

# **2021 McIntosh Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, April 3, 2021 American Legion, Darien, GA

The meeting started at 10:10 AM with a quorum of 35 members.

Secretary Laurie Poole presented the 2019 minutes; action thereafter- moved to approve and were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report was given by Frank Lunsford; it was motioned to approve, seconded, and the motion was passed.

Club President Davis Poole first welcomed all members BACK to meeting in person, since the quarantine prevented our 2020 meeting & Roast on the Coast, and he thanked them for participating again. At this time there are 350 paid memberships.

V.P. Jason Coley discussed fishing Tournaments:

- Since the outdoor tourney's are "naturally social distanced", the SWAT Tournament will still be held on 4/17/2021. Mel Amerson will cook for us. Kids are encouraged to fish ~ there will be prizes especially for them. There will be an award for the most kids fishing in a boat.
- Sponsorships are \$100, entry fee is \$50.
- The Annual Trout Brawl will be held on 11/13/2021
- We've added the "Sportsman Award" for last fisherman weighing in.

President Davis Poole reviewed business:

## Old Business:

- 2019/2020 Recap
- Passing of Trustee Lottie Hawthorne
- Remaining Trustees are Lawton Woodcock, David Stevens, Chris Harper  
Nicki Glenn stated that the County Commissioners need to appoint a new Trustee soon. Commissioner David Stevens noted this.
- Yearly Relationship Explanation- Club vs Operator
- Launch prices at Blue & Hall have remained the lowest in the area for decades. Rate Increases that were previously discussed were implemented 1/2021 - *first time in 30+ years (not since the mid-80's)*

## **MEMBERS:**

17' & under- \$10	22'- \$15
18'- \$11	23'- \$16
19'- \$12	24'- \$17
20'- \$13	25'- \$18
21'- \$14	26'- \$19
NON-MEMBERS: \$1/FOOT	

**'Dry' Parking**

Dry Storage based on availability- \$100/month

**'Wet' Dock Parking**

Monthly-\$125 for 25' length & under

Member	Daily- \$.50c/ft
Non-Member	Daily- \$1/foot

**New Business:**

- Welcome & introduction of our new operator -Donnie Howard
- Website enhancements; payment processing, membership functionality
- Pump out status- operational but no usage
- FALL *Roast on the Coast* this year is **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. We will finally also include a Nautical Flea Market. It will be held at the American Legion to give us more room to socially distance according to the Governor's guidelines. Having another meeting on this date was discussed, but since it's only 5 months out, deemed not necessary. We will wait until the following get together in 2022 for the next vote. Of course, this is contingent on the Governor's mandates at that time.

**Proposed Bylaw Changes:**

Electronic teleconference meetings allowed due to COVID; website polling also allowed.

**CURRENT:** Any expenditure exceeding \$1500.00 other than regular and customary operation expenses shall be referred to the membership for discussion and approval thru either a show of hands at the Annual Meeting, or proxy vote.

**PROPOSED:** Any expenditure exceeding \$1500.00 other than regular and customary operation expenses OR emergency operational necessary repair/replacement expenses shall be referred to the membership for discussion and approval thru either a show of hands at the Annual Meeting, or proxy vote.

Keith Miller made a motion to allow the proposed changes, Jud Alden seconded the motion, and a unanimous show of hands approved the motion.

**Davis gave the following President's Report:**

- Justin's departure-Sept 9<sup>th</sup> was abrupt and left us 'hanging' without an operator. He also left us with many unpaid debts and few records, so they were discovered slowly. These had to be reconciled and costs covered by the club.
- Bait License and Bond had to be bought immediately by the club following Justin's departure to keep the marina open for bait.
- Thank you to Frank, Laurie, Jason for all the hours spent covering this absence!
- Bait tank filtration design and build; donations by officers of time, money and hard work!!

- New fuel lines installed which required officer's labor, significant facility work. Dock work, build and installation of new fish cleaning station.
- Fiddlers and Mud Minnows have been added back to the list of available bait.
- We have printed a new Tide Table design w/ Reg's
- Cost increases- Effective 1/1/21, the MCRGC implemented new rates for launch & storage.
- MCRGC Membership moves from \$50/year to \$80/year.

*The annual membership includes a free oyster roast for the member & family including children 12 & under, as well as reduced rates on launches and wet boat storage/parking. Membership fees are used to pay for the annual "Roast On The Coast" & meeting, help pay for necessary repairs to the docks, hoists, buildings, lights, security system, parking lot, hosting of the website, and much more.*

- An RFP was created to standardize the selection process of new Operators. It includes review of resumes & experience, scoring and a final decision process.
- McIntosh County now has an MOU/Maintenance Agreement with us. They are funding us monthly to help supporting the cost of hoist annual OSHA inspections, general maintenance, electrical upkeep, and dock maintenance. The hoist costs \$30k, and it gets high use!
- March saw major work done to the equipment: New Hoist, Electrical, stainless steel trolley system, and revamp of old hoist.
- The County is about to start working on the north docks, and hopefully we will add to our docks at the same time. While the equipment is close, we hope to fix the bolts and reattach the loosened ones on the roof of the launch site during the last hurricane.

The floor was opened for questions and answers:

- Ron Zipperari thanked the board for their diligence in finding a new operator for the club and felt that Donnie Howard was a great choice.
- Carlton Sawyer asked about the money that was not spent on having a 2020 oyster roast. It was explained it went back into savings or was reinvested in the marina on improvements.
- Carlton also asked about how to volunteer on dock work should an issue ever come up again. Davis said he would inquire about the liability with our insurance company.
- John Watkins suggested that financial statements from QuickBooks should be accessible for transparencies on expenses. Davis explained that we would be transitioning from computer-resident QuickBooks to QuickBooks Online since the platform would no longer be supported. They only allow online bookkeeping now. More detailed documentation will be available in the near future.
- David Hust asked about parking; possibly at Joe's/Blackbeards. Davis explained that Joe had declined selling the property and we have no other options currently. We may be able to explore leasing the land from Joe but he is in failing health.
- David Stevens noted that the DNR required third lane on Blue N Hall Rd. required eight S. shift/build up next to the road that may be an option for better parking.
- Hunter Glenn noted that boats in dry storage should be regularly used.
- Nikki Glen asked about upland boat storage. It was explained that requires rezoning and has a higher liability.
- David Hust asked about land south of Blue N Hall Rd. It is considered in the historic district and would also require rezoning. The owner will not sell the land and intends

to build a house at some point. It was thought that there were 10 acres available behind Paul Masters land, but there are security issues there as well.

Elections:

Vote for election of Vice-President & Treasurer per By-Law rotation standard.

No other candidates stood to oppose Treasurer Frank Lunsford, and he offered to continue his service to the club. The motion was made by David Stevens to re-elect him, Keith Miller seconded, and the motion was carried.

John Watkins was nominated by Nicki Glenn for Vice President and Jason Coley offered to continue his service to the club, votes for each were counted by show of hands, and Jason Coley was re-elected VP.

**We are a not-for-profit, private club and the officers are not paid –  
we are strictly volunteers**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM