

Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting

Palm River Cottages & Fish Camp, Jensen Beach, Florida

April 17, 2010

Opening:

1. The regular meeting of the Snook Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 10:16 AM by Chair: Brett Fitzgerald .
2. Secretary announced a quorum was present.

Present:

Executive Committee:

Brett Fitzgerald

Capt. Mike Readling

Maria Quasius

Rick Roberts

Board Members:

Capt. Pete Quasius

Capt. Jon Brett

Jay Gardner

Staff: Linda Roberts

Guest: Pierre Schutte

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion made and approved to accept the agenda as posted to website was made by Pete Quasius and 2nd by Jay Garner and unanimously approved .

4. Approval of Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A motion made and approved to accept the minutes and treasurer's report of the previous meeting was made by Pete Quasius and 2nd by Jon Brett.

5. Mission statement

Motion made and approved to adopt following Snook Foundation mission statement was made by Rick Roberts and 2nd by Maria Quasius.

We believe that a brighter future for all fisheries resources, including snook, is in the hands of informed anglers, who will take proactive steps to increase, not just maintain, the stocks. The instruments for such action are members who will commit to achieving snook habitat protection, enlighten regulation, research, and education. We believe that, with the recent progress in stock enhancement and habitat research, along with improved understanding and protection of effective snook habitat, together we can dramatically improve the outlook for snook and snook fishing!

6. Update on Angler Action Plan. Discussion: More exposure is needed for Snook Foundation Oceans Day June 8th in cooperation with West Marine, Coastal cleanup. Media and e-mail blitz for more public awareness. To be discussed in breakout committee. No action was taken

7. Breakout committee session/10:35-11:16 AM

Brett Fitzgerald & Pete Quasius: Governance & Structure

Clarified that committee chairs and regional directors are appointed by the Chair and confirmed by BOD. Recommended we adopt current revised draft bylaws as posted to web with scrivener corrections. Understanding that bylaws are work in progress. Motion to approve bylaws made by Capt. Mike Readling and 2nd by Jay Gardner. Approved.

Capt. Mike Readling & Capt. Jon Brett: Media Outreach & Event Planning

Mike Readling & Jon Brett to hold events and media blitz to promote Angler Action Plan and public awareness, including internal efforts (angler alert stories, Face Book posts, etc) as well as external media outlets (i.e., local newspapers, radio stations).

8. Old Business

The purchase of Quickbooks was discussed to keep finances up to date in a timely fashion. Action to Executive Committee

All deposits made by anyone other than Charles Key and Linda Roberts, please scan deposit slips and send to them. Action to Executive Committee

A discussion to use Google Wave for the Executive Committee to conduct business.

9. New Business

Motion made Rick Roberts, 2nd by Mike Readling and approved to adopt the following as the Snook Foundation motto: "A brighter future for fisheries is in the hands of informed anglers." William R Mote, Founder

Capt. Pete Quasius asked for consideration of applying for membership in the 50 plus member Everglades Coalition. PQ to provide background information to ExCom.

A discussion to provide equipment allow participation at BOD meetings electronically. Capt. Jon Brett to investigate options. Action to Executive Committee

Motion to elect Capt. Pete Quasius parliamentarian was made by Capt. Mike Readling and 2nd by Rick Roberts. Approved

Per bylaws regional directors/representatives from board members to participate on executive committee were appointed by Chair Brett Fitzgerald and approved by BOD. Elected officers can also represent regions and special interests but still have only single vote on executive committee.

Atlantic Coast – Capt. Mike Readling

Florida Gulf – Capt. Jon Brett

Texas Coast – Aaron Reed

Guides – Capt. Jim Bandy

Florida Keys/Bay/10,000 islands – TBD. Send suggestions to Brett.

10. Agenda items for Next Meeting

Consideration of Pierre Schutte as member of the board

Membership into Everglades Coalition

Approval of representative for Florida Keys/Bay

Improve communications for those members not able to attend meeting.

Next BOD meeting in conjunction with Red Snook Tournament in Naples Oct. 13th

11. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 by Chair: Brett Fitzgerald.

Minutes submitted by: Maria Quasius

Approved by: Brett Fitzgerald