

OCMC Fishing Committee Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2020

Attendees:

Mark Radcliffe	Brent Hoffman	Jim Giles	Al Rittmeyer
Rob Moroney	Amanda Shick	Franky Pettolina	Mike Diffendal
Ed Dorang	Frank Goodhart	Pat Svehla	Kayvon Bahrami
Gary Stamm	Jeremy Blunt	Darren Helwig	Steve Poore
Ron Callis	Boz Jefferson	Colin Campbell	Dale Withers

-Meeting came to order at 10AM at the OCMC.... on the deck because weather was so nice.

-Minutes from former meeting were read with some discussion.

-Some discussion took place regarding *voluntary* catch limits for tile fish, sea bass, dolphin, swordfish and tunas. Some numbers like 15 for tile fish and 14 for tunas were brought up. Some feedback indicated that competing boats for the seasonal tuna award may not want to reduce tunas to 14 from the current 18. Some thought the 47-inch swordfish minimum was too small. Although not mentioned, dolphin limit needs to be addressed. These matters would be brought up in February 2021 meeting for final thoughts.

-The chairman reminded the committee that we are a *volunteer-based* organization with 900 members and 8 tournaments that we conduct during our season. He indicated that *all volunteers* do their very best with the support of Amanda, the club's operations manager. He further pointed out that if you notice a problem or have an issue thereof, to please consult directly with chairpersons, fish committee chair or other officer or board member in a *constructive manner* to resolve the problem or potential problem. Our club is perceived in the local, regional and national fishing communities as a leader that takes the high road when it comes to conservation, stewardship and sportsmanship. Lets all do what we can as individual members to keep it that way and possibly make it better still.

- A number of issues were discussed that resulted in no resolution. The chairmen suggested that these issues be tabled until the February meeting where the committee would circle back and re-address the issues as the committee would have additional time to think about and consider these matters. The issues were: 1) Seasonal Awards listing on the club website needed to be sured-up as some angler names were appearing twice on the list. Some suggestions were to heighten awareness about self-policing the matter, send a reminder every 2 weeks, add last 4 digits of cell number to the name. Franky to meet with D3 before next meeting to determine if other safeguards could be implemented. Also, he would discuss why cell phones cannot get the catch report accomplished like a computer can. 2) Darren Helwig suggested that an angler list be entered and attached to boats that release billfish. Gary Stamm was for more self-policing. 3) Darren Helwig suggested that the time to submit catch reports should be reduced from 10 days to 7 days as competing boats should be more aware of what their competition is catching sooner than later. The 10-day rule goes all the way back to the late 80s when a boat waited to the last day of the season to file its reports. 4) An award for largest swordfish weighed for the year was suggested. No electric reels. Current federal rules are 4 per boat with a 47-inch minimum. 5) Some discussion on the number of places

being reported on the leader list be expanded. Mainly, where there were only 3 places being reported it was thought that it should be extended to top 10 places.

-Rob Moroney graciously volunteered to replace one of our weighmasters, Jack Shook. Jack has done it for seven years and is now retiring from the position. The committee applauded Jack and thanked Rob for stepping up.

-The committee went on to set up the 2021 fishing tournament season. The chairman congratulated all 2020 tournament chairs and Amanda for their quick and effective response to accommodating their agendas given the pandemic. As we do not know what pandemic rules will be in place for 2021, it was widely thought that our tournament schedule will still get off without a hitch.

The committee determined the following:

-**Seasonal Awards** start January 1, 2021 and end on October 3, 2021 at 5PM. All catch reports must be filed no later than 12 noon on October 4, 2021.

-**Memorial Day Tournament**, May 28-29-30, chairs...Franky Pettolina, Terry Layton and Chris Evans

-**Small Boat Tournament**, June 25-27, 2021, chairs...Billy Regan, Boz Jefferson, and Colin Campbell

-**Canyon Kick Off Tournament**, July 1-2-3-4, 2021, chairs...Al Rittmeyer and Bob Althaus. Some discussion about bridge opening on Sunday took place.

-**Kid's Classic Tournament**, July 16-17-18, chairs... Dale Withers and Gerry Ott. Wish-a-Fish component to be chaired by Mark and Pam Hess and Ryan Freese

-**Ladies Tournament**, July 29-30-31, 2021, chairs... Amanda Shick, Ryan Freese and Franky Pettolina

-**Labor Day Tournament**, Sept. 2-3-4-5, 2021, chairs...Jim Giles and Gary Stamm.

-**OCLTC vs. OCMC Shootout**, Sept. 10-11-12, 2021, Chairs... Pat Svehla and Frank Goodhart

-**Challenge Cup Tournament**, Sept. 16-17-18, 2021, chairs...Andy Helms and Bob Althaus

-**Marlin Party and Seasonal Awards** (if possible), October 22-23, 2021

-Chairman opened floor to any other topics. Mike Diffendal (club treasurer) requested that in the future more time be given to prepare accurate tournament winning checks and they could be mailed out as late as Friday after the tournament. The committee understood Mike's position and fully supported Mike.

-Next meeting was set for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the OCMC at 10AM.

-Motion was made and meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by Pat Svehla November 9, 2020