

NEW YORK STATE BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 21, 2006

Quality Inn, North Syracuse, NY

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Pam Bliss at 3:00 p.m. Officers present: President Pam Bliss, Past President Wayne Tomassi, Vice President Ted Barth, and Secretary Sue Good. President Bliss also welcomed Stephanie Muira, Joe Koetting, Dominic Maio, and Mickey Fortunato, as well as other club members.

President's Message:

- To set agenda for Sunday meeting:
 - 1) Welcome
 - 2) Sue to check accuracy of contact list, give out packets of Dec. minutes and proposals from BASS and TBF, and give out raffle tickets.
 - 3) Stephanie to give out rosters.
 - 4) Attendees should look through minutes and packets.
 - 5) Re-do appointments for Stephanie Muira as Tournament Director, Mickey Fortunato as Youth Director, Joe Koetting as Conservation Director, Ted Barth as Webmaster, Mike Cusano as Conservation Lobbyist. **Open positions: Fishlines, Membership, Marketing, Promotions, Publicity, and Treasurer.** Dominic will help with Marketing transition; Joe Koetting will help with Membership; Wayne Tomassi will think about Membership.
 - 6) TBF and BASS proposals to be discussed starting at 10:30 for call-in conferencing: use of comparison chart, ½ hour for question/answer about each proposal, discussion of each proposal. If club rep is ready to vote; see Sue to have vote recorded. If club is not ready to vote, what is your club timeline to vote before the BASS Classic in Florida?
Motion by Wayne: Joe K. should attend the Classic to meet with BASS Conservation Director. Seconded by Ted. Carried
 - 7) Reports from Directors (Keep it short!)
 - 8) Old Business from December: raffle, boater/boater, Fishlines
 - 9) New Business: BASS Insurance change- night (dusk to dawn) events are excluded from coverage. Great concern: Youth Leadership Camp, club meetings. What is included in the definition of "event"?
 - 10) Call for volunteers for 2006 Divisional Tournament
- Take Committee through BASS and TBF proposals
 - Gave personal feeling about proposals. (Please note, this was **not** a recommendation.)
- 6:15 p.m. Motion by Wayne to have Federation pay for orders from sandwich menu rather than break for a meal. Seconded by Ted. Carried.
- Continued review of both proposals
 - Note: Federations/clubs that choose to leave BASS would be welcomed back but under the auspices of the newly formed Federation Nations

- Explained 2 routes through TBF/FLW and BASSFan Championship trails to the Forrest Wood Cup.

11) Joe K. will present names of Black Bass Workshop Steering Committee and explain Youth Link with Pennsylvania.

- Ted asked for clarifications on Website issues from Stephanie and Pam.
- Pam thanked Ted for being the stand-in secretary for the set-up of these meetings while Sue was out of town.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Good

Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

- Pam Bliss handed out copies of new financial statement and an explanation sheet for members to read.
- Discussion of Youth Federation finances: total separation from SR. Fed., take control back, or only control scholarship? There's been no contact from the Jr. Fed. Treasurer. Wayne suggests separate meeting with Youth Directors.
- Status of Jr. Fed. must be addressed: BASS position as to existence and insurance coverage
- Scholarships: three candidates from SR. Fed. and Ken Charbonneau Award to be awarded at banquet.
- **Fishlines** : Club reps should survey members: change to electronic version vs. printed paper version due to rising costs.
 - Concerns: Will sponsors be willing to go electronic? Sponsors could do a once-a-year mailing (with local club applying address labels)
 - : Key mailings to club reps could contain tournament rules, entry form, site lists, ramp locations, hotels, results, TD message, and TOP FIVES fishing tips.
 - **Proposal to members: Eliminate printed version of Fishlines. Replace with electronic version and key mailings before each tournament. Reduce dues by \$5 or bring ideas for its use to January meeting.**
- **No-show State Team Member:** Was sent a registered letter stating he owed the Federation \$986 by a certain date. He received 3 notices to pick up the letter. Did not. He will be served with Small Claims Court paperwork to recover Fed. expenses and any legal expenses. He will be disbarred from Federation fishing for life.
 - Moved by Pam Bliss. Seconded by Sue Good. Motion passed. Pam will send a letter informing him of this action. Pam will send team clothing to him after payment is received in full.

Membership: Stephanie reports 832 members and 45 clubs at this time.

Conservation:

- Mike Cusano reports DEC proposal for C&R Season needs 45 day public comment period. Strongly-worded comments are needed, not just petitions.
- Mike reports and requests members to be on the lookout for fish in the Seneca River with lesions (circular, pink) from a possible virus. Be observant of your fish, take pictures if possible, and report lake and location to your local DEC.

Website:

- Ted Barth, "It's up!"
- Will continue as Webmaster
- Request: Set up protected message board for Exec. Comm., Club reps, and officers.

Tournaments: Stephanie reports all waters are set for 2006

- TAB discussed all suggestions.
- Results: **No boater fishes alone.**
- **Proposals to discuss with your club before the January meeting :** **1)** In boat-to-boat pairings, the computer can flag the non-boater so the non-boater does not get paired like that again during that tournament season. **2)** Eliminate the Partner Tournament. Institute a "Last Chance" Tournament to qualify for 1 of the State Team spots. Possibilities: a no-payout (fund-raiser for State Team/sponsor-donated prizes), include top boater from each club who fished the CTC and any angler who has fished at least 3 Fed. tournaments, and **bring your ideas.** **3)** Teams must stay at the CTC for both days.
- **Need TAB members:** 2-3 slots are open. Larry Good volunteered to step in for Ted Barth. Contact Stephanie Muira with self-nominations.

BASS/TBF, Inc.

- Question on procedure as to how BASS decided on \$5 increase and mandated it without FED. input and without justifying their need for the increase.
- Wayne conducted a roundtable as to personal feelings of those present.
- Recommendation to NY Fed. Board that NY Fed. should be compliant with BASS request by paying minimum membership requirements to ensure Matt Sphar can participate in National event.
- NY Fed. will keep all options open and investigate insurance coverage.
- Discussion as to whether or not Past President should attend National Conference in January. New President will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary