

Springfield Crappie Club Meeting Minutes --- July 21st, 2019

The fall meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Council #4179 on Lake Springfield. President Brian Cuffle called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. I do not have a count of members present.

The minutes from the spring meeting were waived by membership as Secretary Jim Tintori was not in attendance. The financial report was given by Treasurer Mike Rockford. He reported the club has \$3795 in checking and \$3558 in savings. Expenses for 2019 thus far have been \$2275. The club has 34 paid members, 1 youth member and 5 members of the Executive Board for a total of 40 Members. The treasurer's report was approved. VP Brian Buchanan had no report. Tournament Director Arick Clark reported open tournaments averaged 24 boats each and our club tournaments averaged 11 boats. The spring open tournament profits are Lake Sangchris \$347 and the Crappie BASH at Lake Shelbyville \$500. \$72 was made in a 50/50. \$50 each was paid to 3 members at the Lake Springfield Club tournament for the e-board approved bonus prize in levels 6 thru 9. The E-Board recommended a \$1,000 bonus contribution to the 2020 Classic prize fund this fall. Members approved the contribution. Tournament Director Clark emphasized that participation in our BASH needs to increase in 2020 or it cannot continue. The E-Board announced their decision to sponsor 2 additional open tournaments in 2020. There will be 2 spring and 2 fall open tournaments next year. An adult/kid tournament has been discussed before and again at this meeting. The E-Board would consider sponsoring one if club members support our opens. Arick said more tournaments are being scheduled on Sundays to give working people a chance to pre-fish without taking a day off work

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The following lakes were selected (either by vote or by rule) for the 2020 spring tournaments:

CLUB	March 21 st	Lake Sangchris (April 5 th was unavailable)
OPEN	March 22 nd (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris \$50 Entry Fee \$10 Big Fish
BASH	April 25 th	Lake Shelbyville \$100 Entry Fee \$10 Big Fish
CLUB	May 3 rd (Sunday)	Lake Springfield (by vote)
CLUB	May 16 th & 17 th	Lake Shelbyville (by rule)
OPEN	June 7 th (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris \$50 Entry Fee \$10 Big Fish

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The following lakes were selected (either by vote or by rule) for the 2020 fall tournaments:

CLUB	September 20 th (Sunday)	Lake Shelbyville (by vote)
CLUB	October 4 th (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris (by vote)
CLUB	October 17 th & 18 th	Mark Twain (by rule)
CLASSIC	November 1 st (Sunday)	Lake Springfield (by rule)
OPEN	November 7 th	Lake Springfield \$50 Entry Fee \$10 Big Fish
OPEN	November 29 th (Sunday)	Lake Decatur \$50 Entry Fee \$10 Big Fish

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President Cuffle passed out Sponsorship forms to all members and explained the different levels of sponsorship. \$50 – Company logo on club tournament applications; \$100 – Company logo on club and open tournament applications; \$250 – Company logo on all tournament

applications and qualifies them to be a Title Sponsor on an open tournament. He asked members to give the forms to businesses they support and ask the businesses for their support in return.

The sponsorships are Springfield Crappie Clubs primary fund raiser, with the money being used to increase **club** tournament prizes and payouts (with the exception that a sponsor request otherwise).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Brian Cuffle nominated the current E-Board for 2020. Nominated for President, Brian Cuffle; Vice President, Brian Bucannan; Treasurer, Mike Rockford; Secretary, Jim Tintori; and Tournament Director, Arick Clark. All accepted their nominations and were summarily elected for 2020.

WEBSITE HOST: Our current Facebook and website administrator, Bob Hayes, is doing a great job and President Cuffle will ask him to continue in that role. He will be paid \$325.

TRAILERING AT TOURNAMENTS: Much discussion took place regarding trailering being allowed and how to manage the release of those choosing to trailer to another launch. If lake managers approve trailering, every effort should be made to include this fact on the tournament application, but if it is not, it is not a requirement. The following was presented as a motion and approved unanimously by membership.

NEW TOURNAMENT RULE: On lakes where authorities allow trailering, SCC will allow trailering at both club and open tournaments. Those trailering cannot leave the official launch site before being released. Those choosing not to trailer will be released from the launch dock area by the calling of a takeoff number assigned at the morning meeting. Those choosing to trailer are officially released to leave the launch area upon the start of the calling of the takeoff numbers.

Miscellaneous: The club's finances are in good shape thanks mostly to the sponsorship money that has been collected this year. The E-Board approved a \$100 prize to be awarded to the Day 1 leader of our two-day tournaments in 2020. To continue, this new prize must be renewed annually by the standing E-Board.

The club's box trailer is currently being stored at MBC Collision's fenced in lot. The owner of this business is President Cuffle's son-in-law. In lieu of storage fees, the club will give MBC Collision a Title Sponsorship valued at \$250 per year.

Mike Rockford reminded us that the Sponsor Banner should be in place and included in the pictures taken of our tournament winners. These pictures get uploaded to our website and this would give our sponsors even more exposure.

Ken Kuchar suggested that new prize levels be added to the BASH. He thinks \$100 could be given to the teams winning 10th, 15th etc. No motion was made.

The subject of Lifetime Memberships came up too. Names mentioned for this honor were Jay Smith and Buck O'Connor.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Tintori
SCC Secretary