

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Board Meeting

Date: Sat, Dec 7, 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  
Jim Moore, Youth/Scholarship  
Ted Barth, Webmaster  
Dominic DiGirolamo-Scholarship  
Barb Elliott-Conservation  
Tom Presnell-Fishlines

Club Roll Call – Clubs Present:

Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger  
Barge Canal – Rob Jensen  
Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Scott Bliss  
Constantia Cove Bassmasters – Mickey Fortunato  
Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Paul Hudson  
Niagara Frontier – Ken Christie  
Northern NYBassmasters II – Jim Moore  
Port City Bassmasters- Chuck Rowlee  
Salt City Bassmasters – Barb Elliott  
Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth  
Syracuse Area Bassmasters – Burnie Haney

Others in attendance: Pam Bliss, John Stoughtenger, Anthony Talarico, Joe Horton, Mark Bonk, Bud Cipoletti, Richard Mattison

1. Minutes of the March 2013 meeting were presented for approval.  
Motion to approve (Hudson/Haney), all in favor, carried.
2. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reported current balance is \$50,888. A detailed budget report will be presented at Jan meeting, followed by proposed budget for 2014.  
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Barth/Haney), all in favor, carried.
3. Report from Nominating Committee – Paul Hudson reported that there are three unopposed candidates for President (Fred Blom), Vice President (John Stoughtenger) and Treasurer (Ken Christie). There are two candidates for Secretary (Tom Presnell, Tara Bliss). President asked for a motion to close nominations (DiGirolamo, Haney), carried. The Secretary cast one ballot to accept the unopposed candidates. Paul will send out ballots to membership for vote on the Secretary position.

#### 4. Committee Reports:

a. Marketing: Tom Presnell reported that files of all his contacts from his years as Marketing Chair were available to anyone taking the position on.

b. Fishlines: Tom Presnell reported that current issue is available online, the next issue is in the works. The spring issue will be out in early May, the summer issue in mid August. Taking over Fishlines duties for 2014 are John Siejack and Bud Cipoletti. Tom thanked all for their support over the past seven years.

c. Conservation: Barb Elliott reported she is working toward a better understanding of the legislative process. She mentioned that goby are gaining attention as an issue, now in Cayuga Lake. A reminder to all to make visible effort to clean off boats at lake side, for environmental benefit and to enhance public impression. Overall, the fish kill rate at our tournaments last year was less than 2%. Fizzing is a valuable skill and instructions are available online, for more information contact Barb.

d. Youth: Jim Moore reported he attended meeting in Arkansas where the high school program was covered. There is an article on the program in Fishlines and information has been sent out to all Youth Directors.

- In NY state, clubs can form outside of school, but no schools can support due to liability issues. If a club wants to form, they just need to provide a letter (there is a standard format prepared) stating that their school won't support and they can be allowed to form. Youth must be ages 14-18 yrs and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate.

- B.A.S.S. sponsored Open team tournament for high school clubs will be held in June 2014. Youth teams only, any high school team can compete. And, in July, a two day High School National Championship on Kentucky Lake. No funding provided by B.A.S.S. provided to support participation.

- B.A.S.S. National is working on bringing Casting Kids program back, looking for a national sponsor.

- Federation has 4 youth clubs. The Jr. World Championship and Jr. Club Team Event will be held on same weekend in 2014, details still being worked.

c. Webmaster: Ted Barth had no news to report.

d. Scholarship: Dominick DiGirolamo reported there is \$9000 in the account. Reminded all that there is a spot on membership renewal to make a donation, encourages all to make a contribution. Application submitted to Bass Pro Shops for a grant to apply to scholarship fund.

d. Sponsor Products: - Fred Blom reported that he is working on agreements for 2014. Most programs are returning with similar offers as last year, details will be announced as contracts are signed.

e. Tournaments: Fred reported tournament schedule is on webpage. Tournaments will be held:

June 22 - Lake Champlain, Plattsburg, NY  
July 20 - Cayuga Lake, Auburn, NY  
August 16-17 - St. Lawrence River, Ogdensburg, NY  
September 28 – Lake Ontario, Henderson Harbor, NY

6. New Business:

a. TASF 2014 – Brian Eisch and Pat Grady will conduct this year’s event. Confirmation of reservation/use has been received back from Oneida Shores to hold the event so now planning can commence.

b. 2013 Annual Banquet: Sat, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at Springside Inn, Auburn. Cost is \$30 per person, cocktails at 5, dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations due to Secretary by 3 Jan.

c. President appointed an Audit Committee. Members are Pam Bliss, Ken Christie, Anthony Talarico.

d. NYBCF has a facebook page at “New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation”

e. Club Awards Program – Deadline for nominations is today, nominations now closed. Some have been received and are being reviewed.

f. Next meeting is Sat, Jan 18, 10:00 a.m., Bass Pro Shops Conference Room

7. Motion made (DiGirolamo/Hudson) to adjourn, all in favor, carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.