

NEW YORK STATE B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 23, 2009  
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BASS PRO SHOP, Auburn, NY

Mike Cusano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Officers present:**

President- Mike Cusano

Treasurer- Tim Morrison

Secretary- Ed Flick

**Committee Members present:**

Tournament Director- Jeff Edgerton

**1. Mike Cusano-**

He thanked everybody for coming given the weather.

BASS – Don Corkran’s contract was not renewed. Mike shared an e-mail that he had received relative to this.

INSURANCE- after many iterations with B.A.S.S. it was finally determined that clubs do not need to have 100% membership in the NYBCF (state level federation) to be compliant. They do need to have 100% membership in B.A.S.S. ; 100% membership in the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation and they need to be affiliated with the NYBCF.

MEMBERSHIP – any secondary members that are listed on a clubs’ B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Roster will be required to pay \$20 dues to B.A.S.S. Mike has written and voiced his displeasure with this policy and will be addressing this at the Classic. For now, the only option is for clubs to not add secondary members to their club rosters.

1. Membership – how can we strive to obtain 100% membership in the State Federation? Mike wants to bring this issue back to the clubs to get their opinions on how to make this happen. Too many conservation/budget issues coming for us to not be as big and as strong a group as possible. Bass anglers need to become more focused – like Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the NRA. Mike feels our long term survival will require this as we face historic budget deficits and cuts.

Our state level NYBCF membership is less around 450 members from what B.A.S.S. has for NY members. As a group we need to become larger and stronger especially based on political landscape/conservation changes. There is strength in numbers and we could easily / quickly grow by about 40%.

Sponsorship – definitely lagging behind this year. It is not going to be easy to gain new sponsors and keep existing ones (at the levels they were supporting us at) given the economic landscape.

2. DIVISIONAL - July 20-24 in Canada. People must have passports and time is running short.
  3. BANQUET: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 SUNSET RESTAURANT – \$20/person... and Federation picks up the rest.
  4. NOMINATIONS: Discussion among the current Executive Committee Members as to who was willing to continue if there were no new nominees for the next term. We need people willing to step up and assist
2. **Jeff Edgarton** Tournament sites: Jeff reviewed the Contract Status. ONEIDA is only contract not signed, but he and Mike are still working on it.
1. Tournament Rules: Jeff reviewed the proposals on OFFLIMITS, REFUNDS, LINKING DEADLINE and LATE FEE
3. **Tim Morrison** Review of the BALANCE SHEET.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Flick  
Secretary