

**Minutes of Trustees' Meeting**  
**September 13, 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, Treasurer Butch Kross and Secretary Christian Guthrie. Trustees in attendance were Mike Polaski, Jack Novak, Jack Godwin, Dan Purdy, and Billy Ruckert.

The MRMTC welcomed Bryan Dwyer who fishes on his boat "Slabjack," to the club and would like to wish him tight lines and calm seas.

The club has received an application for new membership from Paul Parseghian who fishes on his boat, "Lyremark". The trustees are in the process of vetting the applicant and if you care to make a comment, please contact one of the officers or trustees. This is your Club and your membership. Your opinions are important and will be carefully considered.

Ken provided the fisheries updates as follows:

**Good News for Menhaden -**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) held a public hearing on September 13th in Manahawkin, NJ to obtain comments relative to amendments to the existing menhaden fishery management plan (Amendment 3). The good news is that they are now proposing changing the plan from managing bunker alone as a single species to its symbiotic role in the marine ecosystem. As we all know a healthy biomass of bunker (the most important fish in the sea) is critical not only to the health of fish that prey upon it, but also to whales, porpoises, other mammals, ospreys, eagles and other birds. Bunker also play an important role as filter feeders helping to keep our waters clean.

Approximately 25 representatives of the fishing community attended. The consensus of the group was to protect this stock as much as possible. We feel that:

- 1) The current quota of 200M metric tons should not be increased.
- 2) Omega Protein Corp. of Virginia, who gets the lion's share of the entire quota (80%) should be cut back.

3) The current allocation between reduction fishing and bait fishing should be revised from 75/25% to 70/30%.

Many other components of the plan were discussed. The ASMFC will meet in November to make decisions on how to proceed. Full details of the plan can be found at:

[http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/AtlanticMenhadenDraftAmendment3\\_PublicComment.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/AtlanticMenhadenDraftAmendment3_PublicComment.pdf)

The Officers and Trustees opened this year's Crystal Point closed bid Auction and the winning bid was submitted by Michael Varvar. Congratulations Michael on the bid for your 2018 slip and a big thank you to all members who participated in this auction as well as Crystal Point Marina for their generosity and continued support of the MRMTC!

Planning for this year's Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday December 2, at the Manasquan River Golf Club is in full swing! If anyone would like to donate items for the live and silent auctions they will greatly appreciated. Reach out to Butch Kross as he is in the process of coordinating donations and auction items for the event. We hope to see everyone at this year's Christmas Party as it will definitely be one to remember!

The next and final events on the Club Tournament schedule will be the Striped Bass and Artificial Reef Tournaments. The captain's meeting for both tournaments will be held on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jersey Coast Shark Angler's clubhouse on Herbertsville Road in Brick.

Jimmy Carton provided the Offshore Open update and although it was a very challenging week with regards to the weather, he was happy to report that yet again the tournament was an overall success with a total payout of just over \$203,000. More information to come on charitable donations from the Offshore Open.

Billy Ruckert provided update for the mates program and that their winter project for this year will be a rod building class. The mates will have the opportunity to learn the process from start to finish and build their own jigging rod. The officers and trustees thanked Billy and the group responsible for putting such a meaningful and impactful program together for the future of our club.

There had been discussions about the upcoming 2018 rules and a new rule was put in place for the 2018 “First Bluefin” award. The first Bluefin of the year award will be awarded for a catch that is landed on or after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Just a reminder for this award that the catch and landing method must follow the same rules as defined by the Jack Meyer Trolling Tournament.

There being no further business, the trustees wish you well in the fishing season ahead.

**M.R.M.T.C.**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
September 13, 2017

PNC Checking Account	\$	77,566	
PNC Money Market	\$	36,720	
Less: Earmarked Funds (listed below)	\$	(39,410)	
<b>Net Operating Funds</b>			<b>\$ 74,876</b>
<b>M.R.M.T.C. Artificial Reef Fund:</b>			<b>\$ 23,840</b>
<b>George Burlew Scholarship Fund</b>			<b>\$ 2,660</b>
<b>M.R.M.T.C. Offshore Open Account:</b>			<b>\$ 47,072</b>

*\* Funds below are earmarked in PNC Acct for future distribution:*

<b>Monthlies:</b>			
* 2016 Monthlies Balance		13,550	
* 2016 Monthlies Payouts		(12,730)	
<b>2016 Monthlies transferred to Burlew</b>		<b>(820)</b>	
			<b>\$ (0)</b>
2017 Monthly Tournament Entries (45@ \$200)		9,000	
2017 Mako Tournament Entries (14@ \$100)		1,400	
2017 June Striper Super Monthly (23@ \$50)		1,150	
2017 July Tuna Super Monthly (16@ \$100)		1,600	
2017 Aug Fluke Super Monthly (21@ \$50)		1,050	
2017 Offshore Open Monthly (14@ \$150)		2,100	
2017 Monthlies Expenses/Payouts		(300)	
<b>* 2017 Monthlies</b>			<b>\$ 16,000</b>
<b>Fishery Issues Fund:</b>			
* 2016 Fishery Issues Fund		11,117	
* 2017 Fishery Issues Fund Activity		(1,950)	
<b>Fishery Issues Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 9,167</b>
<b>Mates Program</b>			
*2016 Jr Achievement & Mates Program		17,333	
*2017 Jr Achievement & Mates Prog Activity		(3,558)	
<b>Mates Prog Balance</b>			<b>\$ 13,775</b>
<b>Club Tournaments</b>			
* 2016 Club Tournaments		3,258	
* 2017 Club Tournaments Activity		121	
<b>Club Tournaments Balance</b>			<b>\$ 3,379</b>
<b>Ladies and Juniors Tournament</b>			
*2016 Ladies and Juniors Balance		7,015	
*2017 Ladies and Juniors Activity		(10,400)	
<b>Ladies and Juniors Balance</b>			<b>\$ (3,385)</b>
<b>Catch-a-Dream Foundation</b>			
*2016 Catch-a-Dream Foundation		9,475	
*2017 Catch-a-Dream Activity		(9,000)	
<b>Catch-a-Dream Balance</b>			<b>\$ 475</b>
<b>Total Earmarked Funds</b>			<b>\$ 39,410</b>

<b><u>Membership Status</u></b>	
Paid Members to date (for 2017):	218
New members for 2017:	7
Life Members:	6
Comp Members:	3
Members in good standing:	234