

Vilbig Bass Club Meeting Minutes

2017 March – 2018 February



President: Matt Shelley

Vice President: Tony Saltarski

Secretary: Beverly Root / Julie Grigsby

Tournament Director: Pierce Johnston

Treasurer: Mark Grigsby

Lake Vilbig Annual Banquet Feb 10 2018

The Lake Vilbig annual banquet was held at Angelo's restaurant on Feb. 10 at 2:00 pm.

We had a great turn out of members and neighbors of around 50 people.

Matt Shelley, President, thanked Kelly Smith for the donation of Sentsy candles, Andrea for the donation of the stuffed animals for the kids, Steve Henry for the multitude of fishing stuff and George Walker for the rod and reel.

The Casbeer's and the Grigsby's tied for the most wins in the drawings. Mike Grove won the fishing pole. Kristi Kribbs and Iris Dillon won reels. There were a few of us that got skunked, but I guess it works the same way in random drawings just like fishing.

The awards were presented by Mark Grigsby.

Classic tournament

First place: Tim Casbeer 9 lb 1 oz stringer

Second place: Mike Grove 7 lb 7 oz stringer

Third place: Rick Huffman 6 lb 2 oz stringer

The Top 5 anglers of 2017

Angler of the year: Brandon Wooddell, 1030 points

Second place: Pierce Johnston, 938 points

Third place: Tim Casbeer, 798 points

Fourth place: Tony Saltarski, 743 points

Fifth place: Mike Grove, 658 points

Top Team Stringer of the year was Brandon Wooddell and David Alley 16 lb 11 oz caught May 13th.

Top individual stringer of the year was Brandon Wooddell 10 lb 13 oz caught May 13th.

Big Bass of the year went to Jon Griffin a 5 lb 9 oz fish caught Oct. 14th.

The officer plates were presented to;

President, Matt Shelley

Vice President, Tony Saltarski

Treasurer, Mark Grigsby

Co- Secretaries, Julie Grigsby and Beverly Root

Tournament director, Pierce Johnston

The Most Improved Angler of the Year was Marci Gilger. Well earned!

The Sportsman of the Year went to Rick Huffman. Well deserved!

Matt Shelley announced (with the help of Tim Casbeer) the Annual Bass Club Banquet will now be known as The Tom Root Annual Banquet in honor of Tom Root's passing on Feb. 6th. Tom was one of the founding fathers of the Bass Club and was loved by all who knew him.

The March meeting will be held at Rick Huffman's on March 8th.

President, Matt Shelley, recognized Steve Henry for all the fishing tackle he has been able to provide for the Bass Club drawings. He presented Steve with a gift card to Papa Deaux

restaurant. Steve obtains the donations from tackle rep friends. They would appreciate feedback on your likes and dislikes of the tackle.

Jon Griffin estimated we sold \$700.00 in tickets. He thanked Kristi Kribbs and family for the \$100.00 donation to the Bass Club in Tom Root's honor.

John Mikalik thanked everyone who participated in the meal-train for the Root family.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

January 9, 2018

The January Bass Club meeting was hosted by Matt Shelley. In attendance were Matt Shelley, Rick Huffman, John Mikalik, Al Kohutek, Beverly Root, Tim Casbeer, Brandon Wooddell, Mike Grove, Mark Grigsby, and Tony Saltarski.

Club President, Matt Shelley, called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

The first topic of discussion was the annual Bass Club Banquet. It will be held at Angelo's on February 10th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Tim Casbeer volunteered to contact Angelo's to make the arrangements. Al Kohutek contacted Steve Henry to see if he had any donations for the raffle, but he did not have any. It was decided we would spend \$350.00 on fishing tackle and \$100.00 on non-fish related prizes. Brandon Wooddell volunteered to purchase the fishing tackle and Seph Shelley volunteered to purchase the non-fish related items.

Treasurer, Mark Grigsby, presented the Treasurer's report. We have a total of \$3,248.51. There is \$1,862.88 in the stocking fund and \$1,385.63

in the general fund. There will be expenses for annual awards and the calendars.

Rick Huffman presented examples of award plaques he can make to offset some of the costs and Mark Grigsby will order the larger plaques.

Voting ballots for The Most Improved Angler and The Sportsman of the Year were handed out. The ballots were collected by Mark Grigsby.

Mark Grigsby handed out the awards for the December tournament.

John Mikalik reported on the inlet drain trash collectors. The material has been ordered and we will need volunteers to install them.

