



**NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2014
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021**

TIME: Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

ATTENDEES: Fred Blom – President
John Stoughtenger – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Outgoing President
Mike Cusano – Former President
Kathy Bonnano – Outgoing Treasurer

OPENING COMMENTS:

- 1) New committee chairpersons were announced and distributed on paper by Fred Blom. They included the following:
 - a. Bill Kays – Tournament Director
 - b. Pam Bliss – Tournament Data Manager
 - c. Guy Durant – Tournament Weighmaster
 - d. Paul Hudson – Membership Director
 - e. Bud Cipoletti – Fishlines Executive Editor
 - f. Duane Poole – Public Relations Director
 - g. Fred Blom – Acting Marketing Director
 - h. Ted Barth – Webmaster
 - i. Barb Elliott – Conservation Director
 - j. James Moore – Youth Director
 - k. Dominic DiGirolamo – Scholarship Director
 - l. Fred Blom – Acting Sponsored Products Director
 - m. Ken Christie – Budget & Auditing & Taxes
 - n. Brian Eisch – Sergeant at Arms(honorary)

- 2) It was noted that John Siejak is no longer able to participate as Managing Editor of Fishlines magazine.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The old minutes and new agenda were distributed.
- 2) The 2014 election results were noted and confirmed. Tom Presnell was elected Secretary.
- 3) 1099 forms for 2013 will be distributed by Pam Bliss, who prepared the taxes.

TREASURER REPORT:

- 1) Outgoing Treasurer, Kathy Bonnano presented an income and expense statement and reported that the checking account was balanced to the penny at the end of 2013 by Pam Bliss. The current balance is \$49,037.57 and the scholarship balance is \$9,205.54. A line by line review of the balance sheet was abstained due to time constraints.
 - a. 2013 income was reported as approximately \$118K.
 - b. 2013 expenses were reported as approximately \$146K.
 - c. Estimated 2013 losses were about \$29K.
 - d. Some receivables have yet to be reconciled as of the meeting date.
 - e. An audit committee will convene on January 18, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fred Blom made a blanket statement that he intends to immediately reduce costs and increase income in 2014.
 - a. An attempt will be made to balance the budget as soon as possible.
 - b. A balanced financial plan will need to be presented to the membership by the March, 2014 meeting.
 - c. Proposed cuts will be spread throughout the organization's activities, including stipends.
 - d. A new expense reimbursement system was proposed by Fred and to be voted on at the March meeting.
- 2) Proposed Divisional Team contract changes were presented by Fred.
 - a. In order to raise direct funds, a raffle was proposed in which all team members must participate.
 - b. It was also proposed that all team members assist and/or participate in tournament setup and breakdown throughout the course of the season.
- 3) The New York DEC "Clean, Drain & Dry" program was discussed. Concern was expressed over the effect it will eventually have on DEC ramp access.
- 4) Fred reported that, due to our aggressive conservation activities and our successful use of the release boat, he applied for the Berkley Conservation Award. He felt our qualifications were good.
- 5) New 2014 ad rates were proposed for Fishlines Magazine.
 - a. Fred suggested that lowering rates might increase the volume of ads we are able to obtain.
 - b. Fred and Tom Presnell will discuss new and reasonable ad rates and set them in place soon.
- 6) 2014 Tournament sponsorship contracts were reported signed for the following:
 - a. City of Plattsburgh (Lake Champlain event)
 - b. Bass Pro Shops (Cayuga Lake event)
 - c. Town of Henderson (Lake Ontario event)
- 7) Additional 2014 sponsorships and discount programs are in place for the following:
 - a. Livingston Lures
 - b. STORMR
 - c. Evan Williams
 - d. Triton / Mercury / MotorGuide (non-exclusive)
 - e. Humminbird / Minn Kota
 - f. Finger Lakes Mall
 - g. Lowrance
 - h. Nationwide
 - i. Rapsody Rods
 - j. Cashion Rods
- 8) A listing of the sponsored products at our disposal in 2014 was presented by Fred Blom. A brief discussion of how to auction them off took place. Last year's online auction was deemed not very successful.
- 9) No further business was discussed.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.