

2018 McIntosh Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2018 Blue N Hall Marina

The meeting started at 11:06 AM with a quorum of 55 members.

President Davis Poole welcomed all members to the meeting, and the 2017 Minutes were read by Secretary Laurie Poole. Frank Lunsford read the Treasurers report from the previous year; Dan Hawthorne motioned to approved, they were seconded, and the motion was passed.

Old Business ~ addressed by President Davis Poole:

- The club is having bonding issues for the security cameras. We have the cameras, but they are not up and running due to lightning strikes destroying the receivers. Efforts have been made for the Brewer company to come give a bid for a better system, we are also working with Georgia power to properly ground the towers.
- Davis reminded the membership that the Rod & Gun Club is a quasi-government entity acting on behalf of McIntosh County.
- Vice President, Jason Coley highlighted the 2018 fishing tournaments; the SWAT (Whiting) Tournament had 20 boats & 65 anglers and cash prizes were paid out. The spring S.W.A.T. tournament is scheduled for May 5, 2019.
- The fall Trout Brawl had 25 boats participate. Cash prizes were also paid out to both adults and junior anglers. Jason noted special thanks to sponsors and volunteers that help out with the tournaments, especially Mel Amerson for always cooking for us.

New business addressed by Davis Poole ~

- The club website is regularly updated, and membership can renew as well as set an automatic renewal if they wish. PayPal had some issues that our web host has fixed now. If you have issues with the website, please notify Davis.
- Fishing tournament proceeds: the club set up two - \$1000 scholarships to encourage youth participation. Donnie Howard suggested/nominated AJ. Youth may be nominated at any time ~ just submit their names to us to be considered for the scholarship. Board approves applications.
- Physical improvements for the club; Docks; repairs have been done following the Irma damage, the FEMA money had been applied for but as with many things that come through government channels, we are waiting on the funding. The DNR hopes to repair, and in turn, they will be reimbursed once the FEMA money is funded. Through-bolts, the roof, bumpers, and wailers, were damaged in the storm.
- Davis noted that two signs were placed along the ICW directing boats into Blue and Hall via water.

- A nautical flea market was suggested for late fall, dates to be determined once participation and interest was established.
- The Kit Jones project, steering committee here. There will be an auction/raffle of donated goods from the membership once again this year.

Volunteer of the Year

Treasurer Frank Lunsford recognized Volunteer of the year - Justin Bjerneby. Justin was not able to attend the meeting this year, but his plaque will be presented to him later.

Q&A

The floor was opened for questions and answers.

Dan Hawthorne was concerned about the slip needing a gangplank as in the past- stating that his boat was somehow lifted while still tied up to a cleat. Davis will address the protocol for operators going forward. He will measure for and check the length of the biggest boat that is taken out of the water to find if a walk plank is even an option with the current dock design, and if so, get an estimate on a walkway/gang plank.

The question of parking was addressed as there is no more room available at the marina. We hope to widen the road area, but the process could take some time. The club is looking into buying property close to the marina for boat storage to be managed by an individual. The golf cart is sometimes an option to run to your truck, but there are limited staffing issues.

The MRGC / Blue & Hall Inc. relationship was explained; about long-term parking and that Ashton sets the rates for that.

Elections were held for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer as per the two-year rotation guideline in our Bylaws.

-Nomination for Treasurer was made for Frank Lunsford by Susie Berry. The nomination was seconded, vote was made and approved.

-Jason Coley was nominated to continue his role as Vice President, the nomination was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

- No new nominations were made for either position. Both Jason and Frank agreed to continue their work in these positions.

Frank Lunsford thanked especially the regular volunteers- The Corbin Family, Ann Harris, Ashton Alford, Mel Amerson and everyone else who continually gets involved with the club.

Laurie and Frank reminded members to register, get wristbands for lunch, and renew memberships if due.

11:53a.m. the meeting adjourned