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METRO MINUTES
February 20, 2008

1. Harvey Holmes, Chairman, called the February 20th, meeting to order at 730 p.m.,
2. Roll Call: There were 6 clubs present and 7 absent. Those clubs in attendance were: Alamo Bass Club, Freedom Bass Club, Rebel Club, San Antonio Bass Club, S.A.P.D. Bass Busters, and Universal City Bass Club. Those not attending: Castle Gap, Comal, Hill Country Anglers, Helotes, Ingram, Lone Star Lunkers, and SwRI. Each club was reminded about paying dues and getting their club roster to Robin McFarlane as soon as possible.
3. Secretary Report: Minutes from the January 2008 were accepted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Metro's financial report was given to all in attendance. We currently have \$3,844.07. This includes an income of \$125.00 for club dues and with expenses of \$86.60 (payment on p.o. box and web site name for 2 years). This amount does include the TIFF balance. Dave Cole also presented the 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.
5. Harvey announced that he is going to get with J.D. @ Anchor Marine next week to discuss continuing to sponsor the Metro City Championship and to get the money for this year's City Championship.
6. There were several guests in attendance for this meeting. Aaron Spivey, Major Codie Roberson, Brad Horn, along with representatives of the VFW 4676, George Smoot, Joe McCullough, Tish McCullough, Thomas Hinds, and Tammy Champagne. Aaron discussed an upcoming tournament, "The Redneck Yacht Club Spring Bass Fishing Tournament" to be held on Medina Lake on Saturday, March 1, 2008. The entry is \$150.00 per team (non member cost) and \$125.00 per team (member cost). Payouts are based on 50 entries, with the planned 1st Place payout being \$1,600.00, 2nd Place \$1,000.00, 3rd Place \$800.00, etc. Big Bass payout is \$400.00. If you have any additional questions, please contact Aaron Spivey @ 210-336-4247. (A copy of the entry is attached).

Next to speak was Major Cody Roberson with the Returning Heroes Home. Returning Heroes Home is one of the proposed trauma centers for the U.S. Military, Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), located on Fort Sam Houston. This center will house patient's rehabilitation and recovery who needed a comfortable place to help with the healing process and learn how to cope with their war related disabilities not only as an individual, but as a family as well. The center at Fort Sam currently is called the Warrior and Family Support Center and is 1,200 square feet. There have been approximately 150,000 visits to the existing facility and the need to build a larger facility is required. The new building will be called "The Returning Heroes Home" and will be 12,000 square feet. It will provide social gatherings, kitchen facilities, dining room, computerized learning center, private counseling rooms, game room, etc., and is expected to be a \$3.5 million dollar gift.

Troy Zipperer with Freedom Bass Club questioned if at break if Metro could pass the hat around to take up a collection to put towards building of the new facility. It was agreed that a cap would be passed around at break and given to Major Roberson.

If you would like to get additional information and have someone come to your club meeting to discuss this further, please contact the following: Cody Roberson @ armybassanglers_cody@yahoo.com or Chad Nelson @ armybassanglers_chad@yahoo.com

Check out these guys website: www.armybassanglers.com, they have an all veteran pro staff on their fishing team.

If you or your club would like to contribute a donation, it can be mailed to: Returning Heroes Home, P.O. Box 202194, Dallas, Texas 75320-2194. The Returning Heroes Home website is: www.returningheroeshome.org.

Our next guest speaker was Brad Newman with KASA. Brad discussed an upcoming tournament for soldier's that will be held over in Iraq sometime between Halloween and New Year's of this year. This tournament involves kayaks and a lot of fishing tackle. Brad is asking for anyone who has extra tackle to please donate them to this event. Items needed, besides kayaks, are fishing equipment (rods and reels), tackle (hard or plastic), fishing line, clippers, scissors, etc. Or if you are interested in sponsoring a kayak, you can donate \$500.00. The \$500.00 will pay for the necessary tackle, kayak, etc., for one of the soldier's that is fishing. A dog tag will be made and placed on a sponsored kayak with your company's name on it. The "hot catch" in Iraq is Bara Lundy and they range around 7 # - 10#. Reports are coming back that these fish are being caught on MRE's right now. All items are needed by July 1st in order to prepare them to ship over with plenty of time. Should you have any items, please get with Randi Wayland, as she is in charge of collecting all items and will be glad to pick them up if necessary. Dave Teplicek, owner of Hot Check Lures, has agreed to repair take all rods and reels that have been donated should they need minor repair.

