



## MEETING MINUTES March 3, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Joey Brown. (Mack was out sick)
2. Guests: We welcomed students from Churchill HS, along with their parents, who are trying to form a bass club. Present were: Marc Lawrence, Michael Olsen, Luis Munoz, Luke Munoz, Justin Lofield, Skylar Harrison, Mason Maurer, Austin Lee and Kimberly Pruiett.

With the current Federal, State and Local laws it is difficult for outside organizations to be able to interact with the students. Mack is going to work with Churchill HS to try and establish a program where we can help these young students grow as anglers. Mack will have more information at the next meeting.

3. Secretary Report: February meeting minutes were read and accepted as published.

4. Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$1,408.21
Club Dues	\$ 30.00
River Lakes Income	\$ 260.00
River Lakes Payout	-\$ 195.00
Embroidery Shirts	-\$ 156.00
Web Page Hosting	-\$ 12.95
<b>Balance as of 3/3/08</b>	<b>\$1,334.26</b>

5. Metro Report: Presented by email.

- a. Metro treasurer presented the City Championship report with a paragraph at the end stating that some of the entries from City were misplaced and has not been found and therefore an accurate final expense report is not able to be done and this report presented does not reflect the missing entries.
- b. Tackle items are needed for the upcoming fishing tournament for soldiers in Iraq. Items needed are tackle (hard or plastic), rods and reels, fishing line, clippers, scissors, etc. If you have any rods and reels that you would like to donate Dave Teplicek has volunteered to do minor repairs prior to shipping. If you are interested in sponsoring a kayak you can donate \$500.00. A dog tag with your name or your company's name will be put on the kayak. Items are needed no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> to prepare for shipping.
- c. Article in the Express – News pertaining to the Texas Parks and Wildlife wanting to increase the fishing license, etc., due to the fact that they want to spend the much needed money allocated for our parks, etc., on other items, such as trauma care, cleaner air, etc. Our lawmakers spent more of the sporting goods sales tax than on what it was meant to fund parks. An action alert item has been sent out to all hunting and fishing organizations asking them to join together to stop the nonsense of increasing all hunting and fishing fees again. . On May 21, 2007, the Texas lawmakers gave a final approval to increase spending for state and local parks but stopped short of using ALL of the sporting goods tax for revenue that supporters said is necessary for our long term vitality of all parks. This bill would increase funding for state and local parks by \$156 million over the next two years and would include \$44 million bond issue that requires voter's approval in the November

election. Bonds were approved. So, if this is the case, why are our fees being looked at being increased again? Frank stated that if the hunters and anglers do not join forces and contact their Texas Representatives and Senators before January 15, 2009, then more than likely the Parks and Wildlife funds will be drastically cut. And whose fault will that be? None other than our own for not joining forces.

- d. Harvey reminded all in attendance that as of January 2008, boat permits were no longer required for vessels practicing sport fishing in Mexican waters.
- e. Randi Wayland gave us an update on the McQueeney Boat Ramp becoming private, land locked, and can't be used. Basically, there is no law stating that it must remain a public boat ramp; therefore, we cannot do anything about it. It was recommended that we possibly get with whoever has control over the ramp and see if we possibly use their ramp, if we decide to hold a tournament on McQueeney.

6. Tournament Report:

February 9, 2008 <i>River 1</i> <i>Sat 6:30-3:30</i> <i>Member Name</i>	1st Day				<i>Total</i> <i>Weight</i>	
	# <i>Fish</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>Wt.</i>	<i>Big</i>			
			<i>Fish</i> <i>Lbs</i>	<i># Fish</i> <i>Dead</i>		
HOUSTON, MATT	5	16.03	8.20		16.03	Sinko and spinnerbait
LESSARD, KEVIN	5	13.40	6.57		13.40	Pop R in lily pads
VAUGHN, SCOTT	4	7.12			7.12	Fluke with split shot weight and spinnerbait
TAUER, ERIC	4	6.71			6.71	4" Gold dust slug on a jig head
RIGBY, MATT	2	4.68			4.68	Unknown
CARUSELLA, SHAWN	1	2.29			2.29	Norman Little N

- a. **Dumb Ass Bass:** No nominations
- b. **Next tournament:** The tournament this weekend: Weigh-in will be at 454 Roadbed/Ramp

Saturday, March 8: 6:30am - 3:30pm  
 Sunday, March 9: 7:30am - 1:30pm (due to daylight savings)

If you need hotel information: Comfort Inn  
 830-775-2933  
 3616 Veterans Blvd.  
 Del Rio, TX, US, 78840

They have boat hook-ups and the rooms are \$74.00 a night. I have 5 rooms blocked off under "Julie Houston". Just call and guarantee on your credit card ASAP. On Tuesday, March 4, I will call and cancel all rooms that are still under our name and have not been claimed.

- c. Jesse Robles is looking for a boater partner. Please contact Jesse if you have an extra seat available.
- 7. Old Business: Since we had guest present and Mack was out sick, a motion was made and seconded to postpone discussion of the tournament rules until the next meeting.
- 8. New Business: No new business discussed
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting will be at Blanco Café, April 7, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m.