MEETING MINUTES - January 20, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
Vice President	Max Miller
Treasurer	Eli Rivera
Secretary	Dave Druffel
Web Master	Bruce Behrens

Opening

Ken started the meeting
and welcomed everyone to PACK
He showed pictures from Brad
Highlighted the Rahal trip

Guests and New Members

Showed photos
Rahal - Feb. 2025 Kayaking, camping, fishing, eating

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items ? ? Modified Items ? ?

Joel LEP flashlight Laser Excited Phosphor
Flashlight with incredible new technology
Can find them online
Also, can view videos on YouTube

Safety Spot Light

Weather awareness
Ken - - Be careful because weather can change rapidly
this time of year

Mike indicated that there might be a possibility of a front coming
though Rahal on Saturday night

Also, Mike talked about a friend that Ross was fishing with
The friend discovered that boat ramps are slick

Ross agreed that you need to be careful
when carrying a boat on the ramp

Fishing Tales Any Non PACK fishing outings?

Saturday, December 20th
Ross Ozuna - Keith Lake #1

Monday, December 22nd
Mike - Keith Lake #2 Temperature was 29 degrees

Monday, December 29th
Ross was at Canoe Lake
Green lights
34" red used 3" paddle tail and 15 # braid
Down South glow lures
Z man minnow

More Fishing Tales

Bruce Dec. 31st Private lake Crappie fishing
Sent out an invite on WhatsApp
Mike went to the fish fry and said the food was excellent
The fish was cooked in a pancake batter
dredged in egg wash

Mike McNeff
January 11th at the stock pond of a friend

Guadalupe River
Below Canyon Lake - yesterday - Jan. 19
Caught some rainbow trout

Jesse Jones Park - - north of 1960 between 45 and 59 - - - Spring Creek
Caught some white bass

Chris
Captain Van - Port O'Connor
30th of January - sheep head

Ross Hit several spots
Port Bay for New Year's
Yarborough Pass
St. Charles Bay
Specks were out
Spoils Islands
Estes Flats and bridge
Plans to go to Rockport on Friday

Future Trips

January 31st Lufkin, Texas Max Miller
North of Angelina River

Water level charts

Max showed data for the river

Feb 5 - 8
Rahal Bayou Trip initiator - Steve Spadoni
Waiting for weather
2026 trip #1

March 8 - 11 Buffalo River in Arkansas
Trip initiator - Blake Colburn
Kyle's Landing camp ground
Only free flowing non dammed river in the lower 48

Guest Speaker

Daniel Pope -- Game Warden
with TPWD

Texas A&M Grad
Avid fisherman
Fish and wildlife tech
8 years Chambers County
12 years Galveston County

Safety requirements
Life jackets
They must be accessible
Readily available - within arms reach
Need to check inflatables on a regular basis

Night fishing - need a white light at night - not dim
Motorized kayaks - need to be registered - TX numbers
Common kayak violations - - 1) PFD 2)Registration 3)Under sized fish
Daniel has worked four fatal kayak incidents - three were due to hypothermia
Neoprene wader - tighten the waist belt
Daniel worked at Academy - proper set up of waders will not sink you
VHF radios - have them accessible
PLB - Personal Locator Beam - monthly service
Garmin Inreach is a good one
Can send GPS location by satellite - sends out "bread crumbs"
Float plans - send your float plan to a relative or a friend
Let people know where you are located
If your plans change, let someone know
Weather - make sure that you are aware of all incoming fronts - check the internet

VHF radios - go to channel 16 - the Coast Guard will pick up - tell them your situation
GPS coordinates - dispatcher will know the format
Degrees/Minutes North/West
Coast Guard will walk you through the situation
give them as much detailed information as possible

AIS VHF radios can be helpful - ability to "see and be seen" by displaying
nearby AIS-equipped vessels

Question and Answer Session
1) Possession limit and daily bag limit question
2) Digital license question - how to tag fish
3) Drones question - is it legal? Falls under aerial hunting act - includes fish
4) Private lakes question - these are not regulated by TPWD
- it is up to owner and HOA
5) Fishermen and duck hunters in the same cove question
hunter and fisher harassment laws
treat hunters like another boat