Brad did announce that should this tournament not go through, everyone would be welcome to a full refund if they so desired.

If anyone is interested in donating money to the event, they may make their check out to the Kayak Angler's Society.

7. Harvey brought up the issue with the letters that Metro has sent to Allen Cox in regards to what Amistad's intentions are with the patching on the boat ramps, etc. As of today, there has been no response from Mr. Cox.
8. Frank Goll took the floor to discuss an 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. The advocates for the parks say the entire take from the Sporting Goods Tax should be used to address all of the pressing needs in the parks and aren't satisfied with just the \$112 million out of \$229 million expected to be collected over the next two years going to the Parks and Wildlife Commission and Texas Historical Commission.
9. 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. The Texas Parks and Wildlife funding will be estimated at \$56 million a year, which is up from approximately \$20 million a year showing an increase of \$36 million from the Sporting Goods Tax. 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.

10. At our January meeting, Dave Cole asked that each club president/representative discuss with their members about increasing our City Championship entry fee from \$20.00 per person to \$25.00 per person. Harvey asked each club if they discussed with their members and if so, what their take was on this. All clubs had discussed, except for UCBC. UC will be discussing with their members at their next meeting and will get back with Metro.
11. Harvey reminded all in attendance that as of January 2008, boat permits were no longer required for vessels practicing sport fishing in Mexican waters.
12. Harvey turned the floor over to Robin McFarlane. Robin passed out rough draft entry forms for the 2008 City Championship along with the 2007 entries. On items that were changed, Robin brought up each item and discussed with all members in attendance. A few corrections were made to the entry. Robin will make these changes and bring them to the next meeting again. Robin announced that David Glenney had agreed to do a new program for Metro and he is working on it right now. Robin also presented the clubs "a worse cane scenario" for the cost of our upcoming City.

On the entry it states that participants who are not able to attend the city tournament after registering will have their entry fee reimbursed. Robin asked for discussion on this item. Some of the clubs felt that the money should be reimbursed, while other clubs in attendance did not. After the discussion, Harvey asked for a roll call vote as to how each club felt in regards to reimbursing the entry fees. After the vote, there were 2 clubs who voted to continue to reimburse and 4 clubs against reimbursing. This will be taken off of the entry.

13. Harvey reminded everyone that if they were going to help out with Boysville that the background checks had to be done for the Child Protective Services and the State. Some of the clubs did say that having to do the background check was a problem with them. If you are interested in having someone from the Towne and Country Optimist come to your meeting to discuss Boysville, Harvey stated to get with Frank Goll @ 210-494-7381 .
14. 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.
15. On March 4th, Randi will be attending a Texas Inland Fisheries meeting, and is asking that if anyone has any concerns/issues to please get them to her by this time so that she can address them at the meeting.
16. Carl Crittall asked for the floor to discuss the S.A.P.D. 29th Annual Big Bass Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 1 @ Choke Canyon. 1st Place is guaranteed for \$2,000.00 and the entry fee is \$65.090 per person. There will be 6 hourly pay outs with lots of door prizes and a \$100.00 cash drawing for those who entered early. For more information contact: Robert Drzymala @ 210-389-7213 or Susan Osborne @ 210-771-7999.
17. Harvey went "around the table" and asked those present where they had or were going to fish for the upcoming months. Alamo is headed to Amistad to look for big fish. S.A.P.D. fished Choke recently with 26# being their heavy stringer. Freedom also traveled to Choke and had a 40# stringer with a 9.13# for big bass, and is headed to Amistad next. UCBC fished Falcon and also had a 44# stringer take 1st place with a big bas of 9.34#, and they are now headed to Coletto next.

18. **The next METRO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, @ 7:30 p.m. at the VFW on Aviation Boulevard in Universal City, Texas.**

With a motion by Robin McFarlane and a second by Dave Cole, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



CALENDAR REMINDERS:



A.P.D. 29th Annual Big Bass Tournament, Saturday, March 1st,
Choke Canyon
The Redneck Yacht Club Fishing Tournament, Saturday, March 8th,
Medina Lake
Metro Meeting, Wednesday, March 19th, 7:30 P.M., VFW Hall,
Universal City
Metro Meeting, Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 P.M., VFW Hall, Universal City

*Robin McFarlane,
Secretary*

REMINDER!!
ALL CLUBS NEED TO SUBMIT THEIR DUES OF
\$25.00 AND CLUB ROSTERS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.