



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: **February 22, 2007**

Meeting called to order by President at: **8:18 p.m.**

After the pledge, the following committee reports were discussed:

NOTE: Most committee reports were skipped since this meeting was considered an “informal” gathering focused on the indoor activity. Therefore, only limited discussions ensued for the individual committee reports.

OUTDOOR
Club members present at the meeting wanted to know when deposits for the November 3, 2007 blackfish tournament were going to be collected and how much. Jason Remien mentioned that he would look into it and get back to the club at the next meeting.

INDOOR
The club held a brainstorming event that was very successful. Members shared ideas about what they like and don't like or would like to change about the club. Details on the results of this indoor event will be summarized in future newsletters. See pages 4-6 for summary

NEW YORK SURF TOURNAMENT
No report.

CONSERVATION
No report.

SCALES
Bill Rockwell was at the February meeting calibrating scales and will be available at the April meeting. Scales will not be calibrated at the March meeting since that meeting will be the Annual Dinner Dance.

WEIGH MASTER				
No report.				
	Fish of the Month			
	Month	Name	Fish	Weight
Senior				
Junior				



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PRIZES

No report.

RULES & RECORDS

No report.

JACKETS

No report.

CUSTODIAN

No report.

HISTORIAN

No report.

NEWSLETTER

No report.

GOOD & WELFARE

No report.

PUBLICITY

No report.

DINNER DANCE

Jim Smith is looking for a volunteer to chair the 2008 Dinner Dance. Please see Jim if you are interested.

PICNIC & CASTING

No report.

LADIES NIGHT

No report.



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150 CLUB

Don Schafer was busy selling tickets and reminded the club members that additional tickets (beyond the required two tickets per adult member) must be sold by some in order to reach our goal of 150 tickets. Please sell additional tickets if you can.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

RECEIPTS OF THE MONTH

Carl reported on the following receipts of the month:

Renewal dues: \$995

150 Club: \$520

Items Sold: \$21.53

Total: \$1536.53

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on February 21st 2007: 2,313.09

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn meeting at: **9:45 p.m.**



Respectively submitted,

Recording Secretary

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB “IDEAS”

TOURNAMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bigger turnout for surf fishing tournament in MidIsland surf casters “gathering of anglers” • Boat/Surf entry fee for tournaments (Pay day before tournament) • More emphasis on freshwater fishing and surf fishing • Competition with other clubs • Offshore tournament • Women’s tournament • Make fishing tournament more “user friendly” – flexible
TOURNAMENT/CLUB PRIZES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other venues for prizes • Individual species prizes for 1st place replaced with trophy/plaque • Custom plugs engraved for prizes • Fish release point categories (record/prizes) • Lure category for prizes
SOCIAL EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New activities for picnic • Clam bake on Fire Island • Trips to Foxwoods, Yankees games, Great Adventure, etc. • Club BBQ’s at peoples houses/parks/beaches
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More physical involvement in conservation programs (beach cleanups, etc.) • Active membership in Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) • Committee to write letters to various organizations
“CLUB PRIDE”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create/Design “PFC Flags” for trucks and boats • Own clubhouse! • More movies/pictures of club functions • Surf tournaments (wearing of PFC apparel)
MEMBERSHIP/ADVERTISING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit more members, membership drive • Advertisement/Publicity • More youth • Try to make new members feel more welcome • Participate in sportsman shows
OTHER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club lending library (DVDs, books, CDs, etc.) • More guest speakers • Develop mission statement with objectives • New place to meet • Prevent “burnout” of committee members (more support for chairmen) • More donations • Official recognition of members that donate at functions
OUTREACH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More fishing education (club members) • “Take a kid fishing trips” – Outreach • Sponsor fishing clinics for kids/adults
COMMUNICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand club directory to include businesses/interests • More sharing of fishing spots during tournaments (more “communication” during tournaments) • Central # to call for “fishing buddies”

What we like about PFC

- Tournaments & Functions
- Great members
- Geared towards family
- Friendship one makes
- Sharing information
- Generous people that donate
- People to fish with
- Tradition
- Learning new fishing techniques
- Great fishing tournaments
- Great prizes
- Donuts!
- Caring people (Care about each other)
- Ladies Night
- Involvement in conservation groups...support other groups
- Broad category of types of fishing
- Members come back!
- Loyalty
- Website/newsletters
- Recognition of members
- Encourage members to participate
- Relationship with J&J Tackle
- History kept with pictures and movies
- Picnic/Casting Tournament
- Sense of pride

What don't we like about PFC

- Nothing being done about membership
- No networking
- Not enough movies/pictures of club functions
- Not enough youth members
- Not enough guest speakers
- Club is clicky
- Two meeting rule
- Not enough outside functions
- Not enough trips
- No interclub tournaments (excluding surf) i.e., boat
- Surf points / boat points (eliminate use of)
- Tournaments aren't user friendly
- No official recognition to people who donate time, goods, etc.
- Increase in dues causing members to leave
- J&J, prizes
- No personal prizes for year end (largest of species)
- Not enough emphasis on freshwater/surfishing
- Not enough /no release points category
- No category for artificial vs. bait fishing
- No participation in sportsmen shows
- No participation in ecology (i.e., beach grass plantings, beach cleanups)
- No club BBQ's
- Burn out of members who always serve on committees
- No lending library
- No clubhouse
- Same old picnic activities
- No directory for member businesses/interests
- No enough sharing of information (i.e., fishing spots, etc.)