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July 10th, 2006
Martins Restaurant

Meeting Agenda:

Meeting commenced at 1910, called to order by President Tim Colon.

There were 20 people in attendance this evening.

All officers were present. The Vice President position is currently vacant.

Old Business

The Panfish Challenge, currently scheduled for July 22nd, was discussed. Only one (1) person has responded by email indicating that they plan to participate. President Tim will attend a local anglers club meeting on Tuesday, and will make a "go – no-go" decision on the event NLT this Friday. A minimum of 12 participants would be needed to make the event worthwhile.

The Event Coordinator, Steve, indicated that he has some nice prizes in hand for the Panfish Challenge, donated by several local businesses. These can be used as Panfish Challenge prizes, or as raffle prizes. They will be "held over" for future use if the Panfish Challenge is rescheduled.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1196.84. He noted that we may need to shift the account from Bank of America due to the \$12/month maintenance fee now being charged, and that we do not meet the \$3000 minimum balance for waiver of the fee.

The Treasurer noted that he had shirts, visors, etc available for purchase.

New Business

A speaker for next month was discussed. Cathy Hodson suggested Cobia as the subject, and the availability of suitable, knowledgeable speakers was then discussed. The recent loss of ½ of the Don & Don team was noted.

The CCA Challenge, usually held in September, was discussed. Lots of interest was expressed in participating, and it was noted that we did well in our first Challenge last year. President Tim volunteered his boat, and Cathy Hodson volunteered "C-TIME" as well. The date of 22-23 September was discussed at the meeting, but dates of 8-9 September were confirmed (by the Treasurer) after the meeting.

President Tim introduced the two guest speakers for the evening.

Scott Haga, of the Old Dominion University Center for Quantitative Fisheries Ecology, made an extremely interesting presentation on the research he is conducting on the Chesapeake Sheepshead Project. He discussed

*the growth, maturity, eating habits, size/weight range, and the specific lab analyses being done. Scott also appealed to us to support in and participate his specimen collection efforts by contributing whole, or filleted, Sheepshead at any of the five participating marinas. More information can be found at:
<http://www.odu.edu/sci/cgfe/species%20studied/sheepshead/sheepshead%20project/sheepshead%20project.htm>*

Justin Hurst, a well-known and highly-successful local fisherman, gave an excellent presentation on how to target, and catch, these challenging fish. He discussed his history with catching Sheepshead, his observations on size, location, feeding habits, and tidal current behavior. Justin showed us the tackle and rigs he uses when targeting Sheepshead, and discussed the merits of different baits. He also cautioned us about the danger presented by the long, strong dorsal spines on these fish.

Both presentations were outstanding, and complimented each other very well. Those in attendance were appreciative and thanked the two presenters.

A 50-50 was held. The winner (Dr. Ike) received \$37 plus a bonus Whalen's Marine T-Shirt. The second-place winner (Flounderman2001) also received a Whalen's Marine T-Shirt.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Notes:

- 1) The officers met briefly after the meeting to discuss the possibility of having a cookout in lieu of the next meeting. This was agreed to, and plans will be made accordingly.*
- 2) As of Wednesday morning, 12 July, the Panfish Challenge will be held but will be opened to any child accompanied by an adult. Revised flyers to be prepared and distributed.*

*Secretary
Brian Hodson*