

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting
January 11, 2017
Rella's Tavern, Brielle, NJ

President Michael Benti called the meeting to order. Officers in attendance were Vice President Jimmy Carton, Treasurer Butch Kross and Secretary Christian Guthrie. Trustees in attendance were Jack Novak, Bill Ruckert, Jack Godwin, JP Dalik and Ken Warchal.

The Officers & Trustees would like to thank Steve Mellett for his years of service to the board and we would like to welcome Jack Godwin as a new Trustee for the 2017 season. Jack has been a long time club member and active participant fishing countless club tournaments on his boat the Allison. We also thank him for his years of generosity as his cooler full of lobsters remains one of the most popular items at the Christmas Party!

Ken provided the fisheries update and his tireless efforts on the topic are continuing to payoff. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council approval has gone through to push the pots off of the reefs in the 13 special management zones located in Federal waters including the Sea Girt and Shark River Reefs. Fluke continues to remain under fire and the group is working to fight the currently proposed fluke quota and regulations for 2017. There has also been a fight to push back on the sand mining proposals and save the Manasquan ridge, but the future is uncertain.

The scholarship committee has proposed six recipients and the group unanimously agreed to award a total of \$7,500 to the following students for the George Burlew Scholarship:

- Jessica Valenti – Rutgers University for \$1,000
- Jason Morson – Rutgers University for \$2,000
- Jennifer Hoey – Rutgers University for \$500
- Megan Henderson – Stony Brook University for \$1,500
- Joe Langan – University of Rhode Island for \$1,000
- Jessica Noble – Florida Atlantic University for \$1,500

The Officers and Trustees also unanimously approved the donation of \$4,500 to Catch a Dream to fund another child's trip. We will provide updates on the trip once we hear more! This has been a great cause and the organization has expressed their appreciation. You can see pictures from past trips on display at the spring party!

The Spring Party is right around the corner and the donations committee is in need of live and silent auction items for the party. If you have anything that you would like to donate please get in contact with Butch Kross.

The Joseph Natoli Lifetime Billfish Achievement Award will be presented and awarded to its first recipient at our upcoming Spring Party. This will be a perpetual award that will be awarded based on a lifetime billfish achievement or on a seasonal basis if the catch fits the parameters. We are currently compiling a list of potential recipients for the first year and encourage all membership with an exceptional billfish catch to their name over a lifetime to submit the catch information to win@mrmtc.com for the tournament committee to rule on the winner. Please note that this is a "catch" specific award and pertains to those who were the angler, not the captain or member/boat owner.

Jimmy Carton is beginning to plan for the 2017 Offshore Open and will begin to start his planning meetings for the event. As the tournament continues to grow, so do the demands on the group. If you would like to get involved, reach out to Jimmy.

If you have not yet sent your dues in, please do so!

There being no further business, the trustees wish you a great start to 2017 and the fishing season ahead.

M.R.M.T.C.
TREASURER'S REPORT
As of January 11, 2017

Checking Account:	\$ 132,032
Money Market:	\$ 36,714
Less: Earmarked Funds below*	(\$ 82,327)
Total Operating Fund:	\$ 86,419

George Burlew Scholarship Fund:	\$ 15,538
M.R.M.T.C. Artificial Reef Fund:	\$ 22,833

* Funds below are earmarked in checkbook for future distribution:

* 2016 Monthly Tournament Entries (36@ 200 – 10% will go to Burlew)	\$ 7,200
* 2016 Mako Tournament Entries – (20 @ \$100)	\$ 2,000
* 2016 June Striper Super Monthly – (25 @ \$50)	\$ 1,250
* 2016 July Tuna Super Monthly – (15 @ \$100)	\$ 1,500
* 2016 August Fluke Super Monthly – (24 @ \$50)	\$ 1,200
* Fishery Issues fund	\$ 11,117
* Juniors Mates / Jr Recognition Award	\$ 19,324
* Club Tournaments	\$ 2,724
* Offshore Open Tournament	\$ 19,522
* Ladies and Juniors Tournament	\$ 7,015
* Catch-a-Dream Foundation	\$ 9,475
Total Earmarked Funds	\$ 82,327

Membership Status

Paid Members to date (for 2017):	122
New members for 2017:	0
Life Members:	4
Comp Members:	<u>3</u>
Members in good standing:	129