

NFGFC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2007

Steve Taylor (Jumptrout 51) opened the meeting at 7 pm and introduced himself as the shanghaied new president having been nominated and elected while he was out of the room.

Introductions of officers

Mike Scibelli, Treasurer
John Vickers, Tournament Director
Tom Keels, BOD, Technical Manager
Ty Smith, co-Secretary/Raffle Master
David Griffith, co-Secretary

John spoke to the importance of draw tournaments being a way to learn from and get to know others in the club. Membership will enter as captain or crew. Captains will draw their crew at the meeting prior to the tournament date.

John initiated the suggestion and voting for TBD tournament locations.

The following were the determined locations:

4/7 Carrabelle – check in and return to C-Quarters – (boaters' choice of ramp)

7/7 St. Marks (may be referred to as "local" tourney) check in and return to Jerry's Bait and Tackle (JBT) - (boaters' choice of ramp)

10/6 Mashes' Sands – check in and return

1/27 January tournament JBT - check in and return to JBT - (boaters' choice of ramp) Time: prior to 6:30 a.m. till 3:30

FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS – If late starting you need to notify TinCan via channel 16 of participation in tourney. Scott Paterna – JBT will take entry forms and fees. Bud Halbert suggested that consideration be taken when filing late at JBT. Scott is running a business and club members should recognize this.

2/10 February tournament - John reminded everyone that the February tournament will be prior to the club meeting - arrangements need to be made by participants to get forms and fees submitted.

It was mentioned that the FWC is having a kids fishing day at Panacea on 5/19.

Mike Scibelli introduced new members – PaFutch (PA OLD MAN OF THE SEA), Fisher, Mike Christie (Mulletjumper)

Don England (greenbone) solicited captains for "Take a Kid Fishing" 5/19, 0800-1300 at the Fort. He is looking for 15 boats to participate. This is an annual event that benefits kids that would likely not get an opportunity to go fishing any other time. The kids are wards of the State (Baptist Children's Home) but are not there due to anything they have done – they are NOT delinquents. Captains are required to fully abstain from adult beverage and to set a good example to fully enhance the experience for the kid(s). A guardian (adult custodian) will be required onboard for captains that have not been approved prior to the event. Any questions of the benefits of participation can be directed to Bud Halbert (Sir Reel), Chuck Simpson, Don England. More information in the future.

"Helping Hands Anglers" is another event the club participates in. This benefits persons who have some type of disability or who may be impaired. More information in the future.

Steve introduced the guest speaker. Chris Schroeder, Head Mechanic, Don's Boats (formerly Bellflower Marine)

Chris emphasized Preventive Maintenance (PM) will take care of many of the problems they see in the shop. He opened the floor to questions.

Q: Foyt (AJ) asked about the differences in OB oil.

A: Chris indicated that due to the fact that there are only 3 main refineries that produce OB oil that it is not that critical in choosing different brands – essentially they are the same. The differences are beneficial additives that are in higher quality oils. These are more important to higher performance motors such as the E-Tech, Optimax.

Q: Ethanol?

A: Older motors (late 70's/early 80's) are susceptible to any type of alcohol in gas as it tends to eat gaskets. The importance of alcohol stuff in fuel is water absorption and this aids in keeping gas that is sitting for periods of time. A good suggestion is filling the tank to prevent condensation which causes water in the gas. Use of Sta-Bil or other like products will assist in water absorption and prolong the quality of the gas.

Q: Synthetics – are they better?

A: Yes and no. Depends on 2-stroke or 4-stroke and performance level of the motor and how the boat is used. Variables include trolling or high speed, length (time) of runs, operating rpm's (Scibelli's 7000+ rpm's). A 150 hp has an expected life of 700 to 750 hours. Average usage of motors is 52 hrs/yr.

Other recommendations:

Decarbon annually. This can be done by pulling heads and spraying product in cylinder and piston. Inspection of piston and cylinder wall can be made too.

Most common problem (1/2 the time) seen in shop is fuel related – sits too long. Carburetors need to be used or cleaned. Sta-Bil slows oxidation.

Steering – where the pin goes through the motor need to be oiled to prolong life. A lot of salt gets to this steel and needs attention.

Water pump – replacement every 2-3 years

Foot grease – every 2-3 trips depending on how long the runs are.

Props – normally run at ~ 5500 rpm's

Take care of things in off season – electrical wiring, water pumps/impellers

Ty (Tyoneon) directed the raffle

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:20 pm