

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Board Meeting

Date: Sat, Mar 2, 2013

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

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

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President  
Fred Blom, Vice President  
Lori Haney, Secretary  
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer  
Peter Knight, Tournaments/Membership  
Burnie Haney, Public Relations  
Jim Moore, Youth/Scholarship  
Ted Barth, Webmaster  
Dominic DiGirolamo

Club Roll Call – Clubs Present:

After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson  
Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger, Mike Elrott  
Barge Canal – Rob Jensen  
Capital District Bassmasters – Bill Davis, Tom LaRose  
Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Scott Bliss  
Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Jeff Botting  
Hudson Valley Bassmasters – John Guarino  
Northern NYBassmasters II – Jim Moore  
Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers – Em Seefeldt  
Port City Bassmasters- Peter Knight  
Southern Tier Bassmasters – Don Hallock  
Team Nitro – Burnie Haney  
Constantia Cove – Mickey Fortunato  
Southern Tier Jrs. – Jeanine Estes

Others in attendance: Pam Bliss, John Stoughtenger, Paul Hudson

1. Minutes of the January 2013 meeting were presented for approval.  
Motion to approve (Hudson), all in favor, carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – Copies were provided to all club reps. Kathy reported cash balance is \$79,477.

Question: Where does funding for state team come from ?

Answer: Sr Club pays for all expenses out of general fund, Jr's reimburse for what they consume.

Question: What funding is B.A.S.S. providing for Eastern Divisional?

Answer: None, they run the whole thing. They will likely ask for volunteer support such as drivers for the team from Spain and they have asked for location suggestions

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Barth), all in favor, carried.

3. Old Business: Four items carried over from last meeting:

a. Tournament Weigh In Question - Pete was to take the issue of opening the scales early for an angler who was concerned fish were going to die to the Tournament Advisory Board (TAB) for review. TAB recommends the following:

- (1) scales open 30 minutes prior to the first weigh in time.
- (2) If someone needs to weigh in early, they stay in.
- (3) Early weigh in (12:00 p.m.) due to weather will be announced at launch.
- (4) Any issues, contact Tournament Director

b. FISHLINES cost reduction measures- Clubs were asked to come to this meeting with feedback from members preferred method, of the two presented, to reduce printing/ mailing costs. The two options are (1) Federation dues are raised \$10 and FISHLINES is published as is, four hardcopy issues per year. (2) dues stay the same and FISHLINES is published in hardcopy twice (spring and annual editions) and only online for two. One club preferred option (1), fifteen clubs preferred option (2) Executive Committee will take that feedback into consideration, along with suggestions offered by Tom Presnell such as to review the mailing list to cross check with current membership roster and avoid duplicate mailings.

c. Tournament Payout-We will continue 100% payout, \$2500/\$1500 for a minimum of 60 boats. Below 60 boats, payout will be 1 in 6 at 100%

d. Product Sponsorship – Humminbird and Minnkota products will be auctioned on-line for six weeks, starting March 18<sup>th</sup>. A pair of items will be open for bid for one week ending on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Visible bids will be made on the members board. Previous purchase program/individual member discounts are no longer offered.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Membership: Pete Knight reported that all memberships are up to date as of Wed.

b. Youth: Jim Moore reported that B.A.S.S. has provided information on the 2014 High School Nation Program and how to get started. Current youth championship goes as planned.

c. Webmaster: Ted Barth had no update, but a public thank you to all who are working on updates to the webpage to keep it current.

d. Scholarship: Dominic DiGirolamo reported that Mitchell Jones (Good Old Boys) was the 2012 scholarship recipient.

e. Public Relations: Burnie Haney reported on Take A Soldier Fishing Day scheduled for Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Have 42 boaters currently signed up, deadline is March 22. Importance of sign up by deadline is to ensure we know how many Soldiers we can invite. All information is on the message board, any questions call Burnie Haney at 315-786-8897 or Mike Cusano at 315-695-4969. Bass Pro Shops is providing pontoon boat and \$650 in monetary donations have been received so far.

- Anything clubs are doing now, would like to get the story out, so keep information coming.

- Fred announced that Gary Menchen will pick up PR duties in Jun.

f. Barb Elliot not present, but Chuck reported that NYBCF had received 2d place National Conservation Award from B.A.S.S. Also NYDEC has announced a new fee structure, all details are on NYDEC website.

## 6. New Business:

a. Nominating Committee: Chuck announced Paul Hudson as chair of the 2014 Nominating Committee. We need two other members to form the committee and prepare the slate for election in Dec. Contact Paul to join.

b. Fred provided extensive listing of B.A.S.S. national sponsors and Federation sponsors, stated that the best way to keep sponsors was to patronize them and identify yourself to prove the value to them. Fred is available to answer any questions about sponsors or contingency programs and their value as a membership benefit.

c. Tournament Weight Record is 23.01 lbs. Prize money is up to \$1600.

d. Fred announced that he has a source where members can purchase clothing with Federation logo. Variety of items, can buy just one at a time, no bulk purchase required.

e. Club need to update contact information for their representative on the web page. Send directly to Ted for update.

f. Next meeting is Sat, Dec 7, 10:00 a.m., Bass Pro Shops Conference Room

7. Motion made (Barth) to adjourn, all in favor, carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.