

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Board Meeting

Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2012

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President
Fred Blom, Vice President
Lori Haney, Secretary
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer
Mike Cusano, Past President
Tom Presnell, Marketing/FISHLINES
Barb Elliott, Conservation
Burnie Haney, Public Relations
Mickey Fortunato, Youth/Scholarship
Ted Barth, Webmaster
Peter Knight, Tournaments/Membership

Club Roll Call – Clubs Present:

After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson
Albany Area Bassmasters Paul Pflieger
Capital District Bassmasters – Tom Larose
Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Paul Hudson
Iron Hill Bassmasters – Tom Presnell
Norther NYBassmasters II – Jim Moore
Nitro – Burnie Haney
Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers – Em Seefeldt
Port City Bassmasters- Peter Knight
Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wahl
Salt City Bassmasters – Patrick Grady
Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth
Watershed Bassmasters – Gary Menchen

Also in attendance: Greg Pavlick, Rich Mattison, Dan Harrington, Jeff Edgerton, Scott Bliss, Pam Bliss, Bill Baldwin, Mike Sudol, Rich White, Bill Mahyna, Kerry Rice, Sharon Rice.

1. Minutes of the December 2011 meeting were presented for approval.
Motion made and seconded to approve (Fortunato, Hudson), all in favor, carried.
2. President's Report: Chuck Rowlee introduced himself, said he is looking forward to the year.

3. Treasurer's Report – Current balance is \$96,116.83. There was a minor correction noted and made on the Tournament Net balance shown on the printout. The 100% payback schedule will continue.

- Mike Cusano submitted a check for \$3400, one of the grant reimbursements for use of the conservation vessel. Another payment is expected, they are paid out by the quarter.

- Audit Committee members (Pat Grady, Jim Moore, Pete Knight) are being provided packets today for their review.

- Motion made, seconded (Haney, Moore) to approve report, carried.

4. Old Business:

- Club dues should be submitted to the Florida BASS address on the back of the form, not the Alabama address.

- Alliance package for 2012 has been signed.

- Humminbird/Minnkota program is same as last year, 2 units per person. Other states only get 6 total units. To participate in the program you must be a member of the NY state federation, not just Federation Nation.

- Berkeley Pure Fishing program still up in the air, nothing has been announced.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Conservation:

- Barb Elliott reported that NY DEC is requesting assistance with Angler Diaries in the Finger Lakes and Otisco Lake area. She encouraged anyone fishing in the area, or even other areas, to participate in the Angler Diary program to provide real feedback to DEC. She also suggested submitting club tournament results for all bodies of water fished, on the federation conservation page there is a form that can be used.

- She will be attending the Bassmaster Classic.

b. Youth:

- Mickey Fortunato reported that Junior Tournaments dates are scheduled for 30 Jun (Jr. World Championship) and 1 Jul (Partners tournament) on Oneida Lake, and 28 Jul Club Team Event likely on Oneida again.

- High School in Homer, NY expressed interest in forming a youth club, potential for 30-50 youth members. They would need assistance with boats and organization, it was suggested that a local federation club be contacted to sponsor them.

- As discussed at last meeting, a youth had been disqualified from a championship tournament for not wearing required apparel, specifically hat. It was verified that it is in the sponsorship contract that youth must wear all the required apparel (including hat) though the hat is not a requirement for adults. All participants need to be aware and pay extra attention to the requirements.

- President made a general statement that he participated in a youth tournament last year and found it was fun, a good experience, and provides a good opportunity to grow the sport.

c. Sponsor Products: Burnie will be the contact for purchasing items. Reminder that these are confidential programs, do not discuss outside of the federation. For information, just email him for information/prices.

- Question about receiving copies of receipts for warranty purposes. Previous purchases have not come with a receipt. Burnie will look into it and report at next meeting.

d. Tournaments:

- Jeff Edgerton reported that tournament dates and locations are set for 2012.
17 Jun - Cayuga Lake at Union Springs launch, registration at Bass Pro Shops
22 Jul - St. Lawrence River at Massena Intake launch, registration at mall
25-26 Aug – Lake Champlain at Ticonderoga launch, registration pending
30 Sep – Oneida Lake at Oneida Shores launch, registration pending

- Question raised about if the Jul tournament includes fishing Canadian water ? Discussion regarding passports, calling in, etc. A decision on whether fishing Canadian water will be made and posted 30 days out from the tournament.

- Reminder that for the CTC and Lake Champlain, VT has specific law regarding Alabama rig, etc.

e. FISHLINES:

- Tom Presnell reported that Dave Precht, Editor of Bass Times will be speaking at the banquet.

- Contributions to magazine are welcome, keep them coming, pdf version is now available on the webpage.

- Annual issue is on schedule.

f. Marketing: Efforts have been low key till now, pending fate of federation, but will pick back up.

- Barb Elliott introduced culling clips from ProCull fishing.com. They are offering a discount code for our federation just use code "NYBASS11"

- Tom has preprinted letters and envelopes anyone can use to offer to potential advertisers/sponsors. Provides information on the federation, options, and how to contact him all in one place.

g. Membership: Pete Knight introduced as the new chair. His address is 309 Park St., Fulton, NY 13069 and phone is 315—598-2971 or cell 315-806-5633.

6. New Business:

- Executive Committee determined there is a need to add a tournament crew member for data entry, with standard tournament crew stipend. Seeking a volunteer.

- Executive Committee has determined there is a need to add a Tax Advisory Committee Chair, and seeking volunteer.

- Pam Bliss volunteered, and was accepted, to fill both openings.

- Take A Soldier Fishing on Sat, Apr 28th. Start time will be a little later, as fish have proven to be more active toward the end of the day and folks would like to fish later. NY DEC has been able to make this day a free fishing day for military and veterans, so no license is required for Soldiers participating. Deadline for boaters sign up is March 15th. Currently working on sponsorships, anyone interested should contact Mike Cusano or Burnie Haney.

- Reminder, annual banquet this evening, 95 attending.

- Next meeting will be in March, date to be determined and announced on message board. Location will be Bass Pro Shops Conference Room.

6. Motion made, seconded (Williamson, Wahl) to adjourn, carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.