

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting
February 15, 2017
Rella's Tavern, Brielle, NJ

President Michael Benti called the meeting to order. Officers in attendance were Past President Ralph Munsie, Vice President Jimmy Carton and Secretary Christian Guthrie. Trustees in attendance were Jack Novak, Bill Ruckert, Jack Godwin, Mike Polaski and Ken Warchal.

Ken provided the fisheries update with the focus continuing on the club's reef efforts. The 80' trawler Mt. Sinai is currently in the process of being prepared and cleaned for sinking around April and this was sponsored by the Ocean Reef Fund. We have also received a \$1,000 donation from Colleen, Billy and Chip Smith to be applied to the Artificial Reef Fund. We expect to take full advantage of a new reef and thank Colleen, Billy and Chip for their generosity and continued participation in the MRMTC. The group that was working towards establishing the Baltimore Canyon Marine Sanctuary has ceased their efforts and will no longer be making effort to have this fishery closed off to anglers. The Fluke quota for 2017 is currently at a standstill. NJ is pushing for status quo and to remain consistent with last year while the Federal Government would like the retention limit to be 3 fish at 19". This will likely end up in litigation and we will keep membership abreast of any advancements made.

The Tournament Committee would like to thank Dan Burns for his diligent efforts as the weigh slip manager for the last several years. This is an incredibly tedious job and we thank him for his efforts and keeping the integrity of the club's catch records. The tournament Committee has also made an update for the 2017 season ahead for the club Bluefin tournament. In the past, the tournament had a mileage limit of 60 miles from the bell buoy. The fence for this tournament has now been updated to 65 miles from the Manasquan Inlet bell buoy.

Mike Polaski will be collecting the perpetual trophies over the coming weeks. Feel free to give Mike a call if he has not reached out yet to coordinate pickup and drop off. Mike Polaski – 732-890-4045.

The Spring Workshop will be held on Sunday March 12th at the JCSA clubhouse on Herbertsville Road in Brick. There will be a seminar with more information to come, the club will have the event catered and there will be a cash bar. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Spring Party is right around the corner, Sunday April 30th at Crystal Point. The donations committee is still 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 201-321-9527.

The Mates program has continued to flourish under the guidance of Bill Ruckert. There are 17 young ladies and gentleman in the program and they continue to hone their skills and build for their future of offshore fishing. From learning safety, boat maintenance, how to properly rig baits and actively participating as crew on inshore and offshore fishing trips, the Mates have grown their skillsets and are working towards being true assets to the club. They are currently in the process of building step boxes from the ground up and will have two for auction during our spring party. If you're looking for a mate for the upcoming season or want to get involved in the program feel free to reach out to Billy.

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 732-829-5567. The first Offshore Open meeting will be Monday February 27 at 6:00 PM at Rellas. Feel free to join and be a part of the planning!

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 February 15, 2017

Checking Account:	\$ 122,826
Money Market:	\$ 36,714
Less: Earmarked Funds below*	<u>(\$ 70,221)</u>
Total Operating Fund:	\$ 89,319

George Burlew Scholarship Fund:	\$ 8,038
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	\$ 10,117
* Mates Program / Jr Recognition Award	\$ 16,645
* Club Tournaments	\$ 2,474
* Offshore Open Tournament	\$ 16,145
* Ladies and Juniors Tournament	\$ 6,715
* Catch-a-Dream Foundation	<u>\$ 4,975</u>
Total Earmarked Funds	\$ 82,327

Membership Status

Paid Members to date (for 2017):	154
New members for 2017:	0
Life Members:	4
Comp Members:	<u>3</u>
Members in good standing:	161

Butch Kross - Treasurer