

Meeting Agenda – Kick-off:

1. Supper: Shrimp macaroni & potato salad.
2. Updated 2023 yearly fishing board: Lon & Randy.
3. Attendance / IRS sign-up sheet: 27.
4. **Finalized payments for outstanding WGS chairs.**
5. Meeting called to order, Time: 7:26pm; Adjourned: 8:40pm
6. Pledge to the flag led by: Francis
7. Meal appreciation recognized: Roland, Herb & John (got the shrimp & helped peel w/Roland).
8. Invited guess: Reggie Ledet (politicking for candidate for Port Commission, Seat E), & T-John Melacon. NOTE: Reggie credited Roland with \$50 towards next general meeting's beer tab. Any comments for Reggie – reggie.ledet@chouest.com
9. Welcome new members: Ricky Delatte & Art Boudreaux (not present).

Officers' Report:

10. Secretary, Buster Avera...
 - a. Reminded members to review club info on:
 - i. COFC web site: www.cutoffishingclub.com
...new postings.
 - ii. Updates for 'GroupMe' app users?
(currently 50 members);
 - iii. Will post new bull red 'catch n'release' guidelines on web.
 - iv. Announced latest LWF guidelines that specks limit & size will not change for 2023.
11. Treasury, Roy Dubois...
 - a. Bank account report: _____; (Was _____ at Feb. 8th board meeting).
 - b. Informed members that club will award 2x \$500 scholarships to 2023 SLHS graduates and will be a committee based selection going forward, (i.e. – ending members' kids/grandkids). The \$1,000 donated by Troy Lebouef at last year's June rodeo will be used to fund this.
 - c. Brian volunteered to coordinate a committee to follow-up on creating a 'year-long' raffle to help raise funds for the club.
12. V.P., Troy Dubois...
 - a. Upcoming 2023 Calendar of Events:
 - i. Thur. Mar. 2nd – Wild Game Supper at Larose Civic Center.
 1. Tall Tales & Ales from 5:00pm to 5:45PM
 2. Due to lack of demand, we scaled back from 5 to 4 tables needed for members; 32 chairs of which we have 28 reserved and paid for, (except for 2-chairs for Mike Callais pending). At this time, the club will be paying for the unused 4-chairs unless we fill them by Thursday – total cost

will be \$2,250, (3-VIP tables at \$750/table, and one free VIP table).

3. Bogo will head the COFC cooking team (w/Dexter Danos, Jimi Hendrix & Butte as standby) with a poule-deaux dish.

4. Books are printed with all ±95 photos and club history included; five free for the club, w/extra books that can be ordered online at cost for interested members. Will get head-count later.

5. Bogo organized members to donate a total of \$167 to purchase a rod & reel package to offer for auctioning at the event, by COFC members)

ii. Sat. Mar. 11th – Awards Day at COYC – Reviewed plans for conducting the event; starting Friday, Mar. 10th to prepare food at the Tin Shed. Reminded members to donate a dessert and/or door prize if possible.

iii. Sat. Apr. 22nd – Spring Rodeo (members only), at Tin Shed.

iv. Announced the 19th Annual ‘Summer’ Rodeo for Thu/Fri/Sat, July 13/14/15 at Bridge Side Marina.

1. Note: Since our historical June rodeo date now seems to be uncertain in the future, we’ll refer to this rodeo as the COFC ‘Summer’ Rodeo to help maintain consistency for upcoming years until further notice.

2. Per request, the updated Summer Rodeo Sponsor form was forwarded to Ricky Delatte (for Walmart), and John Aucoin.

v. Announced that the club will partner with www.grandisleonlineroдео.com for our GI rodeo; cost for fishermen participating will be \$40 for the year and must purchase a separate host rodeo ticket for the event to be eligible to weigh-in a fish there.

b. Skipped due to time - Any fishing reports from members? Any boating/fishing tips to share?

AOB: Next planned meetings: B/Mtg – Mar. 8th & G/Mtg – Mar. 22nd

Close-out Agenda Items:

13. Paid beer tab: 41 beers, 9-members = \$9/person.

14. IRS results, Winner: Troy Dubois & adjourned meeting.

15. Safety - All members to take care for traffic when accessing your vehicles at night for meeting.

Thanks,
Lon Griffin