

VSSA Open Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015

Members On Call:

Board- <i>Bob Allen</i>	<i>John Bello</i>	<i>Brent Bosher</i>
<i>Bob Reed</i>	<i>Mike Avery</i>	<i>Doug O.</i>
<i>Curtis Tomlin</i>	<i>Kevin Smith</i>	

Larry Snyder Len

Meeting called to order at 1903 hours.

Mike- considering making a motion to have board meetings and member meetings separate. There are many comments for both sides of the discussion. Bob Allen suggested having a board meeting 15 minutes prior to start of regular meeting. Other ideas were to have one meeting open and the next week for the board and continue with open meeting every other week.

MOTION- 2nd and 4th meeting starting in October are open. Bob Allen, 2nd by John Bello. ALL AYE
**John Bello will drop email to clubs indicating the 2nd and 4th Thursday meetings are open and we are seeking input.

Solicitation package mailed today. According to Curtis we should be good for collection.

President's report:

Mike has spoke to Chesapeake Legal Alliance- purpose was for a checks and balances. We are looking to provide assistance & protection for Curtis. Initial contact made with a meeting hopeful in future.

Mike (and Bob) attended fin fish meeting. No decisions made on Rays, etc... Mike asked if there could be some attention given to the Cobia limits. Also request the committee looks at the large number of juvenile Gag Grouper being caught in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

*this generated discussion on how we could get a member on fin fish. There has to be an opening. Current thought is fin fish committee is a conscientious group but we would still like to have representation. Discussion with John Bull when there is an opening. It is important to be involved so that when there is an opening we could be considered.

Mike mentioned the spreadsheet sent out by John Bello asking our VSSA members to adopt at least 2 clubs to deliver a VSSA presentation, promote VSSA, and direct them on obtaining membership.

For John Bello: Sea Hawk sports center, Pocomoke Maryland – MATT (410) 957-0198

All clubs listed were adopted by board members.

Vice President's report:

Packet was last major hoop.

Chesapeake legal would be good. Initial call will be an intake. Then they'll send out the information to their network of attorneys for review.

On similar note, Curtis sent an unofficial request to one of his UofR professors to have a law student review our documents as a charitable organization.

Officer's responsibility is a work in progress.

Curtis has a contact for VDHA (Virginia Deer Hunters Association) who have a good connection with DGIF. They have a good idea on how to obtain information from deer hunters. This could translate to VSSA obtaining information from recreational anglers and our membership.

**unrelated to VP report- Bob Allen mentioned VMRC is very short handed and they will be needing input from recreational anglers to fisheries management. They need help and they need data. Len has been in touch with people from VIMS (Wachapreague) in regards to fisheries management. *Dr. Snyder from VIMS- Len asked if board would like for him to call in.*

Secretary- reported

Treasurer: reviewing policy to be sure they are not in conflict with bylaws. We have a PayPal account. Kevin spoke to someone last night at length to accomplish this. Mike commented that the PayPal feature should make it relatively simple for folks to join. It will be important for the form to be included on PayPal.

**Bob Reed has concerns about the credit card option for membership. The only way to accept credit cards will be to swipe via smart phone. an attachment for credit card swipe can be obtained for a smart phone. This generated some intense discussion on whether we should accept credit card numbers, should we mark out the credit card option on the tri-fold, or how else we should attempt to take monies via credit card. PayPal is coming, but we will need the reader.

Chairman of the Board:

John commented on complexity of the Tautog fishery with 5 issues including a condensed version.

Last order of business was to have a new number for the board only meetings. Mike to handle.

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.