



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – January 16, 2016**  
Fingerlakes Mall Event Center, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

**TIME:** Meeting called to order at 10:31 am

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Fred Blom – Past President  
Greg Pavlic – Past Vice President  
Tom Presnell – Past Secretary  
Ken Christie – Past Treasurer  
Peter Knight – President  
Brian Eisch – Vice President  
Christopher Killoren - Secretary

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:** Membership Director – Paul Hudson  
Youth Director – James Moore  
Conservation Director – Barb Elliott  
Webmaster – Ted Barth  
Fishlines Editor – Tom Presnell

**CLUB ROLL CALL:**

- 1) After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson
- 2) Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger
- 3) Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Joe Horton
- 4) Crown City Bassmasters – Joe Matt
- 5) Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Fred Blom
- 6) New Yorkers Over 55's Bassmasters – Paul Hudson
- 7) Niagara Frontier Bassmasters – Ken Christie
- 8) Northern NY Bassmasters II – James Moore
- 9) Port City Bassmasters – Pete Knight
- 10) Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall
- 11) Salt City Bassmasters – Butch Kritsber
- 12) Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth

A sign in sheet was distributed and 21 members were in attendance, representing 12 clubs.

Vice President, Brian Eisch presented the flag and the National Anthem was played.

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Paul Hudson to accept the December 12, 2015 minutes, seconded by Ron Williamson. All in favor, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (2015 Year End):**

- 1) Ken Christie reported that there is \$29,918.78 in the general fund. \$7,200 of this balance is refund deposits from the 2016 regional team. \$2,194 is monies earmarked for the Take-A-Soldier Fishing (TASF) event as specified by the donor. This leaves an operating balance of \$20,525.
- 2) There is an additional \$50,000 which is an investment fund that generates approximately \$2000/yr of income.

- 3) The scholarship account balance was reported as \$9,274 as of December 31, 2015. There is one scholarship of \$500 being awarded to Liam Blake at the January 16, 2015 banquet.
- 4) The tournament weight record balance was reported as \$308.00 as of December 31, 2015. This will continue to have \$100 per tournament added until the record of 24.79 pounds is broken.
- 5) 2015 ended with a general fund loss of \$7,101, a TASF net income of \$512 and scholarship fund reduction of \$101. The result is an overall reduction of funds of \$6,690. Ken reported that as discussed at the December board meeting this was a partial result of income not meeting our projected budget for raffles, loss of sponsorship support as well as expense increases in High School support.
- 6) Ken reported that the new leadership team will need everyone's continued support as they face these same and new economic pressures.
- 7) A donation of \$250 was made to the Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarship fund. Chris Killoren read the letter from Patrick O'Rourke with the Black Bass Conservation Committee regarding the donation. A copy of this letter is attached to these meeting minutes.
- 8) A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ron Williamson and seconded by Joe Matt.
  - a. All in favor, carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Membership Drive Brochure and Proposal:
  - a. Greg Pavlic read and reviewed the brochure.
  - b. BASS to send out final draft of brochure the BASS members in New York State. This will be used to recruit some 14,000 BASS members that are not currently BASS Nation members in New York.
  - c. Mike Wall suggested the wording in the heading should be revised to read "Join through one of our affiliated clubs or an independent NONE club. Another suggestion was note that no boat will be needed under 7) Compete on Terrific Waters. Barb Elliot suggested wording to signify that these events are also family events under 7) Compete on Terrific Waters.
  - d. Joe Matt made a motion to approve the suggested revisions highlighted above and seconded by Butch Kritsberg. All in favor, carried.
  - e. Clubs are encouraged to explain membership differences, i.e. NY BASS, BASS Nation, and BASS to its members.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell, reporting.
  - a. Business as usual. Tom to continue publishing Fishlines Magazine in 2016.
- 2) Facebook – Tom Presnell, reporting.
  - a. Tom reported that there are now approximately 730 members following the NYBCF Facebook page. Paul Hudson reported that users should continue to report spam and any unwanted advertising to Tom Presnell.
- 3) Website – Ted Barth, reporting.
  - a. Ted requested list of officers and information to update the website.
- 4) Membership – Paul Hudson, reporting.
  - a. Paul reported that we currently have 1,200 New York B.A.S.S. Nation members.
  - b. Paul suggested that clubs get their money into BASS Nation in order to receive insurance.
  - c. Paul also indicated that the website has been fixed to accept entry fees for 2016 tournaments.
- 5) Youth Report – James Moore, reporting.
  - a. James reported that a few more HS clubs have registered and become active. Clubs need to be formed by May 1, 2016 in order to participate in 2016.
  - b. The Jr. and HS Championships will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Union Springs, Cayuga Lake.
- 6) Tournaments –
  - a. Pete Knight name Butch Kritsberg Tournament Director for 2016.
  - b. Pete Knight indicated the last change tournament for 2016 will be on Oneida Lake out of Oneida Shore Launch. Details for this tournament will be finalized for the March meeting.
- 7) Conservation – Barb Elliott, reporting.
  - a. Barb reported that Rochester Jr. Bassmasters the chestnut pull in Braddox Bay by Rochester Jr. Bassmasters will be submitted for a conservation award from Berkley Pure Fishing.
  - b. Barb will continue as Conservation Director for 2016.

**ELECTIONS:**

- 1) Pete Knight has been elected President.
- 2) Brian Eisch has been elected Vice President.
- 3) Christopher Killoren has been elected Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Pete Knight is currently looking for a High School Director. Jim Moore to continue with the position until a new Director is named.
- 2) Fred Blom discussed financial strain on states and BASS initiatives and changes. Topics discussed included competition driven changes, changes to young people program, and financial issues. The Financial Strain on States BASS Initiatives and Changes document is attached to these Meeting Minutes.
- 3) The “Take A Soldier Fishing Day” and “Honor and Remember Charity Fundraiser” will be held again on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2016.
- 4) Take A Soldier Fishing Day:
  - a. Butch Kritsberg to work with Mike Cusano on coordinating the event. Burney Haney to act as military liaison.
  - b. The event will be held on Saturday April 23, 2016 on Oneida Lake out of Oneida Shores from 8 am – 1pm with gates open at 6 am. Registration until 7:15 am, briefing and then launch.
- 5) Charity Fundraising Tournament
  - a. The tournament will be held on Oneida Lake on Sunday April 24, 2016 on Oneida Lake out of Oneida Shores.
  - b. Sign in day of the event starting at 6 am, with briefing starting at 7:15 am. Launch and fish until 1 pm.
  - c. Details of the event to follow.
- 6) Discussion of the format for the 6 Man Team Tournament format at the next board meeting.
- 7) Sponsorship Update:
  - a. Fred Blom indicated that the following Vendors will not be sponsoring the NY BASS Federation in 2016:
    - Humminbird / MinnKota
    - Evan Williams
    - Old Milwaukee Beer

No further business was brought to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hudson, with Ted Barth seconding. All were in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Christopher Killoren – Secretary.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Financial Strain on States – Bass Initiatives and Changes  
Noreen Clough Scholarship – Letter from Black Bass Conservation Committee

# **FINANCIAL STRAIN ON STATES**

## **BASS INITIATIVES AND CHANGES**

### **COMPETITION DRIVEN CHANGES**

BASS ELITES INVOLVED IN CHANGES TO CLASSIC

FEWER SLOTS AND HIGHER LEVEL OF COMPETITION

REDUCED SLOTS TO NATION ANGLERS 6 TO 3

EARN SPOTS IN ELITES THROUGH OPENS

OPEN FORMAT CHANGES COMING FOR 2017

RESULT IS A CHANGE TO AN OPEN STYLE PRO-AM FORMAT

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WITH 20 MEMBERS UP FROM 12

IMPACT TO STATES IS THAT THE COST OF PARTICIPATION ROSE BY 50%. MOST STATES ARE USING A COMINATION APPROACH TO FUND TEAMS INCLUDING QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS WITH SIMILAR ENTRY FEES TO NEW YORK BUT NO PAYOUTS. TEAMS SELF FUNDING. TEAMS SUPPORTED OR PARTIALLY SUPPORTED LIKE NEW YORK.

### **CHANGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRAM**

CHANGE FROM A SINGULAR YOUTH PROGRAM TO A JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM. HIGHER FOCUS ON HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM. FOR BOTH GROUPS INITIATE A DIRECT QUALIFYING SYSTEM FROM THE STATES TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

IN NEW YORK, THE JUNIOR PROGRAM WAS THE LARGEST GROWTH IN THE NATION IN 2015!!!!!! ADDED PORT CITY AND ROCHESTER. BOTH FOUND SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM

PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND OFTEN ADULTS WOULD JOIN THE ADULT CLUB.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WENT FROM FOUR (4) ANGLERS SELF FUNDED TO NATIONALS IN 2014 TO 78 IN 2015. MORE IN 2016.

INITIATED A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOTH GROUPS. SEND ONE TWO ANGLER TEAM FROM JUNIORS AND TWO TWO ANGLER TEAMS FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

SPECIAL ISSUES WITH HAVING BOAT CAPTAINS, GROWING THE PROGRAMS AND FUNDING ACTIVITIES.

## **FINANCIAL ISSUES**

ALL OF OUR CHAMPIONSHIP ANGLERS NEED AND DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL PLAN WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR 2016.

1. HOLD A SPECIAL TOURNAMENT ON LAKE ERIE IN MAY USING MLF STYLE SCALES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SENDING JUNIORS AND HIGH SCHOOL TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.
2. CHANGE THE ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE FOR POINTS TOURNAMENTS TO INCREASE ENTRY FEES AND WITHHOLD A PERCENTAGE. ADD A FOURTH "LAST CHANCE" EVENT WITH A REDUCED PAYOUT AND WITHHOLD A PERCENTAGE.

FUNDS WITHHELD IN THESE ADULT EVENTS ARE NOT TARGETED SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TEAM BUT IN REALITY THE SINGLE LARGEST INCREASE FOR NEW YORK IS SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TEAM.

2016 WILL BE A TEST YEAR TO SEE HOW THE NEW FINANCIAL PROGRAMS WORK. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN LOOK AT THE END RESULTS AND DETERMINE THE PATH FORWARD.



**Black Bass Conservation Committee  
Southern Division American Fisheries Society**

January 6, 2015

Ken Christie  
New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation  
638 Cindy Lane  
Buffalo, NY 14224

Dear Mr. Christie,

Thank you for your donation of \$250 to the Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarship for Females in Fisheries in 2015. This letter should serve as a receipt for tax purposes of your donation. This fund is being administered by the Black Bass Conservation Committee of the Southern Division American Fisheries Society. The Southern Division of AFS is a 501(c)3 organization and its tax ID number is 23-7226668.

We are grateful for your donation and we are excited to be able to honor Noreen's memory in this manner. Our plan was to aggressively raise funds for the scholarship in 2015, and we raised over \$15,000. We will continue to accept contributions into the future, but we now plan to assess the best way to start distributing scholarship money. We hope to have an announcement soliciting applications soon.

Again, thank you very much and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your donation or about the scholarship fund.

Sincerely,

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