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METRO MINUTES
July 16th, 2008

1. Harvey Holmes, Chairman, called the July 16th, meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Clubs in attendance: Alamo Bass Club, Helotes Bass Club, Rebel Bass Club, S.A.P.D. Bass Busters, and Universal City Bass Club. Clubs not attending: Comal Bass Anglers, Freedom Bass Club, Lone Star Lunkers, McArthur High School Bass Club, and San Antonio Bass Club.
3. Secretary Report: Minutes from the June 2008 were accepted as printed. Robin McFarlane thanked Debbie Hunter for filling in for her while she was out of town.
4. Treasurer's Report: Metro's financial report was given to all in attendance. We currently have \$2,294.07 in our account. This includes expenses in the amount of \$500.00, given to the Towne & Country Optimist for Boysville. This amount does include the TIFF balance of \$1,045.00. The report when presented to the members is off by .07 cents. Debbie Hunter made a motion that we accept the treasurer's report as presented with the correction of the .07 cents. Brett Weatherall seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. The Towne & Country (T&C) members were present for the final preparations of the upcoming Boysville event scheduled on Sunday, July 27th @ the Live Oak Pond in Live Oak, TX. There are approximately eighty-five (85) kids expected to show up. Volunteers are needed to help with the kids fishing. Each representative is asked to please get with their club members and recruit volunteers for the 27th. Debbie Hunter and Ron Carter will be conducting the weigh in, with Robert and Robin McFarlane helping. Each Boysville participant is allowed to weigh in 5 fish. The weigh in will be from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Texas Parks and Wildlife has agreed to place 500 catfish in the pond, so security has been hired for overnight. Volunteers are asked to please bring extra rods and baits (chicken liver, cheese bait, hot dogs, etc.) Information for Boysville is attached (this info has previously been sent out).
6. City Championship: Harvey asked the clubs how they felt about the 2008 City Championship. There was a lot of discussion from the floor if Metro should have this tournament this year, cancel, and works on one for next year, due to the finances of Metro. The majority of those present, want to see the tournament go on this year. If Metro is to continue to conduct the Championship each year, then it is going to need to do something to bring money into it's account. A raffle was discussed. Mack Rigby is checking into possibly getting a rod donated for the raffle and Robin McFarlane has agreed to check into a reel to go with the rod.

It has been decided that since Metro is not going to get the expected funds for sponsorship from last year or this year, (\$6,000.00 total) that it would need to do something in order to have the funds available for City. There are a lot of expenses involved putting this tournament on. There were several suggestions made as far as what Metro could do in order to raise funds. One suggestion was a big raffle for a fund raiser, cancel the tournament for this year, and work on next year's. Another suggestion was not to have awards or a meal, and the third suggestion was to increase the entry fee money for each category along with increasing the extra meal tickets. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the entry fees for each category would be increased along with increasing the extra meal tickets in order for City to help pay for expenses.

Due to the numerous changes going into this year's City Championship, Harvey asked for a motion and a second

to accept the changes. Chris Short brought forward the motion with Ron Carter making the second. These changes were passed by the majority present. Robin did have the entry forms ready to hand out, but since there were changes, the entries will be e-mailed or mailed out to all clubs. Those clubs to get the entry form e-mailed to them, are asked to please make copies and forward to their club members. Copies of entries will be accepted.

Dave Cole announced that he has contacted Waypoint Marine, Travis Marine, and Tracker Marine to see if they are interested in sponsoring this year's tournament. Dave stated he should know within the next couple of weeks.

Harvey asked for a commitment from all clubs to participate. If Metro does not have a good commitment from our clubs, then there will be a **good chance** that City will be cancelled for the 2008 year. All clubs are also asked to please write one check to Metro to cover the entries of their members who are planning on entering this tournament. Harvey also asked that the checks be written as soon as possible. Everyone was reminded that entries would not be refunded should that contestant not show up. So if a club pays for an entry and its member does not show up, it's between that club and its member regarding the entry fee.

Robin asked for all clubs to please provide a club roster to her. The majority of the clubs have not provided a roster. These rosters are used for numerous things during the year, with one being verifying membership and TOC eligibility for the City Championship.

All clubs should bring door prizes to the City tournament. Please give all door prizes to Robin McFarlane so that she may make a list of what is being provided and who has donated the item.

Since we are going to make a go of City this year, Robin will be sending out the list to the Top 3 Clubs for a jacket, windbreaker, and shirt selection. Plaques will now be ordered as well.

7. Dave Cole asked for the floor for a few minutes to discuss a conversation that he had with Speedy Collette down at Falcon Lake recently. According to Speedy, a Tourist and Convention Committee have been formed. This committee is to handle getting events down to Zapata. Dave Cole has been asked what it would take to get Metro's Championship back down to Falcon. Robin McFarlane will be writing up a proposal of what is required to hold a City Championship at their lake and will forward it to Speedy after Metro approves it.
8. Harvey went "around the table" to see where our clubs had fished or were going to fish. SAPD reports that they fished Choke Canyon recently and had a good tournament and are now headed to Mathis. Alamo is fishing Falcon, Rebel fished Amistad recently with Mack Rigby weighing just under 42#. Universal City fished Falcon with their top stringer weighing over 50#.
9. **The next METRO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th, @ 7:30 p.m. at the VFW on Aviation Boulevard in Universal City, Texas.**
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

Metro Meeting, Wednesday, August 20th, 7:30 P.M., VFW Hall, Universal City
Metro Meeting, Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30 P.M., VFW Hall Universal City

Robin McFarlane, Secretary

Reminder: All clubs must provide a roster to Robin ASAP!!!

Randi Wayland is still collecting fishing tackle; supplies, etc. (Please see the attached e-mail that has previously been sent out as well).

