

**New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation  
Executive Committee  
January 18, 2008  
LeMoyne Manor, Liverpool, NY**

**Officers in attendance: President/Treasurer Pam Bliss, Secretary Susan Good**

Also welcomed : Incoming President Mike Cusano, Vice President Paul Tomeo, Treasurer Tim Morrison, Secretary Ed Flick, Webmaster Don Florczyk, Tournament Director Jeff Edgerton, and Conservation Director Burnie Haney as well as Youth Director Mickey Fortunato, Fishlines Editor Tom Presnell, Scott Bliss, and Larry Good

President Pam Bliss opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Nominations for new officers closed on December 11, 2008. The following nominees were unopposed:

President- Mike Cusano

Vice President- Paul Tomeo

Treasurer- Tim Morrison

Secretary- Ed Flick

New officers will need to change account signers at HSBC with SS#, picture ID, and a copy of the meeting minutes with their confirmation.

- 1) Pam was not able to get Evan Williams product as a timely authorization was needed.
- 2) New President and Conservation Director are set to attend the Classic in February.
- 3) Pam reviewed stipends and expenses.
- 4) Pam reviewed explained growth in financials since 2002- question from Tim Morrison
- 5) Pam explained advertising procedures for Fishlines and clarified "sponsorship"- question from Tom Presnell.
- 6) Pam clarified all tournament site contracts for Lake George, Henderson Harbor, and Chautauqua. 4<sup>th</sup> site not set due to proposal for only 3 tournaments.
- 7) Discussion as to voting process in by-laws.
- 8) Transition of all offices will not be complete at this time.
- 9) Membership information/payments go to the new TD.
- 10) Pam handed out and reviewed Financial Statement.
- 11) Youth: Mickey
  - a) 2007 Qualifiers will not be going to the Classic. They will fish with pros in August the Elite event on Oneida.
  - b) 2008 Qualifiers will fish September Divisional Event at Lake Winnepeg with Federation anglers
  - c) 2009 Qualifiers will fish the Divisional in Canada in July. Discussion as to problems this presents, i.e. Passports, arrangements..
  - d) Discussion as to how to do Qualifier for 2009 in 2008. Accepted idea to double weigh in conjunction with the 6-man team event on July 20<sup>th</sup> Jr. CTC even on the 1000 Islands. Clubs will also be able to send single anglers and will need to provide additional boats for them.
- 12) Chris Horton, BASS Conservation Director, will be the banquet speaker.
- 13) Skeeter has no signed contract with BASS, therefore there will be no boat for the Federation this year. Discussion as to options for contacting Alliance Package and/or other boat companies,
- 14) Mike Cusano introduced the new committee members and directors.
- 15) Next meetings: At BassPro Shop in Auburn, NY, March 15, 5-9p.m. for Executive Committee; March 16, 11 a.m. - ? with Executive Board, lunch included.
- 16) Tom Presnell requested a photo of the new staff for Fishlines.
- 17) Pam's agenda for Board meeting:
  - a) Old Minutes

- b) Attendance
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Cast Ballot and transition to new officers

18) Agenda for banquet:

- a) Dinner
- b) Speaker
- c) Awards
- d) Introduction of new officers
- e) Raffle/silent auction

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Good

Secretary