There was discussion regarding establishing a rules committee for next season to address permanently changing our January meeting to avoid conflict with the annual ILA meeting, allow odd man out on draw tournaments to have a 2 person limit to compete for team award, and eliminate the redraw requirement for persons that have fished a draw tournament together within the same calendar year. It should make for an interesting rules committee. Be sure to volunteer to be on it.

Al Kohutek wants us to disperse flyers announcing the start of our 2018 season and the spring lake clean up.

The February meeting will be held at the banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Dec 14 2017

The Lake Vilbig Bass Club December meeting was graciously hosted by Crystal and Tim Casbeer.

Members in attendance were Crystal and Tim Casbeer, Mike Grove and daughter Dana, Julie and Mark Grigsby, Iris and Steve Dillon, Seph and Matt Shelley, Marci and Mike Gilger, Brandon Wooddell, Beverly Root, Amy Doty and Pierce Johnston, Jess and Tony Saltarski, Nancy and Rick Huffman, and Al Kohutek.

The club enjoyed turkey and ham provided by the Casbeer's. Everyone else brought a side dish or desert. It was great food shared with great friends.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm by the president, Matt Shelley. He extended our gratitude to Crystal and Tim for hosting the club meeting/Christmas party.

At the November meeting it was decided the board members will remain the same unless someone else would like to fill a position.

Matt Shelley- President

Tony Saltarski- Vice President

Julie Grigsby and Beverly Root- Co-Secretaries

Pierce Johnston- Tournament Director

Mark Grigsby- Treasurer

Mark and Vanna (aka Julie) passed out the awards for the November tournament.

Pierce Johnston organized the December tournament. The start time was set for 8:30 am in the middle of the lake. The weigh in will be at Julie and Mark's dock at 1:30pm. Nine anglers are fishing. We experienced our usual complications of determining who had fished with whom during a draw tournament during the year.

Matt Shelley volunteered his home for the January meeting. The meeting will be moved to Tuesday January 9th due to the ILA annual meeting is scheduled for January 11th. We will be voting on the Most Improved and Sportsman of the year awards.

Iris Dillon organized the gift exchange. Everyone had fun opening and stealing gifts. The one gift that has been re-gifted for many years, the book *The Joy of Sex*, was accompanied with a blow up doll and is now with a new proud owner, Amy Doty.

Merry Christmas to all and have a Happy New Year!

Nov 9 2017

The November 2017 Bass Club meeting was graciously hosted by Linda and John Mikalik. They treated the club to chili and veggies. Jess and Tony Saltarski brought cookies. Everything was delicious and much appreciated.

President, Matt Shelley, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Members in attendance were Linda and John Mikalik, Debby and Al Kohutec, Jess and Tony Saltarski, Pierce Johnston and Amy Doty, Julie and Mark Grigsby, Bev and Tom Root, Paul Pool, Matt Shelley, Mike Gilger, Brad Dale, Rick Huffman, Tim Casbeer, George Walker, Brandon Wooddell, Mike Grove, and Jon Griffin. Also joining us were John Murazak and Michael Davenport.

Matt extended a big thanks to all that participated at the ILA sponsored fish fry. There was a great turn out despite the chilly weather. There will be another one next year.

John Mikalik reported on the ILA reaching out to Bob Lusk with Pond Boss regarding the over abundance of grasses growing in our lake. Bob's recommendation was to let it be for now. The ILA is discussing hiring Bob Lusk's services to manage the lake. Several members have noticed a white fungus floating on the water. It seems to have diminished recently along with the grasses.

Tim Casbeer has volunteered his home to host the December 14 meeting/Christmas party. It will begin at 7:00 pm. Tim will cook a turkey and a ham. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish. There will be a gift exchange for anyone who wishes to participate. The gifts should be a minimum of a \$10.00 value.

John Murazak and John Mikalik reported on the activities of the environmental committee's plans to build structure to capture trash coming into the lake via the storm drains. The ILA will pay for the materials. We will need volunteers to help build and maintain them.

Mark Grigsby, Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report.

Stocking fund is \$1862.88 and the general fund is \$1495.06 for a total of \$3,357.94. Most of the general fund will be transferred to the stocking fund once the 2018 budget is determined.

Brad Dale provided an update on the calendars. They will be ready by the December meeting. He encouraged everyone to continue sending in pictures to lakevilbigcalendar@gmail.com. We hope to be able to keep the sell price to \$10.00...even with a hole to hang them.

Mark and "Vanna" Grigsby presented the October tournament awards.

The winners of the Classic tournament were recognized. They will be presented their awards at the annual banquet.

Pierce Johnston organized the November pick your partner tournament. The start time voted on was 8:00 am in the middle of the lake. The weigh-in will be hosted by Julie and Mark Grigsby at their dock.

Matt Shelley asked for nominations for the 2018 club officers. Al Kohutek nominated all on the current board to continue next year. If anyone would like to be on the board please let Matt Shelley know. Al will continue to donate his time and energy to our website.

John Mikalik mentioned there will be a boat light parade. The date and time to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Oct 12, 2017

Matt Shelley hosted the October Bass Club meeting. In attendance were Matt Shelley, Tim Casbeer, Cliff Cook, Rick Huffman, Steve Dillon, Amy Doty, Pierce Johnston, Tom and Beverly

Root, Al Kohuttek, Mike Grove, Jon Griffin, Paul Pool, Brandon Wooddell, George Walker, Mike Gilger, Brad Dale, Mark Grigsby, and Gary Sirkel.

The meeting was called to order by President, Matt Shelley, at 7:30pm.

Matt extended thanks to all who provided donations and labor for the garage sale. We made over \$1,800.00. We had a lot of competition with other garage sales, but we still made around our average amount. A big thank-you goes out to John and Linda Mikalik for hosting the sale! Pierce Johnston was instrumental in organizing and using his work truck to pick up and deliver donations.

Al Kohuttek spoke on the abundant grass growing in our lake. He presented samples of Chara and Brushy Pond weed. Both are native grasses. The ILA is hiring Bob Lusk with Pond Boss for his evaluation regarding if we should be concerned about controlling the growth and if so what means would be recommended. The main issue the grasses are causing is getting wrapped around the motors, making it difficult to access docks and making swimming less than desirable. The positive side is the bait fish have ample cover and they have thrived this year.

Treasurer, Mark Grigsby, presented the Treasurers report. We have \$1,734.07 total in the account not including the garage sale income or \$200.00 debit for our website.

Mark Grigsby and Tim Casbeer(aka substitute Vanna) handed out the awards for the Couple's tournament and the September tournament.

Tim Casbeer has volunteered his home for the annual Christmas party meeting.

Brad Dale asked if we are going to pursue calendars this year. It was agreed if we can make money off of them we should.

Rick Huffman volunteered to take the reins on the fish fry to be held Oct. 28th from noon to 1:30 at the park. The ILA is funding the event and volunteers are needed to cook. Tim Casbeer and Mike Grove volunteered to cook. Several members volunteered their fryers.

Tournament Director, Pierce Johnston, organized the October Double Draw Tournament. The start time by majority vote was 7:00 am in the middle of the lake. The end time will be 1:00 pm. The weigh in will be at the Grigsby's dock. We will receive the sectional maps at start-up.

The annual Classic tournament was presented by Pierce Johnston. It will be held Saturday October 21st. The start time is 7:00 am in the middle of the lake. It is an 8 hour tournament.

The weigh-in will be at the Grigsby's dock at 3:00 pm. There is a 5 fish limit, 14" minimum. All other Bass Cub rules apply. This is an individual tournament. You can fish with another angler, just be sure your live well(s) can accommodate 10 fish. The tournament is for club members only.

John Mikalik has volunteered his home for the November meeting. He promised to feed us his famous chili, so come around 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

July

Bass Club Meeting Minutes – 7/13/17

Meeting was called to order at 7:30. Attendees: Matt Shelley, Mark Grigsby, Julie Grigsby, Paul Poole, Mike Gilger, Steve Dillon, Tim Casbeer, Mike Grove, Rick Huffman, Pierce Johnston, Amy Doty, Tony Saltarski, Jess Saltarski, Al Kohutek, Brad Dale and Jon Griffin.

Treasurer's report – we have a balance of \$1,769.56. The stocking fund owes the general fund \$246.62. A check for \$112.50 was sent to Bob Lusk and \$60.80 was spent on trophies/plaques for June.

Rick Huffman announced that he dropped the leftover practice fish habitats behind his house so look for the markers. He will begin pulling the red/white bouys out and putting permanent ones in for the other fish habitats.

Pierce Johnston and Jon Mikalik are working on organizing the garage sale. They are trying to set a date and figure out where to have the things collected to sell.

Mike Grove reported on the Kid Fish. He said they had a decent turnout, considering it was postponed for a week. The fishing was tough and there were some kids who didn't catch anything. Pierce Johnston's brothers' girlfriend's son caught a 1.06 lb bass and one little girl caught a 3+ lb fish – a record for the tournament. Thanks to all who helped, especially Mike and Tim – they organized everything. Also Jon Mikalik for feeding the fish before the tournament.

Awards were handed out.

July tournament – 7/15/17 5am to 10am. Weigh in at the Grigsby's.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

August meeting at the Grigsby's – food will be served.

June 2017

Attendance: Rick Huffman, Matt Shelley, Steve Dillon, Mike Gilger, Brad Dale, Tim Casbeer, Brandon Wooddell, Pierce Johnston, Amy Doty, Al Kohutec, Julie Grigsby, Mark Grigsby

Meeting started at 7:30pm:

Rick Huffman announced that there would be a new map of the lake with the fish habitats located on it – they will have detailed picture of the locations and GPS locations of each. Question about the permanent markers of the habitats – do we take them out or have others put in? Nicer markers would probably be expensive – almost \$400. Rick nominated Jon G. and Pierce Johnston to take care of it

Some said they had already caught crappie, bass but had lost some lures. The habitats showed good grass growth on the structures.

Al told the club about the TP&W introducing water willow to Texas Lakes – We already have it on ours.

Matt said he found a 5 gallon bucket in the lake – wanted to know if anyone is missing one.

Rumor is there will be bananas given out as good luck charms the morning of the tournament.

Treasurer's report – Mark Grigsby – balance is \$1942.14. Stocking fund is overdrawn by \$134.12 – that will be paid off when we have the garage sale.

Awards – Couples tournament – Amy Doty receives her first plate!!!

May tournament – Brandon lost \$391 because he didn't pay his \$1.

But, Brandon took over 1st place so he received the yellow jersey.

Tournament – Rick H. handed out fluorescent caps for anglers to wear in honor of David Kern. Six am start time decided – 11 fishermen are fishing. 11am weigh in at the Grigsby's.

Brad and Lyndsie's friends bought the Kern's house – may have a prospective new member.

Someone paid everyone's exacta pot \$1. Only 1 person knows who that is.

May 11 2017

The May Bass Club meeting was hosted by Lindsie and Brad Dale. We thank them very much for their hospitality!

In attendance were Lindsie and Brad Dale, Pierce Johnston, George Walker, Beverly and Tom Root, Brandon Wooddell, Matt Shelley, Paul Pool, Al Kohutek, Mike Grove, Steve Dillon, Mike Gilger, Jon Griffin, Tim Casbeer, Julie and Mark Grigsby, Tony Saltarski and Robert Hinohosa.

The meeting was called to order by President, Matt Shelley, at 7:30pm.

Mark Grigsby presented the treasurer's report. We have \$2,914.60 total. There is \$740.38 in the stocking fund and \$2,174.22 in the general fund. We will be moving some of the general fund into the stocking fund as needed.

The Bass Club garage sale is scheduled for Oct. 6th and 7th at John Mikalik's residence. Everyone is encouraged to start gathering donations.

Tim Casbeer updated the group on the planting of the fish habitat. Rick Huffman and volunteers had put together and staged the structures at the park and at Mike Walters' property. The planting areas were scanned by sonar and marker buoys were placed. The structure was loaded onto Tim's pontoon boat, transported to the sites and planted. The locations are currently marked with temporary buoys. Please use caution when motoring

around these markers to avoid getting entangled in the rope. Al Kohutec encouraged everyone to keep track of and report their catches around the structures.

Everyone expressed their gratitude to Rick Huffman for the tremendous amount of work he did to make this a success.

The couple's tournament was held on May 6th. The women showed up in strength catching most of the large fish boated. The winners were Amy Doty and Pierce Johnston. The next couple's tournament will be held in September.

Mark and Julie Grigsby presented the awards for the April tournament.

After a maddening search, the yellow leader jerseys were located. The jerseys were presented to the current leader, Steve Dillon.

Tournament director, Pierce Johnston, organized the May tournament. It is a pick your partner tournament. The start time with the majority vote was 7:00 am. The start will be in the middle of the lake. The weigh-in will be at Julie and Mark Grigsby's dock at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Please note we forgot to identify the next meeting location. Please be on the lookout for an announcement regarding the location.

April 13, 2017

The April Bass Club meeting was hosted by Jon Griffin. In attendance were Jon Griffin, Mike Grove, Tim Casbeer, Tom and Beverly Root, Mike Gilger, Steve Dillon, Matt Shelley, John (new neighbor), Rick Huffman, John Mikalik, Robert Hinohosa, Pierce Johnston, Brad and Lindsie Dale, and Mark Grigsby. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by club President, Matt Shelley. Rick Huffman updated the group on the status of the fish habitat. He presented photos of seven areas that Bob Lusk had advised for placement of the habitats. Rick showed pictures of the simulated brush piles and the laid down logs that were home made. He also showed pictures of the professionally made structures we will be purchasing from Mossback. Rick showed the group where the first three sites for the structures will be located. The ILA has generously agreed to fund \$2,400 of the expenses. Planting of the structure is scheduled for April 29th. Several members have volunteered their boats and 10 members volunteered their time. Mike Walters has volunteered his property to stage the structure. John Mikalik

volunteered to organize lunch. Mark Grigsby, Treasurer, presented the treasurers' report. The current total balance is \$4055.71. The general fund is \$1,820.00 and the Stocking fund \$2,235.71. After current stocking fund expenses are paid the stocking fund will be \$1,239.35. Lake clean up is scheduled for April 22nd . The members were reminded that if they are unable to attend please clean what you can when you can and document it. John Mikalik volunteered to host the Bass Club garage sale. The dates were set for October 6 th and 7th . A committee for the Classic and Double draw tournaments was organized. Volunteers include Mike Grove, Tim Casbeer, Rick Huffman, Pierce Johnston, and Brad Dale. Mark Grigsby presented the awards for the March tournament. Pierce Johnston organized the April tournament. The startup time voted on was 7:00am in the middle of the lake. The weigh-in will be at noon at Mark and Julie Grigsby's dock. The teams were drawn with only one odd man out, Matt Shelley (that explains a lot). Pierce Johnston reported a neighborhood home was totally damaged by fire recently. Donations by members were made to assist with expenses. Tim Casbeer organized the couple's tournament for May 6th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The startup will be in the middle of the lake and weigh-in will be at Mark and Julie Grigsby's dock. Mike Grove reported that we have permission to rebuild the long dock at the park. John Mikalik said it will be either rebuilt or torn down. We will need volunteers for either decision. Brad and Lindsie Dale volunteered for the next meeting location. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

March 9 2017

The March Bass Club meeting was hosted by Matt Shelley.

In attendance were Matt Shelley, Tim Casbeer, Jon Griffin, Julie and Mark Grigsby, Al Kohutek, Cliff Cook, Rick Huffman, Paul Pool, Steve Dillon, Beverly and Tom Root, Mike Gilger, Pierce Johnston and Amy, Mike Grove, Joseph and Crystal Ingram, Brandon Wooddell, Brad Dale, Tony Saltarski, George Walker, and Robert Hinojosa.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by club president, Matt Shelley.

Matt presented the 2017 budget proposal to the club.

Rick Huffman reported on the fish habitat project. Rick spoke with Bob Lusk regarding the types of structure and the areas the structures will be placed. The objective of this project is to create places for small fish to hide that will result in larger fish to congregate around the structures.

Rick has designed two homemade structures. One will resemble a brush pile and the other a fallen log. Several members were able to obtain donated materials to offset some of the

expense. On Saturday, March 4, 11 club members worked on the project at Rick Huffman's home. The homemade structures cost around \$20.00 and we will need 60 of them. We will also be purchasing some commercially built structures from Moss Back at a cost of \$3,200.00. Bob Lusk can provide their recommendations in writing plus visual documentation for \$1,500.00. We can hire one of their biologists for \$350.00 per day to show us how and where to put the structure into the lake.

Three areas have been identified and they will be developed in stages. There was discussion regarding how to mark the structures to make everyone aware to not anchor on or near them. We will require staging areas for the structures and a method to move the structures to the sites. It is estimated we will be ready to place structure at the identified locations in 45-60 days.

Matt asked for any old business to be addressed. There were none.

The new business to discuss was having the Bass Club Garage sale. It was requested to have a committee formed to organize it. Pierce Johnston and Crystal Ingram volunteered for the committee. John Mikalik and Robert Hinojosa volunteered their homes to host the sale.

Tournament director, Pierce Johnston, organized the March 11th tournament.

The start time voted by the majority was 7 am. The start location will be in the middle of the lake. The weigh-in will be at 12 noon to be at Jessica Hardy's. Fifteen teams signed up to participate.

Jon Griffin volunteered to host the April 13th meeting at his home located at 1411 Lakeshore Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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