

Region Seven Officers

Director: Craig Owens
Tournament Director: Wayne Hayes
Asst Tourn Director: Mark Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Owens
Youth Coordinators: Richard Woods
Victor Spence



Minutes of the January 17, 2022 President's meeting 7:00 PM at The Glass Baron

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

All Chapters were represented except Little Creek.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting were motioned to approve, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was read motioned, seconded and approved.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Sid Ryan presented Top Angler of the Year awards to Mike Hildenbrand and Chris Napier (not present) as well as Lunker of the Award to JP Scott (not present). Mike and Chris will receive free entry into 2022 Region tournaments. Congratulations!

DIRECTOR HAND-OFF:

Sid Ryan announced and handed off the reigns as Director of Region 7 to Craig Owens, duly elected at the November meeting.

STATE NEWS: There has not been a State meeting since our November meeting.

OLD REGION BUSINESS:

- Craig informed the Presidents that Richard "Woodie" Woods is going to be handling our Facebook page. The previous/existing page is being revamped and will coordinate with our Region website. Please feel free to post your photos and fishing stories from your club. This is an excellent way to promote our Region and its clubs.
- Ivan motioned and Vince Stuccio seconded to vote on members must fish at least 1 region in order to fish the Fall Classic. It was noted that we should adhere to the State bylaws implicitly and specifically in regards to members being on their clubs roster by January 31st in order to be able to fish the Spring and Summer state championship qualifiers (formerly Mr. Bass and Chapter Team). Members must be on their clubs roster by June 30th in order to be able to fish the Fall Classic.
- The November meeting motions were voted on:
 - The vote to increase our entry fees to \$100 per boat passed: unanimously. \$10 of the \$100 is for lunker.
 - The vote to reduce the creel limit from 6 fish to 5 fish passed; 5 for, 1 against.
 - The vote to allow members to fish alone during region tournaments passed; 5 for, 1 against.
 - The vote to reduce the dead fish penalty from 8 oz to 4 oz passed; unanimously.
 - The vote to exclude region tournament awards from our budget passed; unanimously. End of year trophies for Top Angler(s) and Lunker still remain in the region budget.
 - The vote to reduce region paid entries into Fall Classic from 20 members to 10 members passed; unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

President's asked if Craig could prompt State website to be updated.

YOUTH:

- Youth events schedule will be announced upon word from the VB Parks & Rec and Chesapeake Parks & Rec.
- Susan reminded everyone that the youth will need plastic donations again. Please bring any plastics you do not wish to use to our next region meeting on February 23rd.

TOURNAMENT REPORT:

- Wayne wanted to assure all Presidents that he will go by the Bylaws' tournament rules.
 - The 2022 schedule is confirmed:
 - Feb 26 - Gaston / Holly Grove
 - Apr 16 - Kerr / North Bend
 - May 14 – Pasquotank / Eliz City Ramp
 - June 5 (Sun) - Chickahominy / Rt 5 Riverfront Park
- The 2nd set of scales previously thought to be unusable are being sent out for repair. Wayne learned that there was a problem in the power supply and repairs will cost under \$125. Therefore, we will have 2 good working sets of scales at each tournament.
- Wayne is going through the trailer now for any missing supplies. Susan has ordered additional weigh-in slips. We have plenty of raffle tickets.
- Craig asked if any members who have new items that they did not end up using and wouldn't mind bringing to the meeting to use at our raffles.
- Wayne thanked Sid for his years as our Region Director and everything he has done for us.

NEXT REGION MEETING:

- Wednesday, February 23rd, Glass Baron, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer

SECRETARY NOTE:

Rosters, dues and optional lotto are due.

UPDATE:

As Craig announced at the November meeting, he has been working to obtain sponsors for guaranteed 1st place prize money. He is happy to confirm that he has now acquired sponsors who are guaranteeing \$2000 per tournament for 1st place and a separate sponsor who is donating trophies for 1st, 2nd and luncheon for each of our tournament.

Susan has put together the payout matrix reflecting the new entry fee and sponsor funds. Based on the fact that we have now voted to reduce the "fluff" expenses, Susan has created both a matrix based on 80% payback and 90% payback with one place paid per 7 boats. She will send out a motion via email with both matrices attached to all Presidents for someone to second so that we can vote on at our February 23rd meeting which matrix to use. All 1st places will always equal 50% of the total payout; 2nd place will never be less than \$1000, and last place paid will never be less than \$200 (2x entry).

Great Season !