



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2014
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

ATTENDEES: Committee members in attendance
Fred Blom – President
John Stoughtenger – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Past President

Also in attendance
Bill Kays – Tournament Director
James Moore – Youth Director
Pam Bliss – Tournament Data Manager
Scott Bliss
Dominic Maio

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The old minutes and new agenda were distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 1) The projected 2014 budget and financial report were the primary topics of discussion.
 - a. Fred briefly outlined how he intended to balance the 2014 budget and project expenses for 2015.
 - b. The budget was based on 700 paid members.
 - c. Changes were announced to the NYBCF per diem reimbursement policy.
 - d. Tournament crew is to be reduced and a software system is to be purchased for tournament registrations, draws and weigh-ins.
 - e. Credit card processing will soon be available for entry fee payments.
 - i. Tournament application is to be updated to reflect credit card payment method.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fred has booked the awards banquet for 2015 at the Auburn Hilton Garden Inn.
 - a. Rooms were negotiated for \$85 per night and the banquet will be \$30 per person.
 - b. There will also be ample room for any sponsors to set up product displays.
- 2) The 2014 Divisional Team arrangements have been made and the team roster has been finalized.
 - a. Team members' discounted products selections have been submitted.
- 3) Fishlines Magazine ad rates have been re-worked and lowered to hopefully bring in more advertising revenue.
- 4) Minor tournament rule changes are slated to take place in 2014. Last changes were made in 2009.
 - a. The year reference is to be removed from the rules.
 - b. Boat insurance policies should clearly reference the motor vehicle and the occupants are covered, regardless of the driver.
 - c. Off limits on Saturdays prior to tournaments is being changed to 3:00 pm, so that members can be punctual at the re-registration and enjoy the vendors present.
 - d. Pam Bliss suggested that a list of "tournament policies" be compiled to complement the tournament rules. These policies cover unexpected tournament situations and contingencies not written in the rules.
 - i. A previous list of policies existed several years ago, but is unable to be located.
 - e. Changes to the observer policy and wording were a prime example of clarification needed.

- 5) The Executive Committee intends to bring the High School and Youth activities back under the NYBCF umbrella.
 - a. Changes will be made to the bylaws to represent this action (*see appendix in board meeting minutes*).
 - b. This will be started with one high school club.
 - c. Regulations are being put into place to create structure for the high school team(s).
 - d. The subordinate organization will be dissolved and make it back under Senior NYBCF management.
 - e. Clarification of intentions and changes were discussed in detail.

- 6) Fund Raising Raffle
 - a. Raffle tickets were distributed to clubs and will be collected by Treasurer, Ken Christie.

- 7) Sponsored Products Update
 - a. Four (4) Minn Kota and four (4) Humminbird units were sold so far.
 - b. One Minn Kota unit and one Humminbird unit are left and still for sale.
 - c. One 8' Minn Kota Talon is left for sale – Asking price is \$1,000.
 - d. Mercury oil can be purchased through the NYBCF at the approved price of 50% off.
 - e. Rigid Industries also has a B.A.S.S. Nation discount program for any interested parties.

- 8) The NYBCF has changed over to M&T Bank.
 - a. Checks will be able to be deposited online with a scanning device.
 - b. They are going to accommodate membership and tournament fee payments online.
 - c. A small processing fee will be added to any online payments.
 - d. Quicker turnaround and check printing will be the ultimate result of the new banking system.
 - e. An inexpensive inkjet printer will be purchased for use at NYBCF events.

- 9) No further business was discussed.

- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.