

Snook and Gamefish Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Community Center, Jim Long Lake, Punta Gorda

August 27, 2011

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Board members in attendance : Brett Fitzgerald, Capt. Jim Bandy, Mike Readling, Maria Quasius, Capt. Pete Quasius, Andy Hill, Bill Halstead, Rick Roberts.

Charles Dauray, excused absence with proxy provided.

Jay Gardner, excused absence with proxy provided.

Steve Jara, excused absence with proxy provided.

JJ Grey, excused absence with proxy provided.

Jon Brett, excused absence with proxy provided.

Quorum present.

New board members attending : Bobby Greenwell, Erik Rimblas, Holly Andreotta, Capt. Danny Barrow, via phone: Jay Lochner

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Millie Bandy, Sr., Bridget Bandy & Amelia Bandy, Dave Nickles, Jack Sterne, Steve Johnston

Staff: Linda Roberts

Lunch provided by: Capt. Jim Bandy family. Thank you!

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by Brett Fitzgerald.

Brett Fitzgerald resigned his position as chairman and recommended election of Capt. Jim Bandy to replace and succeed him. Motion to elect Jim Bandy as chair for 2011/2012 made by Pete Quasius and 2nd by Rick Roberts. Approved.

Capt. Jim Bandy took chair.

Brett Fitzgerald moved to elect to the board Bobby Greenwell, Erik Rimblas, Capt. Danny Barrow, Jay Lochner & Holly Andreotta. The motion was 2nd by Rick Roberts. Approved.

A motion to elect Andy Hill for the position of Treasurer for 2011/12 was made by Pete Quasius and 2nd by Rick Roberts. Approved.

Jim has contracted with Paul Unsworth, accountant, for a bookkeeper to assist bill pay and reporting.

Treasurer's report presented and approved. For period income equaled expenses approximately \$34,000 including income from grants from Turner Foundation and West Marine for Angler Action program updates.

Wachovia Bank has merged Wells Fargo. A motion had been made by Maria Quasius to supersede and replace the previous Wachovia checking account signature card dated Feb 2010 with a new signature card replacing Charles T. Key, and Brett Fitzgerald (retired) with Andy Hill, and James A. Bandy II, as authorized signers of the Foundation's checking account effective September 6, 2011 and that said motion had been seconded by Rick Roberts, discussed, and voted on and approved by a unanimous vote all the members present. Specifically those voting for:

Executive Committee:

Jim Bandy Chairman
Brett Fitzgerald Chair - Retired
Andy Hill Treasurer
Maria Quasius Secretary
Rick Roberts Executive Director

Directors:

Mike Readling
William Halstead
Steven Jara
Capt. Pete Quasius
Jon Brett
JJ Grey

11 for and none (0) against

Linda to post updated list of officers, vacancies and directors to website.

The minutes of the July 19th teleconference meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair Bandy will organize a monthly teleconference call for the Executive Committee. Any board member is invited to participate. Looking for volunteers to head action committees.

Motion made by Rick Roberts, 2nd by Brett to change the name of The Snook Foundation to The Snook and Gamefish Foundation. Motion carried. Linda and Brett to take appropriate action in changing website, Facebook page and outreach materials.

Old Business:

Motion by Pete Quasius, 2nd by Andy Hill to seek membership in Everglades Coalition. Approved. Pete Quasius to prepare application for review by board. Background: <http://www.evergladescoalition.org/>

Conservancy of SWF Red/Snook Tournament Oct. 21-23rd in Naples explained by Andy Hill. Offer of Conservancy to underwrite Snook Foundation fishing team accepted. Rick Roberts noted Snook Foundation team won last year. Bobby and Eric to fish at their expense with guide identified by Pete and Andy. Background: <http://www.conservancy.org/redsnook>

Discussion by Bill Halstead on Florida Marine Fisheries Enhancement Program. Funding for new hatcheries needed. No Action required. Background: <http://www.supportfloridasportfish.com/>

Discussion on lobbying efforts and last legislative session by Dave Nickles. Thanked for pro bono contribution. EcCom to prepare list of legislative priorities for 2012. Background: http://leg.state.fl.us/data/lobbyist/Reports/Lobbyist_LEG_2011.pdf

Discussion on grand opening of new West Marine store in Fort Lauderdale, Dec. 7th. Snook Foundation to benefit if minimum of 50 \$10 donation tickets sold. Call for high end donations. Linda to coordinate. Post to Facebook. Another superstore opening scheduled for Fort Myers next summer. Bobby coordinating. Background: http://www.westmarine.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/TopCategories1_11151_10001_-1?cid=sc_google&creative=6890651404&gclid=CJXy0aya_6oCFQ9S7AodphT73w

Reports on membership, Angler Action, SmartAngler, and Fundraising by Linda Roberts.

Background: <http://www.snookfoundation.org/data-program.html>

Linda to present detailed membership report/strategy at spring meeting. Currently approximately 2000 paying supporters and 150,000 subscribers to newsletter.

<http://www.snookfoundation.org/membership.html>

Brett will continue to revamp newsletter – shorter, more frequent. Appealed for help with Facebook. Wants 10,000 “likes” Pete volunteered. Background:

<http://www.facebook.com/SnookFoundation>

Jack Sterne briefed on fisheries work of Environmental Defense Fund and asked for support of science based fishery management. Consensus support for keeping recreational anglers on the water and establishing angler accountability to strengthen that position. Background:

<http://www.edf.org/oceans>

Member Steve Johnston shared information about marketing approaches he is working on to help promote SGF and Angler Action activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM by Capt. Jim Bandy. The next meeting will be a conference call and will set date and place for spring 2012 annual meeting. Action: Holly

Guide hired to take folks fishing cancelled due to high wind. Capt. Danny Barrows shared some great fishing video.

Draft Minutes submitted by: Maria
Quasius