

## The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017



### 1. **President's Report: Jim Holmes**

Jim called the meeting at the Estero Community Park and Recreation Center to order at 11:30AM and requested that all cell phones be silenced. There were 54 members in attendance. Jim thanked Gordon Kreth for organizing the outdoor meeting, fishing contest and lunch to follow the meeting. Jim also thanked the 25 volunteers who worked on getting all 692 storm drains in The Brooks properly marked with the Lee County water quality medallion.

### 2. **Secretary's Report: Roger Whited**

Roger called for the approval of the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes, which were approved by the members. The approved minutes will be posted on the BFC website.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report: Mike Gleysteen for Tom O'Dea**

Mike reported that the BFC bank account has a balance of \$ 10,459.

### 4. **Guest Speaker: Officer Sue Daley, Marine Division, Lee County Sheriff's Office**

Officer Sue Daley, a 20 year veteran of the LCSO, spends her time working in the Marine Division assisting in the rescue and enforcement operations, as well as also doing many public outreach appearances in order to teach educational boating safety. She and her colleagues cover a wide area of Lee County, ranging from Boca Grande to Wiggins Pass.

Sue provided many interesting anecdotes about her daily route, especially events on Estero Bay, and the increase in winter boating traffic due to high tourist season; as well as the helpful use of the Lee County waterways phone app available at [www.leewaterways.com](http://www.leewaterways.com)

### 5. **Pond Fishing Champion: Jim Holmes**

Since no fish were caught during this morning's fishing contest, Jim announced the February winner of the BFC's Bass fishing tournament instead, awarding a \$50 Bass Pro gift card to Greg Elliott for his catch of 3 fish totaling 54 inches. Congratulation Greg!

### 6. **Instructional Luncheons: Bob Seidell**

Bob announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final instructional luncheon for this season, to be held on March 16 at the Rookery, is sold out, with today being the last opportunity to pay.

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### **7. BFC Annual Dinner – Jim Deneffe**

Jim announced that the Annual Dinner would be held on March 25 at the Shadow Wood Country Club. Full details regarding the turkey buffet dinner with dancing have been announced via Gmail, and that the payment deadline is on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **8. Offshore Fishing Trips:**

- a. Findictive – Jack Paster: March 30 trip is full; April 18 trip has 5 openings. All trips are ¾ day; \$900 split between 5 guys. Gmail will be sent.
- b. Capt. Marvel – Joe Shannon: the March 23 trip is full.
- c. Cuda – Mike Gleysteen: the April 10 trip is full.

### **9. Back Bay Fishing: Phil Ferrara**

Pine Island Sound with Capt. Bill Russell – March 20 trip is full; April 10 trip is full; April 21 trip is full.

Naples Bayview Marina with Capt. Tony Fontana – March 17 and 23 trips are full; April 6 trip is full; April 18 trip is open. Gmail will be provided.

### **10. Beach Fishing: Phil Ferrara**

Phil indicated that they had a very good March event, and the last event for this season on April 4 is anticipated to be good too. Gmail notice will be provided with complete details.

### **11. Pontoon Fishing: Tom Heaton**

The next pontoon trip will be a morning trip on March 28. The fees for the morning will be \$30 for members and \$45 for those on the wait list and guests. An additional trip is scheduled for April 13. Gmail notice will be provided before each trip.

### **12. Summer Club Activities: T.J. Wright**

TJ announced that he would like to coordinate summer fishing activities for those members who want to do some fishing this summer. He asked for a show of hands, and based on the response will do a presentation at the April meeting.

### **13. BFC Raffle Winner: Chuck Berry**

### **14. Next Meeting: 9:00AM, Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Common Club's Enrichment Center.** Meeting will be the final meeting for the 2016-17 Season.

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary