

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Feb 25, 2011

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.

Present: Mike Cusano, President  
Chris Flint, Vice-President  
Lori Haney, Secretary  
Burnie Haney, Conservation / Public Relations  
Jeff Edgerton, Tournaments

- 1) State of Election Committee: still at one, no new volunteers.
- 2) Membership Committee: Jeff Edgerton provided a list of the 20 Chapters (Clubs) who have paid their annual dues. Current membership is 230 individuals.
- 3) Treasurer: Kathy not present, but provided proposed 2011 budget to President.
- 4) Tournament Committee:
  - a. Active.com is available, allows acceptance of tournament registration by credit card.
  - b. Information for Lake George is posted on web page.
  - c. DEC permit for use of launch still working.
  - d. Contingency program agreements in place with Skeeter, Basscat, PAA, Nitro, Triton Alliance, others in progress.
  - e. Information on CTC lodging is available for clubs, list to be provided. Jeff still working permit for Union Springs.
- 5) Team E Outdoors: Last year's coverage was very good for the federation. Team E would like to continue, but they cannot do so for free. Mike would like to offer a payment of \$1250. To offset their expenses for travel, gas. All concurred.
- 6) VP Report: Divisional Team preparation. He is close to completion on team info for lodging, clothing, etc. Still waiting for preferred lodging info from VT. Needs contracts mailed out, signed and returned, then finalize clothing order. All is on track, no issues.
- 10) Conservation:
  - a. Burnie reported that he had posted on message board regarding the aquaculture issue.
  - b. NYDEC Region 7 will include the Catch and Release season for public comment.
  - c. Barb Elliott has worked a deal which will allow the federation to purchase fizzing needles in bulk, which can be sold at registration.
  - d. Conservation vessel – Federation was offered and seized an opportunity to obtain a pontoon boat currently configured as a catch and release boat. Boat is being checked now to determine if any repairs are needed. Working on determination of final costs for repair, transport anticipation is those costs will not be more than \$2500.
  - e. Scott Bliss relayed a petition regarding Sampson Park Marina, it is now posted on the message board for members to review and sign.
- 11) Public Relations: Take a Soldier Fishing day was announced via press release, currently running on Fishing World.com. There are 33 boats signed up, 11 shore duty folks.

12) Fishlines/Marketing: Tom not present, but provided update via Mike. No direct sponsor progress at Classic, but Tom has contacts for follow-up.

13) Sponsor Programs: Berkely/Pure Fishing discount released, access code will be provided to clubs at meeting. Benefit to membership only, stress confidentiality.  
Bass Pro Shops have offered a fund-raising opportunity for Sat-Sun, March 5-6<sup>th</sup>. They provide hotdogs, buns, grill and all supplies, we just need to provide manpower between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Will seek volunteers at EB meeting.

14) Next meeting will be in Dec. Secretary will coordinate possible meeting dates at BPS.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.