

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Mar 1, 2013

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President
Fred Blom, Vice President
Lori Haney, Secretary
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer
Mike Cusano, Past President
Burnie Haney, Public Relations
Pam Bliss
Scott Bliss

1. Chuck announced that Paul Hudson had agreed to chair the Nominating Committee, other members will be solicited at Executive Board meeting.
2. Fred announced that a Skeeter Boats dealer in PA had proposed a sponsorship package for the Chautauqua tournament which provides a \$5000 bonus for winner with a Skeeter boat. Also for the tournament, a pavilion has been rented for registration, there may be an organization cooking food.
3. Chuck reported that all permits and reservations were locked in for all four tournaments.
4. BASS has asked for three recommendations for Eastern Divisional. Thinking about offering up Chautauqua, Oneida and Cayuga lakes. Divisional has 56 boats vs our average of 100
5. Fred has updated the Stipend Policy to reflect rate paid for mileage and cost of use of release boat. Committee agreed with the changes.
6. Chuck still concerned with maintaining the 100% payout, discussing options to avoid loss.
7. Extensive discussion of 2013 budget prior to presentation at EB meeting. Chuck is prepared to discuss the projected loss of revenue and resolution of Fishlines printing costs. Focus is on being responsible in an attempt to preserve the balance and seek out new income or sponsorship sources.
8. Scott Bliss proposed that Fishlines include feature articles on tournament locations to provide information on the areas to the 700 members, whether they fish or not.
9. Fred is contacting companies/organizations that have potential to include our tournaments as part of their contingency programs (PAA, all boat companies, etc.)
10. Committee discussed possibility of doing another marketing study to gather info on boats, motors, stay (where/how long), gas, money spent.
11. Discussed options for Senior Pool payout, payout will be 100% to the winner.
12. Received notification from Office of Unclaimed Funds that NYBCF has an amount on file. Kathy should have info on what this is in about 90 days.
13. The six Humminbird and Minnkota products we can purchase will be auctioned online as fund raiser. Fred will provide details on process at the EB meeting.

14. Fred has prepared an information sheet for clubs and new members which shows the value of membership (contingency programs, sponsors, payout)
15. Meeting dates for 2014 won't be announced until locations are locked in.
16. Contact information for many club reps are out of date, we need to encourage clubs to get updated.
17. Three club votes on the Fishlines resolution were received and will be noted during the vote at EB meeting.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.