

NEW YORK STATE BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 27, 2007

Gander Mountain, Cicero, NY

President Pam Bliss called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officers present: President/Treasurer Pam Bliss, Vice President Ted Barth, Secretary Susan Good. President Bliss also welcomed Sponsor Coordinator Dom Maio, Tournament Director Stephanie Miura, and Youth Director Mickey Fortunato.

President Bliss discussed the agenda for Sunday's Board Meeting:

- 1) Nominations of Officers
- 2) Committee Updates:
 - a) Randy Emerson resigned as Marketing Director
 - b) Ben's Brooks Cove is a 2007 sponsor and will bring trailer to each tournament
 - c) Need to market our organization by efforts of a volunteer or by hiring a professional: BASS has a Sports Show Kit that could be adapted for our attendance at boat shows; need banner and pamphlets; suggested contacting Darren Schwenkbeck or Matt Sphar to be spokesmen
 - d) Youth need volunteer boaters for Jr. Partners and Jr. Qualifier tournaments on Oneida.
 - State Casting Kids Finals will be held Sept. 15, 2007 at Auburn Bass Pro, 9a.m for 1-2 hours
 - Clubs holding Casting Kids events must send e-mail contacts and copies of Casting Kids paperwork to Mickey
 - Notify Mickey if Casting Kids event is cancelled.
 - Mickey accepted re-appointment as Youth Director
 - Youth By-laws will be posted on the web on each club's page.
 - Need to research and present a proposal for a fish care trailer
 - Ken Knapp and Brandon Hill will attend the Jr. World Championship in Alabama. BASS is contributing \$590 each to travel costs. Jr. Fed. contributes \$1000 each to help families attend.
 - Pam needs names and SS #'s for 1099.
 - Pam suggests Fishlines article from Jr. Fed. "What Does My Membership Buy Me?"
 - Youth and Sr. Fed. agreed on a debt-reduction plan.
 - Pam suggests discussion re: Sr. Fed resuming some support for Youth Fed.
 - "Pure Fishing" will donate product and will allow Jr. Champs to order at ½ price.
 - e) Sponsored Product: Dom: Minn Kota has not sent official contract.
 - f) Treasurer had no update from December meeting. 1099's were mailed Jan. 12, 2007.
 - g) Tournament: TAB has a conference call:
 - Like pro/am format but needs a year's work to put in place
 - Will flag boater/boater draws
 - Questionnaire to be sent with CTC packets: **Can clubs send more than one team to the CTC?** -question will be discussed at the March meeting.
 - Go with 1 in 8 payout
 - Leave CTC as is. Do not fund BCWC teams.
 - Leave off-limits as is
 - Need to clarify VHS laws esp. where lakes border states
 - On-line registration is working
 - **Will need new Tournament Director for 2008**
 - Fishlines needs tournament dates, sponsors, and Chamber recommended facilities

Old Business

- 1) Discussed BCWC qualifying event on Great Sagendaga Lake. Have 6 confirmed NY teams. Have contacted Adirondack and Salt City about sending teams. BASS wants a full field. Could also field teams in New England Qualifier, but NY should be filled first.

- 2) Fishcare: Scott Bliss presented 2 options: A. Do a BASS style tank set up, cost about \$500. B. Purchase New reinforced or aerated bags, cost \$22.00 each plus the cost of batteries.
 - Educate anglers on keeping water in bags
 - Purchase release boat and find volunteer to haul it
 - Need maintenance on fishcare trailer (bearings)
 - Need fizzing training
- 3) On-line registration: TD likes it.
 - **Can no longer allow membership sign-ups at tournament unless already a national member- would not be covered by insurance**

New Business

- 1) Concern was voiced about all the competition to NY trail.
 - Need to publicize benefits of NY trail: what NY does that other trails don't
 - Possibly make change to pro/am format to allow non-boaters to "score bigger"
 - Possibly go to single qualifying tournament- 2 tournament per year
 - Proposed: a web survey. Ted will investigate other sites for questions.
- 2) Up-coming decision: Stay Skeeter or go with the Alliance Package (Triton, Mercury, Lowrance, Motor Guide). Skeeter gives a free boat. (Ours is ordered: 18ft., 115 hp). Pam has a list of 8 AP perks.
- 3) Need to decide minimum price for sale of Skeeter boat.
- 4) "Pure Fishing" now a sponsor
- 5) Fed. Presidents are not supportive of ABA's takeover of Weekend Series.
- 6) NY Fed. did win Lowrance Excellence in Marketing Award, which includes a \$1500 check.
- 7) National tournament for 2007 will be in November of 2007.
- 8) 2007 Divisional Team payout is changing as 1st place is now a Triton boat (not splittable). Options:
 - Go back to not splitting winnings with the team
 - NY Fed. takes possession of the boat, sells it, gives ½ proceeds to the team.
- 9) An excellent Lowrance Usage class was given to the presidents. **Idea: Should NY co-sponsor with Bass Pro or others to cover the fee (\$5000) for this training for our anglers?**

Adjourned 9:00p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan Good
Secretary**