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1 September 2009 UCBC meeting held at the Schertz VFW Hall

CALL TO ORDER: President Chris Short called the September meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE/ NEW MEMBER:

GUEST(S): None. **NEW MEMBER:** None. 4 positions remain open.

SECRETARY REPORT: The August meeting minutes were filed with no corrections.

TREASURY REPORT: The August Treasurer's report was filed and published.

| Treasurer's Report August 2009 | Bank | Petty Cash |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance Forward, August 1, 2009 | \$4,634.37 | \$84.00 |
| Total Income | \$6,908.50 | |
| Total Expenses | \$2,718.38 | |
| Ending Balance August 31st, 2009 | \$8,823.89 | \$84.00 |
| Total | \$8,907.89 | |

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Fundraiser: This year's fundraiser we had a fantastic turn out! The total amount taken in this year was **\$6,535.50.** With expenses, we should clear about \$4,350. Chris was very pleased with the results. Special thanks to Brian Hunter for his continued efforts in preparing the food each and every year, many thanks is also extended to Charlie Sievers, Robert McFarlane, Kacey & Shannon Hunter, Paul McCall and all others that helped out with the fish fry! Also, thanks to all the food servers, Dolline Holmes, Pat Schmoekel, Louise Jurica, Brandy Short...and Ken Schmoekel also gave a hand in the serving line! Dave Cole, Robin McFarlane & Tracey Meeks did an awesome job with the auction and getting all the items organized and ready to go. To everyone that contributed/participated and helped with set up/ clean up and other duties, THANK YOU!!! An extended thank you to Tracey Meeks for bringing everyone that he knows and then some!! A special thanks to Deb, Matt and Angel Howard!!! We could not have done it without you guys! We had an awesome turnout, GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

Fred Beard graciously reserved the VFW Hall for next year. The fundraiser will be held on August 21, 2010. Thank you Fred!!!

NEW BUSINESS

Raffle: A Tempest Rod & Reel Combo will be raffled off at next months meeting. In December, a "Little Blue" Rod & Reel Combo will be raffled off – money that has been collected from July until December will be added to the December drawing.

Scholarship Fund: Chris Short failed to announce in July about this year's Scholarship Fund so he has extended the deadline to October 1st. Letters of recommendations/forms will be accepted via mail or e-mail. Current members and their family members are eligible—please read the bylaws to ensure your candidate is eligible. Please turn in letters/recommendations to Chris, his contact info is (210) 244-3146 or cbshort1@sbcglobal.net, address is 10723 Apple Springs, Universal City, TX 78148.

Fishing For Freedom: Fishing for Freedom will be held on **October 17**th @ **Choke Canyon.** Please contact Robin McFarlane if you'd like to participate/ volunteer @ (210) 416-4563.

Christmas Party: This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 12th @ the VFW Hall in Schertz. Dolline Holmes announced that a DJ has been hired, more information to follow.

Top 8: Extension of last months meeting, more discussion on funds and what more can the club do to help raise money to cover all expenses. Bumpy Jurica proposed that the club add \$12 to the \$60 membership fee (\$1 per month), like a taxation fee that will go strictly to the Top 8. He added another option, for instance, whatever funds the Top 8 members raise, the club matches. a Fred Beard suggested that we use the raffle money and use that towards the Top 8. Brian Hunter also suggested raffling off a shotgun or rifle, something that would peak a lot of interest. Brian added that we should not try to alter, change or have UCBC members be taxed just to create extra funds, he suggested that the club should be looking for outside help and not just focus on the club itself. Chuck Turknett inquired about the clubs budget every year and asked how much is rolled over into the next year. He suggested that the club use some of that money (rolled over) and put it towards the Top 8. Deborah Howard wanted to add that the reason why she suggested the Top 8 have a separate fundraiser was because she was unsure of the turn out with the fish fry. There were a lot of great suggestions, ideas & concerns but it was obvious that the club has a lot to think and discuss about what to do about extra funds for Top 8 in the future.

Randi Wayland announced that the inflatable life jackets are not a "life jacket" unless you are wearing it. You must have either a type 1, 2, 3, or 5 in the boat if you are not wearing the inflatable life jacket, you will be ticketed by the game warden.

REPORTS

METRO: Things are running along smoothly for City, there was no new information, changes or add-ons given at the time. City Championship will be held on October 3rd & 4th @ Falcon, deadline to get entry forms in before late fees is September 23rd. REMINDER: If you are registering the evening before, there will be a \$10 late fee and no checks will be accepted – cash or money order only. NO REFUNDS.

TABC: A concern has been raised by other clubs, including UCBC, regarding this year's State Tournament, which includes safety concerns and a split lake decision. President Chris Short emailed President Ed Calderone of TABC about the safety concern the club has as pertains to Sam Rayburn, the letter was stated purely on safety and had nothing to do with fairness. After carefully going over these concerns, TABC will be marking the lake with markers for boaters to follow. As for the split lake decision, there was no change. Thank you Chris for speaking on behalf of UCBC's Top 8 and the other clubs on making sure all participants are as safe as possible. **State Tournament** will be held on **September 26**th & 27th @ Sam Rayburn. Registration is from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm @ the Expo Inn in **Lufkin.** (TABC sent out a newsletter, a copy will be attached.)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS/ REPORT:

| Division | Place | Name | # of Fish | Weight |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Open | 1 st | Robin McFarlane | 8 | 28.34 |
| | 2 nd | Chuck Turknett | 8 | 25.48 |
| | 3 rd | Jeff Mergele | 10 | 24.85 |
| Ladies | 1 st | Jenny Mergele | 4 | 10.77 |
| | 2 nd | Regina Mix | 4 | 9.86 |
| Jr. Boys | | Sean Schaefer | 4 | 9.84 |
| Jr. Girls | | None | | |
| Couples | | Jeff & Jenny Mergele | 14 | 35.62 |
| Heavy Team | | Robert & Robin McFarlane | 15 | 47.44 |
| Big Bass | | Tim Plocek | | 10.80 |

43 Members - 187 Fish - 497.33 lbs - 22 Patch Fish

Next Tournament – Falcon September 19^{th} & 20^{th} , weigh-in @ Beacon Lodge. Weigh-in times are back to normal Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 2:00 pm.

Tournament Note: To be in the Big Bass Pot, you will need to contact Dave Cole and pay by Friday evening. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Weigh-in Slips – At weigh-in, two (2) tables will be set up side by side. With fish in hand, you will start a line where a **Tournament Committee** member will be sitting, they will hand you a weigh slip with your name on it already. You will proceed forward to the **Weigh Master**, once you hand your fish over to him/ her you will then hand your weigh slip to the **Tournament Director**, he/she will record your weight. You will then sign, receive a copy and move on. We need to limit the distractions (conversations) during and around weigh-in times. Both Tournament Director and Weigh Master need to hear one another so there is no miscommunication when recording weights. This should make things run a lot smoother and quicker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ UPDATES:

For Sale: 1991 Chevy Suburban, new engine (10-12K), 4Bolt 350, transmission rebuilt (16K), transmission cooler, new Goodyear tires. Price: \$2,500, please contact Bumpy Jurica at (830) 660-9458.

For Sale: 2001 Red Toyota Tundra SR5 Pickup, excellent condition, 85,000 miles, grill guard, Michelin tires, step up rails, truck bed cover, towing package, dealer maintained and all vehicle service is current. Sell for \$9,000. Call David Teplicek at (210) 661-7121 or (210) 378-6266.

Next meeting will be held on October 6th @ 7:30 pm, Schertz VFW.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:02 pm

Tiana Martinez UCBC, Secretary