MEETING MINUTES - MAY 19, 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

Showed pictures of Spoonbill/Smith Point
Sept. 2004 trip

Guests and New Members

Ben Smith - has three kayaks
Jay Morris - Talked to Blake and decided to come to a meeting
- Grew up in the Corpus Christi area

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items? Modified Items?

Brad talked about a lure that is very popular with a variety of fish
It is called the strike mini king - it is a 1/8 oz single Colorado blade spinner bait
Brad has caught blue gill, crappie, bass. Multiple dates, multiple locations.
Blake talked about putting hooks on the trailer of your lure
He has had some success catching pickerell on a trailer hook in northern
Mike talked about the soft mud at Matagorda Arkansas
He uses a power pole and it is tough to get out.
Mike also discussed checking seals around the hatch when purchasing a used kayak

Safety Spot Light Items

Chris talked about PFD (Personal Flotation Devices) - always wear your life jacket
Brad talked about paddles and the need for harnesses
Blake talked about the warden show - they have a check station for PFDs
Blake indicated that the PFD can get away if it is not on your body
A PFD can get lost in debris
Bruce said his preference is a PFD that is comfortable
That way, you are more likely to wear the PFD
Ken talked about the pockets in his PFD
His PFD is a flotation device and a work vest

Fishing Tales

April 23rd - William Tryon - pier in Orange, Alabama - spade fish
May 5th - Craig Nifong - Lake Conroe - Caney Creek
Two weeks ago - Texas Fly Fishers - near route 207/150
May 16th - Bruce was at Turtle Bay - used power boat
Saw dolphins and rattlesnake
Caught some trout

Shout Out

Ken gave a shout out to the "Bite Me" podcast
Dean "Slowride" Thomas and Scott Null mentioned
PACK on the John Lopez "Bite Me"
Saturday morning show.
They said PACK was proficient at running fishing
trips to Matagorda Island



Past Events

April 25th - Christmas Bay Paddling Trail — Trip Initiator - Ken Bement

This was a volunteer work adventure where members went out in boats and planted signs
Met at San Luis Pass Park to put sign markers together
Three PACK members signed up to help plant the signs
If you are interested in going to the park and making the loop, the trail is 19.1 miles long with 29 GPS markers.

May 3 - 6

1st Chain Of Islands — Trip Initiator - Ross Ozuna

The location was near Pringle Lake
Water at this location can sometimes be shallow
Mullet were running - also some redfish
There were some trout off of the oyster reef
Had a hard time with the wind - lots of sand on the beach
Saw of school of jacks - the fish were fairly close to camp
Had an issue with a shark eating fish right off the stringer

May 16th - HOW - Heroes On the Water — Matagorda Chapter

Event contact is Joey Grimland
Several PACK members helped
Ken and Russell were with one of the families
Mike said it was windy
Other PACK members included Blake, William and Mike Watts
There was limited fishing due to the wind

Future Events

May 28 - 31 — Rahal Bayou #3 — Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni

There are two spots left
Plan to paddle out to the state park

May 29 - June 3rd — Trip Initiator - Blake Colburn

Buffalo River
Plan to spend four days on the river

June 19 - 20

Night fishing - Tiki Island — Trip Initiator - William Tryon

Fish from 8 pm to 11 pm
Every participant needs a light
Might want to bring some glow in the dark lures

June 20th - HOW - Heroes On the Water — Matagorda Chapter

Event contact is Joey Grimland
This is an excellent volunteering activity

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Guest speakers

Tom Stubblefield and his wife are here from Beaumont.
They would like to talk to you about crappie fishing
and Texas Kayak Fisherman (TKF).

Crappie Fishing

Tom demonstrated a casting technique using some spider lures to attract crappie.
He stated that he prefers to use 12 LB test line, size 4 hooks and some small weights
Tom indicated that crappie are not line shy or lure shy.
He also said that crappie are always looking up, so top water lures are the way to go.

Texas Kayak Fisherman (TKF)

In 2000, TKF started out with a message board and a bunch of blogs about fishing in Texas. TKF had about 25 moderators at one time. They were constantly reading and answering angler questions. Moderators were/are a big contributor to the TKF success.

Tom said that we are here to get information about where you would like to see TKF go.
What are we lacking? What kind of community? What kind of communication?
Do we need a podcast? Do we need a website? Do we need YouTube?

Back in 2000, TKF had a dial-up. It was not easy.
We had to make a call to Louisiana every time.
We are looking for that low hanging fruit to get our original community along with some new people. We would like to get everyone talking.

One PACK member said that he had a suggestion. He stated we was in a group that uses Instagram and Facebook for communication. His suggestion would be to start a podcast. The guests on the podcast would have a local fishing reputation-- could be fresh or salt water.

Ross asked Tom if TKF was organized by chapters. Tom responded that TKF had 36 chapters. Bruce said he in was in the TKF Austin chapter and meetings were at Chuy's. Tom said the first chapter was in Lubbock - the first challenge was to find fishable waters.

Bruce said you need a few big drivers that always answer the posts and drive a conversation.
Tom said we have some people who are dedicated towards that -- we have some locals.

Tom said we can interview the hottest fishermen right now - guys in tournaments.
We can ask them different stuff - is he using any crazy baits?

Brad said most of the speakers that we get are into new stuff. That is really fun for us.
It would be great to have one big forum. We could have one big chat and ask
what do you want to see in the next version? It's always good to get some new ideas.

Jay said it was his opinion that Facebook and Instagram and YouTube are old school.
The thing happening now is AI - it gives you the the ability to manufacture content.
Bruce said if you want to go that route, what we're talking about is using AI to build skills.
You tell AI the goals (ie, marketing). Then bots/agents go out and get answers.
AI is not a TKF replacement - this is your professional team - AI is your brainstorming tool.

If you would like to connect with Tom and his team, his email is TKFSTUBB@gmail.com
Also, there is a great YouTube video about TKF
www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2QVoqOt1cM