

# The Brooks Fishing Club Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2018



## 1. President's Administrative Report: Roger Whited for Jim Holmes

- a) Roger called the meeting at the Enrichment Center to order at 9:00AM and requested that all cell phones be silenced. There were approximately 32 members in attendance.
- b) Roger recognized the 5 of the new members that were in attendance, presenting each of them with a BFC welcome cap.
- c) Roger also requested Tom Heaton inform the members of a new embroidery shop that he had located on US41, next to Battery Plus.

## 2. Guest Speaker: Joy Hazell, Lee County Extension Agent for the Florida Sea Grant Program / University of Florida / National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Joy Hazell provided a very enjoyable and entertaining discussion of the Sea Grant Program; how it was established and how the partnership between the University of Florida and NOAA works. In addition, she also provided a lot of useful information about the different aspects of Florida fishing, such as what factors affect Florida fishing, how bag limits are established for each different species, how open/closed season in set, etc.

Local water quality was also a topic of extensive discussion, with the causes of blue-green algae and red tide, as well as their effect on sea life and other aquatic ecosystems (many of which contribute to the economy of both the recreational, as well as the commercial fishing industry in Florida), being of primary importance.

## 3. Secretary's Report: Roger Whited

Roger called for the approval of the April 10 meeting minutes, which were previously sent to all members and will be placed on the BFC website upon member approval.

## 4. Treasurer's Report: Mike Gleysteen

Mike reported that the BFC bank account currently has a balance of \$19,496.

## 5. Pontoon Fishing: Tom Heaton

Tom reminded everyone that they will go out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and the last Tuesday of each month, and that he will send a Gmail blast to everyone so that they can sign up ahead of each trip. He is estimating that the cost will be approximately \$20 per member for AM trips and \$35 for PM trips, (with the cost for guests running at \$45 and \$60 per person). He indicated he will check on the red tide situation and include that in the blast.

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### **6. Backwater Charters: Tom Heaton for Phil Ferrara**

Tom indicated that Phil had advised that there is less red tide in the Pine Island area, so that they are looking forward to the trips scheduled with Capt. Russell. In addition, the trips scheduled with Capt. Fontana in November should be free from red tide as well. Phil will be sending out Gmail blasts regarding all of the upcoming trips.

### **7. Beach Fishing – Tom Heaton for Phil Ferrara**

Tom indicated that Phil will be sending out a Gmail blast regarding the beach fishing this season.

### **8. Offshore Charters – Jack Paster**

Jack indicated that while the season may stay closed on certain species and the red tide may linger a little longer, good fishing can still be found further out in the Gulf with an experienced guide. They would therefore be booking charters on Nicky's Way Too out of Pine Island this season. Jack indicated that the first trip of the season would be the first week of December, and that a Gmail blast would be sent out for signup.

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

Larry outlined the rules for this season's Bass Fishing Derby, and indicated that he would send out a Gmail blast so everyone would have access to these important rules.

### **10. New Member Orientation – Roger Whited for Bob Lienesch**

Roger indicated that this season's new member orientation class, plus anyone else that might also be interested, would be held in January and that Bob had indicated that a Gmail blast would be sent out as soon as possible.

### **11. BFC Raffle Winner: Larry Winston**

**Next Meeting: 9AM, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at The Commons Club Enrichment Center.**

Minutes submitted by Roger Whited, Secretary