MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 21, 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 -- welcomed everyone

Guests and New Members

Ken showed some pictures of some of the fish caught so far in 2026

Rahal #1
Angelina River
Rahal #2

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell

New Items?

Modified Items?

Safety Spot Light Items

Max Miller talked about the cypress knees and the danger of hitting them with your kayak

Sub Group Ideas For PACK

1) PPACK - Paddling and Peddling Anglers in Canoes and Kayaks
First peddle kayak was in 2003
2) EPACK - Electrically Motorized Canoes and Kayaks
3) Future of PACK - High speed kayaks

Partnership With TPWD

The Christmas Bay Paddling Trail is maintained in a partnership with TPWD and PACK



https://tpwd.texas.gov/boating/paddling-trails/gulf-coast/christmas-bay/

There are several other paddling trails available in Texas - "If you are paddling, you could be fishing!"

Fishing Tales

Ross Ozuna - April 12th -- Port Neches ---------

Ross Ozuna - April 18th -- West Bay Blackjack Fishing Tournament ---------

Past Events

March 19 - 22 Rahal Bayou #2 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni
Port O'Connor area
Twelve people signed up - full group
Fished on the back bay and a lot of fish were caught.
Built a nice campfire.
Saw several whooping cranes.

April 18th - HOW - Heroes On the Water Matagorda Chapter
Due to low volunteer sign ups, Blake made some phone calls.
He was successful in getting some more people to help.
Lots of people were catching gafftops
Mainly used soft plastic lures
Had a bunch of good food for lunch.

April 16 - 19 Caddo Lake Trip Initiator - Max Miller
Stayed at the Uncertain Inn -- run by a husband and wife team
House with grassy area to the lake
Bass anglers kayakers fishing tournament was there - > 200 boats
Also had high schoolers with a bassmaster tournament

Future Events

April 25th ---- this Saturday Trip Initiator - Ken Bement
Christmas Bay Paddling Trail
Plan to go out in boats and plant signs
Meet at San Luis Pass Park
Three people are signed up to be sign makers and sign planters
The trail is 19.1 miles long with 29 GPS markers

April 30th to May 3rd
1st Chain Of Islands Trip Initiator - Ross Ozuna
There are five people currently sign up
Water at this location can sometimes be shallow

May 16th - HOW - Heroes On the Water Matagorda Chapter
Event contact is Joey Grimland
Plan to have more HOW events this summer
Monthly events will continue until weather turns cold

May 28 - 31 Rahal Bayou #3 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni
The trip is full
Plan to paddle out to the state park

June 19 - 20
Night fishing - Tiki Island Trip Initiator - William Tryon

Upcoming Event For Future
Vikiing Kayaks is working with Blake on a trip to Lake of the Pines
Blake plans to get all of the details and post
them on the PACK website

Guest Speaker

Robert Rodrigues with Taco Lure

Robert grew up without a fishing pole
in his hand.

He only fished once with a cousin, and
he did not catch anything.

As a kid, Robert spent most of his time
playing golf and paintball.

He also worked on his 1st degree
black belt.

Then one day in Rockport, Robert
caught a 42" black drum.

Then he really got into fishing!



Now Robert is into kayak fishing - he has started fishing along the coast.

Robert lives near San Antonio and likes to fish the lakes - especially bass fishing.
He uses a lot of crankbaits - mainly big lures.

His business was the result of a desire to get more into custom made baits.
He started out by carving a lure out of wood.
Then he worked with designer to make a taco lure.
Custom made baits enable Robert to adjust the weight to make the lure sink or swim.

Most of Robert's marketing is by word of mouth and on his Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/p/Hookdrr-Lures-100083581051581/

His taco lures are available at five different stores in the San Antonio area.
In the past five years, Robert has sold about 6000 to 8000 lures.

The manufacturing process involves pouring the resin into a two piece mold.
Once the lure hardens, it is then painted.

Robert conducted a raffle and gave away some of his lures.

In his spare time, Robert is the tournament director for KASA
aka Kayak Anglers of San Antonio

If you would like to reach out to Robert, his email is HookdRR@gmail.com

Robert also has a podcast that is all about fishing --> Taco Talk Tuesday.
It is available every Tuesday.