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4 May 2010 UCBC meeting held at the Schertz VFW Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Brian Hunter called the May meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

**GUEST IN ATTENDANCE/ NEW MEMBERS:**

**GUEST(S):** Ed Calerone, President of TABC. **NEW MEMBERS:** None. 7 positions remain open.

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

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

Treasurer's Report	Bank	Petty Cash
<b>April 2010</b>		
<b>Balance Forward, April 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$6,774.25</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$138.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$246.88</b>	
<b>Ending Balance April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	<b>\$6,665.37</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,749.37</b>	

## OLD BUSINESS

President Ed Calderone of TABC was present to discuss concerns that UCBC has about TABC. He began with the question of what everyone asks, "What do I get from my \$20 membership?" which is, a hat and a TABC decal. The response he received was not a good one, so he went back to TABC and brainstormed and came up with posting a website to inform all clubs about what was going on with TABC. He indicated that most of the information that is not on the

website is because none of the clubs send information to TABC. He was displeased with the turn out at the Youth Tournament in April, he was also disappointed that there was not a representative from each bass club and that the attendance. He was very pleased that the kids had a good time and so did the adults. He'd hoped there was a better turn out and expressed that we need to get our younger generation involved. The prizes given at the youth tournament was that every child there received a savings bond and donated rods from American Rodsmith and other donated fishing equipment. He stated that part of the membership fees pay for these functions and scholarships TABC offers. Entry fees for the youth tournament were as follows; 10-14 yr olds - \$30, 15-18 yr olds - \$60. TABC paid out of pocket \$1,100 for the savings bonds. He spoke about Sam Rayburn, no one was able to fish Rayburn due to the chemical plants and paper mills because it was contaminating the lake. TABC hired lawyers to fight these plants and won, he added that part of the membership fee was to pay for the lawyers. There are staff members that travel and take part in TABC wherever they are needed and are not given anything for it and pay out of pocket for expenses. When no clubs fish TABC tournaments, the staff members don't received anything free and are footing the bill themselves. He added that every tournament TABC has held, the person has received 100% or more back.

He asked if the club had any questions or doubts about TABC. Bumpy Jurica said that some members have questioned TABC and the intentions of the presence and future of the club and that UCBC is looking at other alternatives. Bumpy has served on the TABC board and has never understood how it is an "open meeting" when non-board members are unable to have a say and/or participate in a vote.

Jeff Mergele added that at last year's State Tournament, he and then President Chris Short came to President Ed Calderone and expressed the danger of fishing Sam Rayburn and having a split lake tournament. As Captain and President, both tried to explain that it was putting everyone in danger but felt that their concerns were not taken into consideration. It was told that there were going to be markers to guide the teams away from the large stumps, but there were not markers. Jeff said at the Captains meeting that Ed Calderone stated that "This is your tournament" but the split lake decision was Ed Calderone's decision and that was final. Jeff added that TABC put all the teams in harm's way but Ed Calderone said that UCBC was the only club that expressed concern about the lake.

There are 8 directors and 8 directors at large; the directors are suppose to be elected and voted on by all clubs. October is when the ballots are sent out. Ed is doing the best he can and asks that no one question his integrity.

He made this decision, like it or not, he made an agreement with the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and Zapata County Chamber of Commerce that TABC will hold a State Tournament at Sam Rayburn and Falcon Lake. He concluded that if anyone has a question about where TABC funds are going towards, the books are always open for anyone to see. You may contact Debra Black.

**Weigh-in Bags:** The club will be purchasing new weigh-in bags, the black bags that were purchased at the beginning of the year are not holding up well. 8 bags will be purchased.

## NEW BUSINESS

**RAFFLE:** A digital camera and a fish net will be raffled off; the fish net was donated by Jim McCrary. Items will be raffled off separately, raffle will be held at the June meeting.

**FISH FRY:** The Fish Fry has been rescheduled to **July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Schertz VFW**. Auction items are very much needed, please get them in as soon as possible. Volunteers are needed. Brian Hunter is still looking for a coordinator to coordinate the auction.

Randi Wayland announced that the Texas Parks & Wildlife is proposing to construct a breakwater system to protect the public boat dock at the Diablo East boat ramp from damaging waves during bad weather. This will also provide a safe way to load and unload boats in the harbor during bad weather. TP&W is asking to submit suggestions, comments and concerns regarding this proposed project. You may email your comment to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> or submit a written comment to United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Amistad National Recreation Area, 4121 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX 78840-9350. Please submit by May 26, 2010.

**B.A.S.S. Federation** will be attending the June meeting to discuss what their organization is about and what they offer.

## REPORTS

**METRO:** City Tournament will be held at **Falcon Lake on October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**. More information will be given at a later time. Next METRO meeting will be held on May 19, 2010 at 7:30 at the Universal City VFW.

**TABC:** State Tournament will be held at **Falcon**, no further information given at this time. Next meeting will be announced at a later time.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS/ REPORT

**April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Amistad**

Division	Place	Name	# of Fish	Weight
<b>Open</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Aubrey Freeman Jr.	10	37.04
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aubrey Freeman Sr.	10	33.84
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Bradley	10	31.91
<b>Ladies</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Mergele	10	27.80
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin McFarlane	10	24.73
<b>Jr. Boys</b>		Garrett Tshirhart	10	23.03
<b>Jr. Girls</b>		Katie Mergele	5	11.60
<b>Couples</b>		Jeff & Jenny Mergele	20	55.15
<b>Heavy Team</b>		Aubrey Jr. Freeman & Aubrey Sr. Freeman	20	70.88
<b>Big Bass</b>		Walter Vestal		9.15

**49 Members – 304 Fish – 763.58 lbs**

**Tournament Notes: Next tournament will be held May 15<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup> @ Stillhouse Hallow, weigh-in Dana Peak.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ UPDATES:**

President Brian Hunter asks the club to keep Jack Anglin in your thoughts and prayers, he has Stage 4 Cancer. Keep Patt Martin in your thoughts and prayers also, her mother passed away very recently.

Next meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 pm Schertz VFW

Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 pm

Tiana Martinez  
UCBC, Secretary