

# The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2018



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

- a) Jim called the meeting at the Enrichment Center to order at 9:00AM and requested that all cell phones be silenced. There were approximately 75 members in attendance.
- b) Jim advised the members that the 2018-19 Budget, with appropriate contingent reserves, had been finalized; and that the dues for next season would stay at \$65, with a payment deadline set for no later than September 15, 2018. Dues can be mailed to Treasurer Mike Gleysteen at 9065 Windswept Drive; Estero, FL 34135; or paid on the BFC website using PayPal. In addition, Jim indicated that the BFC financials will soon be made available on the BFC website on a monthly basis.
- c) Jim also wanted to remind those who had the Restaurant Depot passes to return them to Secretary Roger Whited for reassignment among the members.
- d) Finally, Jim wanted to acknowledge BFC members Bob Seidell, Gordon Kreth and Gary Davidson for their participation with the Brooks Singers; as well as Bill Rhodes for his recent election to the Commons Club BOD.

## 2. Secretary's Report: Roger Whited

Roger called for the approval of the February 13 and the March 13 meeting minutes, which have been sent to all members and will be placed on the BFC website upon member approval. In addition, he advised that there were now 36 on the Wait List.

## 3. Treasurer's Report: Mike Gleysteen

Mike reported that the BFC bank account currently has a balance of \$10,796.

## 4. Pontoon Fishing: Tom Heaton / Larry Rothenberg

Tom indicated that this Thursday's trip may have to be cancelled due to the RED TIDE, and he would send out an advisory. Trip fees are \$30 for members, \$45 for guests and non-members.

## 5. Remaining Offshore Fishing:

- a) Findictive II & Nicky's Way Too – Jack Paster / Al Jamieson – finished for the season.
- b) Cuda – Wayne Wickens / Mike Denesha – finished for the season.
- c) Capt. Marvel – Joe Shannon / Jeff Kosch – finished for the season.

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### **6. Remaining Backwater Charters: Phil Ferrara / Van VanKampen**

Phil outlined the remaining trips for this season, with all remaining trips on both Capt. Russell and Capt. Fontana being full. He felt that they had a great season with these two Captains, and he is looking forward to more trips with them next season.

### **Remaining Beach Fishing – Phil Ferrara / Van VanKampen**

Phil outlined their Beach fishing activities during this past season, and is planning for next season with the first trip scheduled in October or November.

### **7. Bass Fishing Contest – Larry Winston**

Larry outlined the past winners this season as follows: November – Larry Winston; December – Bob Lienesch; January – Joe Kallial; February – Bob Guetzlaff; and March – Tom Heaton. In addition, Larry also announced that Bob Guetzlaff had won the “Biggest Bass for the Year” with a 24” bass entry, as well as the “Biggest Stringer of Three Bass for the Year” with an entry of 62.5”.

### **8. Lake O’ Trip Report – Bob Lienesch**

Bob reported that the rescheduled trip was cancelled due to limited interest. He expects to schedule another trip next season, possibly as soon as early December.

### **9. Annual Dinner Wrap-up – Jim Holmes for George Taylor**

Jim wanted everyone to know that we had a great annual dinner at the Spring Run Golf and Country Club, with 82 in attendance for the dinner and dance. Jim thanked Geroge for pulling all of it together.

### **10. Member Open Forum:**

- a) Offshore Charters – Jack Paster: Jack wanted everyone to know that due to the deposit issues and cancelled trips by Capt. Mike, the BFC will not book any charters on the Findictive next season; but everyone should feel free to book the Findictive for private trips on their own since there’s no ill will toward Capt. Mike personally. In addition to the Cuda (out of Naples City Dock), as well as Capt. Marvel (also out of Naples City Dock), he said that they will try to book more trips on the Nicky’s Way Too (Capt. McQuade, out of Pine Island), starting in early December.
- b) Back Bay Charters – Phil Ferrara: Phil said that he doesn’t anticipate any changes in this program, and plans to continue with about 20 trips for next season with Capt. Russell (out of Matlacha) and Capt. Fontana (out of Naples), with no increase in rates (\$400 + tip = \$450 for 3 fishermen = \$150 each).

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- c) Speaker's Committee – Paul Cherubino / Keith Kromer: Paul announced that he will be heading up a committee to find appropriate speakers for the member meetings, and is seeking volunteers to help with the effort. Paul also recounted his recent fishing experience fishing for sheepshead with Capt. Bellington, out of Goodland, FL, and provided photos of the fried fish dinner that followed.
- d) Pontoons – Tom Heaton: Tom indicated that the pontoon fishing program will continue next season as it currently operates, with the trips scheduled to coincide with the tides.
- e) Instructional Lunches – Bob Seidell: Bob reported that following this season's very successful series of instructional lunches, he is planning for three great lunches next season; January at Shadow Wood Country Club (SWCC), February at the Bay Club at the Colony, and March at the Common's Club Rookery.
- f) 2019 Annual Dinner – Jim Holmes: Jim indicated that he is anticipating a great Annual Dinner next season at Copperleaf Golf Club.
- g) Summer Fishing – Larry Rothenberg / TJ Wright: Larry indicated that anyone who wants to fish this summer should provide their contact info to Larry or TJ, who will be coordinating summer efforts, maybe even a trip to Islamorada.

### **11. BFC Raffle Winner: Tom Heaton**

**Next Meeting: 9AM, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at The Commons Club Enrichment Center.**

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary