

The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2018



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 79 members in attendance. Jim reminded members that the password to the member-only portion of the website had been changed and could be found in the Member Book. In addition, Jim advised that a few members of the BOD had visited the Landings Fishing Club in Ft. Myers, and with the assistance of Paul Cherubino, proceeded to report on the activities and functional style of that club.

2. Secretary's Report: Roger Whited

Roger called for the approval of the January 9, 2018 meeting minutes, which were then unanimously approved by the members to be posted on the BFC website.

3. Treasurer's Report: Mike Gleysteen

Mike reported that the BFC bank account currently has a balance of \$13,653.

4. Guest Speaker: Capt. Kevin Bellington, Sea Gone Fishing Charters, Marco Island, FL

Capt. Kevin Bellington has extensive experience (40+ years) running a family oriented fishing charter operation and providing both inshore and offshore charters; working hard to provide a good fishing experience, with an emphasis on catch and release. He seems to have a special expertise for grouper and snapper, providing many interesting stories about where and how to fish for different species.

He is also deeply concerned with the sustainability of our Florida fisheries, and is involved with several groups, such as Captains for Clean Water, the Coastal Conservation Association, as well as the Gulf Coast Marine Fisheries Council, and the work that they are doing. Capt. Bellington led an entertaining discussion of the various environmental issues that are impacting our Florida fisheries and the efforts by these groups to deal with these issues in order to provide a sustainable future for Florida fishing.

5. Board of Director Elections: Jim Holmes

Jim again discussed the two positions on the BOD that were due to expire, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor in addition to the candidate names of Mike Glysteen and Roger Whited currently in nomination. There being none, a motion to close the nominations was approved, at which time the members unanimously elected Mike and Roger to serve another term on the BOD.

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6. Charitable Donation: Jim Holmes

Jim led a discussion regarding this year's charitable contribution(s) and, pursuant to the Club policies, ideas were submitted to the BOD for its final determination.

7. Offshore Charters:

- a. Findictive II – (Paster & Jamieson) – while weather and equipment failures have hindered trips so far this season, the February 23 trip is full, and the March 27 trip is open for 5 fishermen (\$215 each all in for 5 fishermen.)
- b. Capt. McQuade – (Paster & Saraka) – the February 15 trip is full (\$200 each all in for 6 fishermen.)
- c. Cuda – (Wickens & Denesha) – the March 12 trip is still open for 3 additional fishermen (\$235 each all in for 6 fishermen.)
- d. Capt. Marvel – (Shannon & Kosch) – the March 1 trip is full, while the March 21 trip is soon to be announced (\$260 each all in for 6 fishermen.)

8. Back Bay Charters: Phil Ferrara

- a. Capt. Russell – (Ferrara & VanKampen) – the February 28 trip is open for 2 additional fishermen, and the March 14 and March 29 trips are soon to be announced (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen.)
- b. Capt. Fontana – (Ferrara & VanKampen) – while the March 1, March 8, and March 22 trips are full, (and the calendared March 16 trip was rescheduled); the March 12 and March 28 trips have openings (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen.) BFC members will be notified of the trips with available openings via Gmail.

9. Beach Fishing: Phil Ferrara

March 23 is the next opportunity for fishing at the beach at Lover's Key State Park, weather permitting.

10. Pontoon Fishing: Tom Heaton

Tom has trips scheduled for February 27, March 8, March 27, and April 12, which he will announce via gmail notices based on tides and temperatures.

11. Instructional Saltwater Fishing Classes: Tom Heaton

Capt. Rob Modys did a great job with teaching his free saltwater fishing classes that he held at the Bass Pro Shops. Tom suggested watching their schedule for the next session of these classes if you still need to attend. Call 239-461-7800 to sign up.

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12. Bass Fishing Derby: Larry Winston

There was no monthly winner for January. Bob Guetzlaff has the best fish so far for February (and maybe for the year), so Larry encouraged everyone to get out there and catch some fish.

13. New Member Orientation: Bob Lienesch

Bob thanked everyone who attended the New Member Orientation session, and especially thanked Tom Heaton who helped run the session. Bob indicated that they plan to do it again, and to include people on the BFC wait list as well.

14. Lake Okeechobee Bass Fishing Trip: Bob Lienesch

The trip to Lake Okeechobee had to be cancelled and they are looking for an alternate date to reschedule, maybe having an overnight trip with afternoon fishing, lodging, and then morning fishing prior to departure. More information will be provided later.

15. Instructional Luncheons: Bob Seidell

The third and final Instructional Luncheon of the season will to be held on March 15 at The Rookery at the Commons Club. 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, but not later than the next BFC meeting on March 13.

16. Annual Dinner: George Taylor

The Annual Dinner will be held on March 19 at the Spring Run Golf Club. Cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for a spouse or guest. Cocktails start at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. Payment by check, payable to the BFC, should be sent to George Taylor at the address provided in the email.

17. BFC Raffle Winner: Brad Byrer

Next Meeting: 9:00AM, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Koreshan State Park.

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary