

Federation Meeting- December 6, 2013

Executive Committee Meeting:

6:16 Meeting called to order by Chuck

Financial Update (Kathy) :

- Loss of (26,000) predicted:
(11,000) - general tournament and approximately (16,000) state team
general and membership positive. Should review NONE club National Dues payment process in order to address timeliness concerns
- More details are required when deposits are made to ensure that all income is appropriately classified
- It was noted that one of the advertisers in Fishlines thinks that they have not been invoiced yet – Kathy will follow-up with Tom Presnell on if all invoices were mailed and what payments are outstanding
- Fishlines results for the year are skewed because there is one of the 2012 issues in this year's income statement – it was known at the time of the budget and was included in the budget plan

National Update:

- Fred attended the BASS nationals tournament and met with several sponsors and the BASS Nation executive team.
- Youth focus for 2014 will be on the high school program. This will be the only recognized youth organization in the future. There is a implementation grace period in 2014 which will be eliminated in 2015.
- BASS will be offering a lifetime membership for \$350 - **put on agenda for tomorrow**

- There is a belief that the future of the federation is going to be secured through the high school and college programs so that will be the only formula for official youth involvement in the future.
- BASS is focused on “business results”. The new conservation director is being asked how conservation is going to create revenue.
- The NY hosted divisional will be run out of Waddington, New York and is scheduled for the week before our Henderson tournament. This causes the 1st place New York placing angler to have one less week to practice for the National. The representative from Maine this year practiced to get into the classic for 3 weeks and finished second.
 - We need to look at how we are going to pay for the divisional team going forward
 - We need to find out how much it will cost this year and have the team do fundraisers
 - If you assume \$15,000 for 13 people and ask the angler to fund half of the cost, that would be ~\$580 a person
 - Consider going back to a process where we require those not taking a boat to ride with someone who is hauling a boat to save on gas \$
 - For the 2014 Divisional Team, the youth participants are required to come from a high school team.
 - Discussion on having the president be in charge of the youth at this tournament rather than the alternate angler
- There was a review of the available sponsorship which will be discussed in detail at the Pam: The president should be in charge of the kids.

Other Financial Considerations:

- Stop 100% tournament pay back – could do a true 100% payback where you first deduct the costs of the tournament (primarily trophies, costs of permits, etc – excludes the cost of the crew)
- There are opportunities to raise \$6,000 dollars with one event, run this kind of like a golf tournament fund raiser
- Raffle off guided trip
- Go back to an auction at the banquet where we get services/goods free so that all profits go to the federation, we used to make \$5,000 +at that event
- Have heard that people are upset about not the four printed copies of fishlines – may need to re-visit the print schedule
- It was noted that Article 11 part D of the by-laws say there is an option of putting a surcharge on the dues to cover the fishlines – this was tabled

Take a Soldier Fishing:

- Sat April 26 at Oneida for take a soldier
- Due to limits in government funding / processes implemented with sequestration, Fort Drum can no longer provide the tent/table/chairs so this is something that we will need to fund now
- Look for additional corporate sponsorship for this
- If we will no longer get support from Fort Drum, we would like to open this up to other military bases in New York

- If we were able to partner with a 501C3 then that would help fundraising as those companies that require this could donate through that organization. At this point Fred/Brian will look into this but the team was cautious about this approach

Elections:

- Suggested emailing the election ballots, but this presents a problem in that we don't have valid email addresses for every member
- Proposed doing a postcard mailing to everyone who is a member in good standing and allowing them to mail back or respond through surveymonkey.
- Bring the proposal to the Exec Board at tomorrow's meeting for approval

8:19 meeting closed