

The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2018



1. President's Administrative Report: Jim Holmes

- a) Jim called the meeting at the Koreshan State Park to order at 9:00AM and requested that all cell phones be silenced. There were 64 members in attendance.
- b) Jim advised the members that pursuant to last month's election, the BOD had met and elected Roger Whited as Secretary, Mike Gleysteen as Treasurer, Bob Seidell as Vice President, and that he will continue to serve as President.
- c) In addition, Jim advised that pursuant to last month's discussion regarding the BFC charitable donations, the BOD had decided to give \$500 to Captains for Clean Water, \$250 to Coastal Conservation Association, and \$250 to Conservancy of Southwest Florida. BFC policy updates will be made to reflect the structural change these charitable donations require.
- d) Jim also noted that in the future all BFC Financial Reports will be available on the website.
- e) Finally, Jim discussed the next BFC meeting to be held at the Enrichment Center on April 10, and is looking forward to a productive discussion regarding volunteers, new ideas, and other improvements that might need to be made.

2. Secretary's Report: Roger Whited

Roger advised that he would be sending out the minutes of the February 13 meeting soon, and would request their approval at the April 10 meeting. In addition, he advised that there were now 35 on the Wait List.

3. Treasurer's Report: Mike Gleysteen

Mike reported that the BFC bank account currently has a balance of \$13,378.

4. Pontoon Fishing: Tom Heaton / Larry Rothenberg

Larry indicated that Tom would be sending a Gmail blast out regarding the next pontoon fishing trip scheduled for March 27, weather and tides permitting.

5. Instructional Luncheons: Bob Seidell / TJ Wright

Bob reminded the members that today's meeting was the last chance to sign up and/or pay for the final Instruction Luncheon of the season, which will be held this Thursday, March 15, at The Rookery at The Commons Club.

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6. Annual Dinner: George Taylor

George reminded the members that today's meeting was the last chance to sign up and/or pay for the BFC Annual Dinner, which will be held on Monday, 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.

7. Offshore Charters:

- a) Findictive – (Paster & Saraka): Jack announced that since the last meeting, Capt. Mike had cancelled, on extremely short notice, the trip scheduled for February due to a deposit dispute, and consequently, the March and April trips have been voided as well. We will, therefore, no longer utilize the Findictive for BFC charters.
- b) Nicky's Way Too – (Paster & Saraka): Jack indicated that in light of the situation with the Findictive, Capt. McQuade's "Nicky's Way Too" will be utilized as one of the BFC charters for offshore fishing out of Pine Island next season.
- c) Cuda – (Wickens & Denesha): no report
- d) Capt. Marvel – (Shannon & Kosch): it was announced that the trip scheduled for March 21 was full.

8. Back Bay Charters:

- a) Capt. Russell – (Ferrara & VanKampen): the March trips are full; the Pine Island trip scheduled for April 17 is available (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen).
- b) Capt. Fontana – (Ferrara & VanKampaen): the March trips are full; the Naples Bay trip scheduled for April 16 is available (\$150 each all in for 3 fishermen).

9. Beach Fishing: Phil Ferrara

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

10. Bass Fishing Contest: Larry Winston

First, Larry wanted to correct the record by announcing that due to an email mix-up, Joe Kallial was the January winner with a 3 fish total of 59 inches. Next, he announced that Bob Guetzlaff was the February winner, and that he may have the best fish for this season. In addition, Larry will announce the March winner, as well as the overall winner for this season, at the next meeting; so he encouraged everyone to get out there and catch some fish.

11. Lake Okeechobee: Bob Lienesch

Bob is still 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.

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12. Open Forum:

- a) Jim Holmes, on behalf of all of the BFC members, wanted to thank Gordon Kreth for arranging today's meeting location, which includes the historical Koreshan grounds tour and the shrimp boil luncheon that will immediately follow the meeting.
- b) Cam Brown brought a box of #18 syringe needles to the meeting for free distribution to the members so that they would have them as a handy venting tool, which is needed to vent the bloated swim bladders of a fish caught in deep water prior to their release. Venting these bloated fish, by inserting it at a 45° angle just behind the pectoral fin (side fin that is just behind the gill), is the only way they have a chance to survive after being released. More information is available at: <http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/fish-handling>
- c) Ralph Schmeling has volunteered to arrange an East Coast fishing trip for next season out of Pompano Beach (just north of Ft. Lauderdale), where he knows of a fishing charter operator that goes out for \$99 per fisherman for 4 hours of Atlantic fishing.
- d) Paul Cherubino is going to start up a Speakers committee and is in need of volunteers.

13. BFC Raffle Winner: Al Jamieson

Next Meeting: 9AM, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at The Common Club's Enrichment Center.

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary