



# **Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club**

Established in 1936



## ***Minutes of Trustees' Meeting***

***November 9, 2011***

***Rella's Restaurant, Brielle, NJ***

President Dan Burns called the meeting to order. Officers in attendance were John Muly, Vice President; Steve Mellett, Treasurer; Ken Warchal, Secretary and Tony Cuccia, Past President. Trustees in attendance were Jim Carton, JP Dalik, Butch Kross, Ralph Munsie, Joe Oles and Lenny Smith. Mike Benti, Club webmaster, was also present.

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is included with this mailing. The new members that were previously on the waiting list and have joined the Club since last month are:

Brian Phoebus - RECOVERY ROOM  
David Leone - 20 MAKO  
David Raimo - SEA QUEST  
Brian Flanagan - MAKO  
Robert Manetta - TRA SEA ANN  
Jeffrey Howell - MISS DIANE  
Jack Paul - MAGIC  
Kevin Davenport -GOOD CALL

The Officers and Trustees welcome them to the Club and wish them tight lines and calm seas.

Mike reports that the web site activity remains strong. Referrals from The Bass Barn and NJ Fishing web sites continue as do visits from several overseas viewers each month.

Ralph received seven (7) George Burlew Scholarship applications for the fall semester. The trustees, by unanimous vote, agreed to award grants of \$1000 each to Talia Young, Mikaela Provost, and Jamie Caridad. A brief summary of their back ground and studies is enclosed.

Please note that the black sea bass tagging program you probably saw advertised in the Fisherman and on the Bass Barn was a component of Mikaela's thesis. Also note all three recipients attend Rutgers University. The trustees are pleased that our Club is able to support the efforts of local students involved in local projects.

JP advises the Tournament Committee will be having an organizational meeting in the near future. A steering committee will be established to structure responsibilities for each of our tournaments in 2012.

Butch advises we will have some very nice items to be auctioned at the Holiday Party. They include the original Rick Bogert MRMTC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary print, two days of fishing in Los Suenos on fellow Club member Gerard Aliseo's G-ROD, a sixty (60) foot Hatteras, and several top of the line rod and reel combos.

The Holiday Party promises to be a wonderful event. If you haven't attended in the past you've missed out on a very enjoyable evening. The venue at Manasquan River Golf Club offers great food and drink in a beautiful, festive setting. So please send in your rsmps and join us in a fun filled night.

We'll be electing the Officers and Trustees for 2012 at the party. The proposed slate is:

OFFICERS: John Muly- Past President  
Dan Burns- President  
Ken Warchal- Vice President  
Steve Mellett- Treasurer  
Joe Oles- Secretary

TRUSTEES: Mike Benti  
Jim Carton  
John Collins  
JP Dalik  
Butch Kross  
Ralph Munsie  
Jack Novack  
Lenny Smith

There was a general discussion on the future distribution of the minutes of the trustees' meetings. It was agreed, effective January 1, 2012, to forward the minutes by e-mail to those members having e-mail addresses. The e-mail will contain the full text of the minutes. The regular mailing will be continued for those members not having e-mail addresses. There will be a transition period during January, February and March whereby the minutes will be delivered using both methods.

The minutes will also be posted on our web site [www.mrmtc.com](http://www.mrmtc.com).  
User name: blackfish. Password: mrmtc.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 12, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Warchal, Secretary



*Capt. Skip Boyle and son Gerry Boyle with a 225 lb. mako (the current perpetual leader) caught 10/23/11 on the Paddy Whack.*

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# M.R.M.T.C.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of November 9, 2011

Checking Account:	\$ 61,958
Money Market:	\$ 36,618
Less: Earmarked Funds below*	<u>(\$ 28,784)</u>
Total Operating Fund:	<b>\$ 69,792</b>

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George Burlew Scholarship Fund:	<b>\$ 8,935</b>
M.R.M.T.C. Artificial Reef Fund:	<b>\$ 28,341</b>

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\* Funds below are earmarked in checkbook for future distribution:

* 2011 Monthly Tournament Entries	\$ 9,600
(48@ 200 – 10% will go to Burlew)	
* 2011 Mako Tournament Entries – (33 @ \$25)	\$ 825
* Fishery Issues fund	\$ 3,617

* Juniors Recognition / Achievement Award	\$ 5,000
* Offshore Open Tournament	\$ 4,163
* Ladies and Juniors Tournament	<u>\$ 5,579</u>
Total Earmarked Funds	<b>\$ 28,784</b>

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### **Membership Status**

Paid Members to date (for 2011):	202
New members for 2011:	12
Life Members:	5
Comp Members:	<u>3</u>
Members in good standing:	222

UNPAID Members (for 2011): 0

### **History Book Sales**

This Report Period	- 0 Books
Total Sales	- 140 Books

Stephen Mellett – Treasurer

## **2011 Fall Semester MRMTC Scholarship Awards**

### **1. Talia Young                      Rutgers                      \$1,000**

Previous Recipient 2011 Spring Semester for \$1,000

PhD Student in Ecology & Evolution. Primarily working on a 3-part dissertation detailing marine and aquatic food webs and is also involved in the Rutgers black sea bass project.

1<sup>st</sup> Northern Mongolia Salmon Fishery creating a baseline food web for the region inclusive of the effects of climate change.

2<sup>nd</sup> Food Webs Relating to Sardines & Tuna off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. "To what extent does the commercial sardine fishery have a negative impact on the tuna and marlin fishery through depletion of sardines, their preferred prey?"

3<sup>rd</sup> Barnegat Bay Jellyfish

Favorite ecosystem is the saltwater marshes of the east coast. Sees herself as a translator of science to the non-scientists, speaking to policy makers about coastal environment issues.

### **2. Mikaela Provost                      Rutgers                      \$1,000**

Previous Recipient 2011 Spring Semester for \$1,000

Graduate Student in Oceanography

Masters Thesis on black sea bass, life history & population dynamics. Working in cooperation with commercial & recreational fisherman to study sex change biology of black sea bass. Has implemented a tagging & tracking project for sex –specific behavior focused on answering basic questions associated with predicting the future behavior of fish populations to improve fisheries management.

High School Biology Teacher for 3-Years in Newark Public School System.

### **3. Jamie Caridad                      Rutgers                      \$1,000**

Graduate Student Ecology & Evolution

Master's thesis is focused on identifying the potential effects of climate and salinity changes to the entering of larval fish into the Great Bay and Mullica River estuaries. Since sport fish have longer life spans and take a longer time to reach maturity it's important for scientists to understand how the fish populations are reacting to these changes.