

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2012

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
Pete Knight, Tournaments/Membership
Barb Elliott, Conservation

1. Chuck led discussion regarding new requirement for individuals with disabilities. Letters will be sent to participants with a known disability notifying them that they must present a Dr's note stating they can board and be in a boat unassisted.
2. Kathy reported that Tim Morrison cannot accept a tax preparation stipend, so the stipend will commence with the preparation of the 2012 taxes.
3. Chuck proposed purchase of computers for president and tournament director. Committee authorized the expenditure of up to \$2000. to purchase two laptops with appropriate accessories.
4. Discussion of sale of December Lottery tickets for fundraiser. Options to sell at registrations, give to clubs, what is the return to federation. Chuck will bring it up at Executive Board meeting to determine interest.
5. Fred clarified that the Divisional Team must wear their official tournament jersey for all 3 days (banquet, on the water, weigh in)
6. Discussion of annual banquet and high number of no-show guests. Suggestion for next year was to provide a reduced projected number of attendees and then pay for actual number on the night of.
7. Discussion about expired members still having access to the message board. Consensus was that no one felt there was a compromise of sensitive information to non-members, but access to the message board was a benefit of paid membership. Ted will be asked to clear off those who are not on the 2011 or 2012 membership roster.
8. Discussion of purchasing t-shirts for tournament crew to make them immediately recognizable. Could also sell shirts with federation logo and schedule to members. Chuck will explore cost and sale price.
9. Discussion of stipend for mileage reimbursement. Consensus was that it should be made standard at federal rate (2012 / .55 per mile) Stipend Policy will be updated to reflect.
10. Active.com needs to be set up for credit card payments. Chuck will get with Mike to get it online.

11. Chuck was approached by Bass Pro Shops, minimal details are that Watkins Glen, NY wants to host a tournament on Seneca Lake, would like NYBCF to host/run it. Chuck will meet with James King to get more details.

12. Tom Presnell has asked for assistance in the Marketing Committee, his work schedule does not allow him the time needed to maintain the program. Asking for someone to take it over.

13. Next year's meetings and banquet dates – Lori will coordinate with Bass Pro Shop and Springside for availability.

14. Take A Soldier Fishing – Chuck will coordinate with Chris Flint to get the tournament trailer and do a check of all equipment needed for the day (scales, PA system, etc.) Burnie has received donation checks (over \$1000.) which he will turn in to Treasurer. He will need a check for \$750 back to cover cost sharing with BPS to provide rods and reels for all Soldiers. Food purchase needs to be coordinated, individual will be reimbursed. Pete offered that Huhtamiki Packaging, Fulton will donate the cups and plates for the event.

15. Fred is finalizing hotel reservations/room needs for divisional team. It was noted that payments to members were intended to supplement participation, not cover all costs associated with being on the team.

16. No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.