning station use. John Mulligan said they will look into the funding and future plans for this.
- 12) Patrick Crosby of Harborcreek, PA accepted a BOD position with the EPSFA Pat is an avid fisherman, boat owner and charter captain. Welcome to the EPSFA BOD Patrick.
- 13) BOD discussed suggestions for utilizing the Lake Erie Permit Stamp proceeds aside from the FC stations and Lampe Marina lift well. No other formal suggestions were received. *However, members can submit bona-fide requests to any BOD member for consideration, then approval.

New Business:

- 1) Additional Club raising opportunities were discussed: Mike Vincent asked about doing additional raffles and concluding the two current raffles. It was decided to start two additional raffles: \$300 each consisting of a grocery and fuel gift card. 50 tickets to be sold per card.
- 2) T.J. and Joe stated permits for 2022 STC/FTC and make up FTC are in hand-no follow up report needed and the rules for these events are finalized. Quinn to upload onto website. Summer Slam rules will be finished soon. Permit still needed for Summer Slam.
- 3) Kids Day permit is in hand and the event is a go. Paul will confirm this with the SONS and other parties. Brad volunteered to co-chair the Kids Fun Fishing Day with Paul. Brad also advises the BOD that Ameridrives has started a community awareness program and said the Company can assist with the event if needed. Flyers were added to the webpage along with a black and white copy version for "printing." Date to be: May 28th, 2022.
- 4) Chuck Murray update: It appears Chuck is still involved with the PFBC for now.
- 5) BOD discussed suggestions for utilizing the Lake Erie Permit Stamp proceeds aside from the FC stations and Lampe Marina lift well. No other formal suggestions were received.
- 6) Summer Slam: Quinn will make a \$50 Am deposit and \$100 Pro deposit entry. Club discussed best way to do this using web software, so it is simple. It was decided that all deposits will be returned upon entrant completing full registration. So, entrants will have to pay in full, before a deposit will be returned.
- 7) Smith Provisions donated 250 hot dogs to the Kids Fishing Day event.
- 8) Pete reviewed an email sent to him from Commissioner Pastore regarding the PFBC Covid-19 available funds. It was an announcement that qualifying businesses could request financial help from these funds (\$250,000 total available) through PFBC made available by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Interested parties should find that information on their website.
- 9) Pete announced he will be attending the Lake Erie Committee meeting this Friday via Zoom. He will take notes to issue a recap for the membership sometime this spring.
- 10) Joe Nemet mentioned that his wife; Aleasha, will take the roll as tournament director for the 2022 season.
- 11) Brad Grimshaw volunteered to do cooler and boat checks for the Summer Slam.
- 12) Elections: The club decided to rollover all BOD positions since we are not at capacity-thus no need to vote. But will send email to announce that the executive positions are open and that if anyone is interested in running against an incumbent, they can do so but must respond to us with there interest by May 1st, 2022. Quinn will send this along with the March newsletter.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Club fund raising opportunities.

- 2) Future public meetings.

Motions Summary (aside from meeting start and end)

- 1) Pat made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:54. Paul O seconded it.

Announcements:

- 1) Next BOD meeting is TBD.

Other Business

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

Public Comments

Closed meeting.

Adjournment Time: 7:54 PM

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA PRESIDENT) DATED: 3/28/2022