

The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017



1. President's Report: Jim Holmes

Jim called the meeting at the Enrichment Center to order at 9:00AM and requested that all cell phones be silenced. There were 38 members in attendance. Jim reviewed the BFC website with the members, disclosing the need for a new password to the member-only portion (which appears on page 14 of the Member Book) and discussed the number of hits for the website, both monthly as well as year-to-date info. In addition, Jim also welcomed all the new members in attendance with a BFC logo cap and briefly discussed the need for volunteers for certain key areas.

2. Secretary's Report: Roger Whited

Roger called for the approval of the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes, which were then unanimously approved by the members to be posted on the BFC website. In addition, Roger stressed the importance of keeping the club rosters up to date with current member email addresses and cell phone numbers.

3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Holmes for Mike Gleysteen

Jim reported that Mike was not present today due to having to take his last chemo treatment, with the hope and belief that Mike is now cancer free.

4. Guest Speaker: BFC Member Joe Shannon

Joe Shannon, a BFC member since 2008, led a lively discussion and pictorial review of his many fishing adventures around the world. While he says he has learned a lot from the various charter captains over the years, he is of the opinion that the Islamorada fishing is the best ever, except for the Tarpon that he also really enjoys catching. Joe had lots of slides of his many Grouper trips (along with Snapper and Amberjack) out of Naples, along with Mahi-mahi and Tuna out of the Keys, Salmon catches in the far Northwest, as well as Alaska. Joe also discussed his own tackle preferences, like the use of a light colored braided line, etc., as well as the advantages of certain preferred baits.

5. Offshore Charters: Jack Paster

1. Findictive II – (Paster & Jamieson) – the December 18 trip has been canceled; the January 31 trip is open for 5 fishermen (\$270 each all in for 5 fishermen.)
2. Capt. McQuade – (Paster & Jamieson) – this Pine Island based charter (flyer attached) will be taking reservations for trips on January 30 and February 15 to assess how receptive members are. (\$165 - 260 each all in for 6 fishermen, depending on length of trip.)

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3. Cuda – (Wickens & Denesha) – the rescheduled November 20 trip also had to be cancelled. January 12 is the next trip, and will be announced via gmail (\$235 each all in for 6 fishermen.)

4. Capt. Marvel – (Shannon & Asst. needed) – the November 29 was very successful with full limits. January 16 trip is open and will be announced via gmail (\$260 each all in for 6 fishermen.)

6. Back Bay Charters: Phil Ferrara

1. Capt. Russell – (Ferrara & VanKampen) – Capt. Bill Russell trips are scheduled for December 18, January 17 and 29. (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen.)

2. Capt. Fontana – (Ferrara & VanKampen) – Capt. Tony Fontana trips are scheduled for December 19 and January 26. (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen.)

7. Beach Fishing: Phil Ferrara

January 3 is the next opportunity for fishing at the beach at Lover's Key State Park.

8. Pontoon Fishing: Larry Rothenberg for Tom Heaton

The morning of January 11 and 23 are the next pontoon fishing trips (\$30 each for members, \$45 for all others.)

9. Instructional Saltwater Fishing Classes: Jim Holmes for Tom Heaton

Capt. Rob Modys will be teaching the Tuesday evening sessions of the free saltwater fishing classes at the Bass Pro Shops starting on January 9. Call 239-461-7800 ASAP to sign up.

10. Bass Fishing Derby and Freshwater Fishing Clinic: Larry Winston

“Charters cost a lot of money; the Bass Fishing Derby is FREE.” Larry encourages everyone to get out there and fish for the Bass Fishing Derby prizes. Complete info was included in last month's BFC minutes. In addition, Larry, along with Tom Heaton, will hold the coveted Freshwater Fishing Clinic immediately after the next BFC meeting on January 9.

11. New Member Orientation: Bob Lienesch

New Member Orientation will be held at 9AM on January 30 at the Common Club's Enrichment Center.

12. Lake Okeechobee: Bob Lienesch

The trip to Lake Okeechobee will leave The Commons Club at 7AM on January 17 for a day of Bass fishing (estimate to be \$300 all in per fisherman) with all tackle provided.

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13. Instructional Luncheons: Bob Seidell

The first Instructional Luncheon of the season is on January 16 at SWCC. Reservations are limited and will only be taken via Gmail which will be announced immediately following the meeting. Cost is \$30, which includes one glass of wine (additional wine is \$5 per glass, all in, on the BFC honor system to Bob Seidell.) Payment by check (made payable to BFC) should be sent to Bob at the address provided in the email or at the January 9 BFC meeting.

14. BFC Raffle Winner: Ron Adaska

Next Meeting: 9:00AM, Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Common Club's Enrichment Center.

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary

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Pine Island Off-Shore Charter

Charter Operator: Capt. Sean McQuade
Phone: (813) 789-6948
E-mail: sn_mcquade@yahoo.com

Mate: Yes; either Capt. McQuade's son or another experienced mate on all trips

Boat Description: 28-foot Parker powered by twin 300 HP outboard engines
Head on-board
Accommodates up to 6 anglers
Brand new boat to be launched the first week of January
Most efficient cruising speed 30 MPH, easily reaches 50 MPH

Boat Identification: "Nicky's Way Too"

Boat Berth: Commercial Pine Island Marina (formerly known as the Co-op Marina)

Driving Distance: From the Brooks, driving time is about 60 minutes to the marina

Boat Departure Time: Typically between 7:00 to 7:30 AM as agreed upon by anglers, Capt. McQuade and weather/tide conditions

Charter Options, Trip Durations, and Fees:

- A) 4.5 to 5.0 hours for a fee of \$850. Heads out 5 to 8 miles for near-shore fishing
- B) 7.0-hour trip for a fee of \$1,000. Heads out 15 miles and typically fishes at 50' depth of water
- C) 10-hour trip for a fee of \$1,200. Heads out about 35 miles to a depth of 80' to 90' of water
- D) 10 to 11 hour trip for a fee of \$1,350. Capt. heads directly to 50 or more miles to a depth of 100' to 120'

Notes: 1) Capt. McQuade claims that the added \$150 fee for option "D" merely covers the extra cost of fuel for running directly out to deeper waters.
2) None of the above fees include tips (typically 18% to 20%)
3) Fees are all-inclusive of fishing equipment, bait, and filleting of fish
4) Payment is to be made in cash or by personal check at trip completion
5) No deposits are necessary; but BFC rules apply to cancellations.
6) Capt. McQuade has 25 years of experience in fishing SWFL near-shore and off-shore waters. He is highly recommended by Matlacha Capt. Bill Russell.