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**LOCATION:**

Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:52 PM – 8:20 PM  
Alex Roofing Inc.

## Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

### Meeting Minutes: Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### Call to Order Time: 5:52 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, George Kuhns, Secretary, Matt Duckett, Director.

**Associate Board Members Present:** 0

**Directors Not Present:** Brad Grimshaw, Joe Nemet, Mike Vincent, Todd Redmond

**Public Meeting Attendance:** Closed Meeting

**Current Active Membership:** 124 **Facebook followers:** 2,336

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Pete Alex and seconded by Matt Duckett

#### Treasurer's Report

Motion by George Kuhns and seconded by Paul Olszewski

- ✓ CHECKING: \$ 4,873.90
- ✓ SAVINGS: \$ 2,587.24
- ✓ BT SAVINGS: \$ 9,208.21

#### Reimbursements and costs:

Fall Trout Challenge payouts were issues.

Domain fees were paid for the EPSFA website.

A Kids Day donation from the Lawrence Park Athletic Club in the amount of \$3,000.00 was deposited.

Additional deposits will be made this week including website reimbursements and Great Lakes Special Events totaling \$2,294.32.

## Old Business:

- 1) The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission permits for the Spring Trout Challenge, Summer Slam, and Fall Trout Challenge have been procured. Harvest reports were also submitted.
- 2) Directors Quinn Bayle and Pat Crosby have resigned. There are positions open.
- 3) Walnut Creek Marina and Shade's Beach are being dredged this spring. The basin at Walnut Creek Marina is also being drained and cleaned out.
- 4) The Spring Trout Challenge was held Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025. Anyone interested in the Trout Cup must sign up before the Spring Trout Challenge.
- 5) Pete Alex was in Washington DC with the Great Lakes Fishery Council. Pete discussed Sea Lamprey treatments, and stated that no treatments were missed on Lake Ontario or Lake Erie this year. Funding and staff necessary to continue treatments should be in place.
- 6) Pete Alex and George Kuhns gave updates to their involvement with the current Lake Erie Marine Sanctuary project. Many of those in attendance had questions regarding the possibility of the sanctuary, and the potential effects on fishing. Pete Alex and George Kuhns will be contacting fishermen in other areas of the Great Lakes with current marine sanctuary programs to gain information from a fisherman's perspective. While the project is currently on hold, Pete and George will continue discussions with NOAA and updates will be provided.

## New Business:

- 1) Director Mike Vincent has retired from his position. Thank you for your service Mike. His position is open.
- 2) The EPSFA Brown Trout Facebook Reporting Page was created. For the first year (5) entries will be randomly selected to win a \$100.00 FishUSA gift card. The 2025 winners will be drawn the first week of February 2026. Please continue to post 2026 Brown Trout pictures. (3) \$100.00 FishUSA gift card winners will be selected in 2026.
- 3) The EPSFA PO Box at the Poplar Street post office is temporarily shut down due to building issues. The PO Box will be discontinued as memberships and registrations are now done online. PA Fish and Boat permits are also done through email, making the PO Box obsolete. The new EPSFA mailing address will be updated on the website.
- 4) The EPSFA website has been recently updated with 2025 tournament results and the winning captain's summaries.
- 5) We received a generous \$3,000.00 Kids Day donation from the Lawrence Park Athletic Club. The EPSFA Board discussed chartering the Lady Kate to pick kids up at the Erie Bayfront for Kids Day to provide transportation and enhance their experience. Updates will be posted on the website.
- 6) EPSFA Treasurer Joe Nemet will be completing the club's 2025 taxes.

- 7) The Erie Boat and Fishing Expo will be February 27<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>. The EPSFA attended the event last year and Pete is currently following up regarding booth costs and availability.
- 8) Pete Alex contacted the Erie Port Authority regarding Lampe Marina, and requested that the marina remain open throughout the month of November. This would benefit anglers targeting steelhead and lake trout as well as duck hunters. We have not received a response from the Port Authority. Matt Duckett suggested a petition, and George Kuhns said he would write it up. If we are able to procure a booth at the Erie Boat and Fishing Show the petition will be available.
- 9) Pete Alex submitted a request to Microbac regarding testing services for Mercury and PCB's in perch, steelhead, and walleye samples. We are currently awaiting pricing. This study would provide information on the fillet, edible portion of the fish, as opposed to other studies that test the entire fish.

### Brown Trout Report:

The EPSFA Lake Erie Brown Trout Reporting Facebook page currently has 482 followers. In addition to discussing the drawing of the winning posts, the brown trout fund was also brought up. Suggested uses of the brown trout fund included sponsoring additional brown trout to be raised by the Sons Of Lake Erie at the Chestnut Street hatchery. Possible grants were discussed, as well as adding another tank to the SONS facility. Matt Duckett will contact the SONS. Stocking numbers were also updated by the PA Fish and Boat Commission. In 2025 PAFBC stocked 19,784 Lake Erie browns. The intent is still to stock 300,00 in 2026. The EPSFA will continue to follow up and provide actual stocking numbers.

### Tournament Committee Updates:

- 1) The 2026 Spring Trout Challenge will be held Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please renew your memberships prior to the Spring Trout Challenge. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Paul Olszewski at 814-566-4995.
- 2) The 2026 Summer Slam will take place Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>. A potential Big Fish Friday will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and is open to everyone, not just SLAM teams. Locations to be announced. This year's format will remain a two day competition. Like last year, there will be one division. Teams will weigh (9) fish per day including walleye and trout / salmon. A maximum of (3) fish may be steelhead, brown trout, or salmon (in combination), with 6 walleyes or all 9 can be walleyes. There will be daily, overall, and big fish winners.
- 3) The 2026 Fall Trout Challenge will be held Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 4) The 2026 Trout Cup entry fee was set at \$100.00 and entrants must be registered prior to the Spring Trout Challenge. The 2026 Team of the Year entry fee will also be \$100.00 (minimum of five teams).
- 5) Registration will be open for all events on the EPSFA website by March 1st. Please check the Facebook page for updates.

## Kids Day:

- 1) Kids Day 2026 will be held Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at Perry Monument. Registration will be open soon and limited to 120 kids. Tackle, instruction, and lunch will be provided. The event is free to attend, and is always a great time. The age limit will be increased this year from 12 to 14. The EPSFA is aware of potential construction in the area and will continue to monitor and impacts on the event. Please see the EPSFA website or Facebook page for information on how to register.

## Unfinished Business

- 1) This year FishUSA will be hosting their Walleye Palooza event on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The EPSFA will attend and have membership forms available. Watch the Facebook page for more announcements.

## Motions Summary (aside from meeting start and end)

- 1) No motions were made during this meeting.

## 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: 8:20 PM

ACCEPTED BY: PETE ALEX (EPSFA PRESIDENT) DATED: 1/30/2026