

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Jan 18, 2013

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 5:55 p.m.

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President
Fred Blom, Vice President
Lori Haney, Secretary
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer
Mike Cusano, Past President
Burnie Haney, Public Relations

1. President reported that this year we cannot count on grant monies or sponsor money from tournament locations, so exploring other alternatives to maintain financial progress.
2. Treasurer: Kathy provided nutshell version of 2012 budget which will be presented to Executive Board on Sat, with full formal report to follow in March. Overall loss of approx. \$7,000.
3. Pontoon boat and trailer are currently in for repair (trim on boat, trailer brakes) Tournament trailer also needs repairs and some equipment needs to be replaced. Asked that needs/costs be defined and presented at next meeting.
4. Discussion of budget issues with loss of revenue from destination sponsors and grant reimbursement for use of pontoon boat. Need to make changes to maintain payout and programs. Chuck will present to Executive Board tomorrow, asking for feedback from clubs at March meeting.
 - a. Ways to reduce cost of publishing Fishlines. Alternatives or adjustments that might reduce costs such as eliminating duplicates on mailing list, lighter weight of paper to reduce postage cost. Are members willing to pay higher dues to retain four published issues, or dues stay same and reduce number of published issues. Editor will also be asked for his options/suggestions on reducing costs.
 - b. Change to 90% tournament payback
 - c. Eliminating the participation prize.
5. B.A.S.S. forwarded the policy and host area expectations for Divisional tournaments. They have asked us for three recommended locations for 2014. Monetary obligation to us may be minimal/none as they are taking responsibility.
6. E Outdoors – 2012 show almost done.
7. Alliance Program has been reduced. Still waiting for all details on Minnkota/Humminbird program and discussed on how limited products might be distributed. Pure Fishing program will be equivalent to previous. Power Pole is a new sponsor, still waiting for details on exactly what the benefit is through them.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.