

Minutes of the ASAC General Meeting March 21, 2009

- 1. The president called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and opened with welcoming everyone to a new fishing year, and thanking them for their support. The membership then recited the pledge of allegiance, and had a moment of silence for those who have passed during the year.**
- 2. Roll call was taken by the corresponding secretary and found 24 clubs were present.**
- 3. The president asked if anyone had tournament changes to get them to Jane today.**
- 4. Corresponding secretary read the minutes from the last General Meeting. President asked if any corrections were needed to be made. Motion to be accepted, seconded and passed and the minutes were accepted into record.**
- 5. Treasurer report was read by Sara for the last time, she had announced that she was leaving us, we all wished her well. The report was read a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.**
- 6. Secretary Jane spoke about the tournament schedule and stressed to check the schedule and location of the tournament because there were some changes, including the loosing of Rip Tide as a host club and team.**
- 7. The vice president Dick spoke about the Golf Tournament and how an important fund raiser it is for ASAC. He stressed how it's our biggest fund raiser of the year. And you don't even have to play golf, just come out and have a good time and support ASAC.**
- 8. George Foreman spoke about the kid's tournament and how ASAC is backing out of the Grenloch Tournament after 6 years. He explained the situation and what has been happening, and basically how they pushed us out. He spoke about Pennsuakens fresh water kids tournament and how ASAC is going to get involved with them, and help them out.**
- 9. President Jim spoke about the possibility of South Jersey Surf Casters hosting a tournament in possibly Avalon or Stone Harbor.**

Delegates Report:

A. North Jersey: Jimmy from Hudson River, there was an issue that we were accused of trashing the headquarters and they were looking into an alternative place to have registration or pay a \$300 security deposit. Hudson River is looking into possibly a new location.

B. South Jersey: Vice President Dick had nothing to report

C. New Jersey: Gary Bourne had nothing to report

D. Kurt from NJBBA: reported on the stringing of the piping plover fencing. He was looking for help and explaining it's to our advantage to help with this so we can have some type of small control over the placing of the fence.

Communications:

A. Jim was stating that if you want to find out any information on what is going on with Beach Access to go on the internet to UMS. Jim and Jane went to the meeting in Salisbury Maryland 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Hatteras beach closing will pretty much remain the same as last year. Beaches are starting to be closed down for the Piping Plovers and also now the Turtles. Another good web site to go to for information in North Carolina is the NCBBA web site. Articles are up to date and who is supporting them as well. Also now in Cape Cod they are trying to band the kite surfers, because they are stating that the plovers will think of them as prey and not nest in the area. This will inevitably filter its way down to NC and everywhere else down the coast. Another issue is at ramp 55 to Frisco Pier, the homeowners are banning together to try to make it there "own private beach" with no access anytime for anyone. This is not only hurting the sports fisherman, but the local business are suffering as well. Hatteras is feeling the impact of the beach closures on their economy as well.

B. A motion was made to take up collection again to donate to support beach access, it was seconded and passed. Jim suggested asking your club members to donate a dollar each, and we can send one large check.

At 10:55 we took a five minute break to prepare for our guest speaker Tom McCloy , administrator for the Marine Fisheries. He was speaking about the National Salt Watery Register Program. He spoke about what is required and how it's going to affect us, and what our alternative is. He handled out very informative information on this topic.

After a very informative presentation we had a 15 minute question period.

10. The president then presented the awards to their recipients.

11. At the end of the awards ceremony the president announced the break for lunch at 12:30.

New Business:

- 1. We have a new member to ASAC, the Jersey Anglers, they will be a provisional member for 1 year and get voted in next year.**
- 2. Amendment Change to the By-Laws was 2 have 2 new Vice Presidents, this would make for an easier transition to President. This was to try to get some of the younger guys into the position to take over the presidency some day. Motion on floor, seconded & passed. No discussion was needed.**
- 3. We have added a new Cup Division which is the Central Jersey Cup. Now that gives North, Central & South Jersey Division. We still have the Keystone Cup as well**

Elections:

- 1. Treasurer: Sara is leaving us, Arlene Perkowski was nominated and voted in.**
 - 2. 2 Assistant Vice Presidents were nominated and voted in Greg O'Connell & Andrea Tambourino.**
 - 3. Jane was reelected for recording secretary**
 - 4. Myself was reelected for secretary**
 - 5. Dick was reelected for Vice President**
 - 6. Jim was reelected for President**
 - 7. All the Regional Directors remain the same**
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- 12. The president took the floor and stressed if anyone has anything they want to see the board do or improve in anyway please don't hesitate to talk to us. He also stressed to keep your clubs informed about the beach access and stress how we must all play our part in protecting beach access.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:37