

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Board Meeting

Date: Sat, Dec 15, 2012

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m.

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President
Fred Blom, Vice President
Lori Haney, Secretary
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer
Mike Cusano, Past President
Barb Elliott, Conservation
Burnie Haney, Public Relations
Ted Barth, Webmaster
Pete Knight, Tournament/Membership
Jim Moore, Youth

Club Roll Call – Clubs Present:

After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson

Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger

Barge Canal Bassmasters – Rob Jensen

Capital District Bassmasters – Bill Davis

Chemung Valley Bassmasters -

Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Paul Hudson

Greene County Bassmasters -

Northern NYBassmasters II – Jim Moore

Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers – Em Seefeldt

Port City Bassmasters – Pete Knight

Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall

Salt City Bassmasters – Brian Eisch

Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth

Team Nitro – Burnie Haney

Also in attendance: Rich Mattison, Scott Bliss, Pam Bliss, Don Hadlock, Mike Elrot, Jack Wilson, Tom LaRose, Mickey Fortunato, John Stoughtenger, Dan Bickel, Jeff Botting

1. Minutes of the March 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve (Cusano, Haney), all in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report – Kathy provided round numbers with a complete report to be presented in Jan. Balance is \$80,878, overall loss of \$7,300. There were 724 members last year. Tournaments made \$91,000, paid out \$79,000, profit of \$12,000. Youth show a loss of \$14,000, Scholarship show loss of \$1,500. We received grant payment of \$5,000 for use of the fishcare boat. Take a Soldier Fishing received donations of \$4,000, spent \$3,100, balance of \$900.

4. Old Business: No old business.

5. Committee Reports:

a. FISHLINES: Tom Presnell was not able to attend, Chuck reported on his behalf that latest issue of Fishlines was delayed due to power outages due to hurricane Sandy. Issue will be in the mail soon. Tom relayed his thanks for increase in submissions to the luncheon page. Don Corkran, B.A.S.S. has accepted our invitation to speak at the annual banquet in Jan.

b. Public Relations: Burnie acknowledged that some clubs had made good PR effort over the summer, good way to get our message out.

Take A Soldier Fishing day has been approved by the Executive Committee and will be held on April 27, Oneida Shores. Day will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to provide boats and or shore duty. Deadline for boaters to sign up is March 22, for shore duty is April 15. As Oneida Lake is not included in the Catch and Release Season for bass, brainstorming ideas on how to get sponsored temporary measure boards for to allow a bass category based on photographed length.

Sponsor banner was well received by sponsors last year, will maintain. Also, reminded all that Oneida Shores donates the use of the park (launch and entry fees) for the event, plus have donated season pass.

c. Youth: Mickey Fortunato is stepping down as chair, Jim Moore has accepted position. Jim announced the dates for the Jr. World Championship will be Jun 29 on Oneida Lake and Jr CTE will be Aug 4, location to be determined.

d. Web: Ted is now the technical contact with the server company, so issue resolved with password. Anyone needing access to the Forum has to coordinate with Ted. For access to the Directors Board, just follow the directions to register and Ted will follow up with an email to confirm your access.

e. Scholarship: Chuck reported for Dom that two new members are needed. Mike Cusano and Jack Wilson volunteered to serve on the committee, thanks very much.

f. Tournaments: Pete announced dates have been established, locations are pending and will be announced not later than the Jan meeting. Dates are 16 Jun, 28 Jul, CTE 17-18 Aug, and 8 Sep.

g. Sponsor Products: Burnie announced he will no longer serve in this position, Pete Knight will assume as it ties closely to membership. Fred noted that the Pure Fishing discounts are available, he will put updated information on the message board.

h. Conservation: Barb reported that hydrofracking issue is gaining attention with CDs nationwide. She will participate in a site visit in Pennsylvania in May to learn more about how water is handled, impact on local water supply, and harm vs benefit.

6. New Business:

a. Suggestion that if there are issues clubs would like addressed at B.A.S.S. level we should compile them and forward to Don Corkran prior to his visit, so he has an opportunity to address while he is here. Clubs should submit to the Secretary and President by Dec 30.

b. Per Jim Moore, Canadian bass season now corresponds with NYS season.

c. Chapter awards: Nominations are due to President and/or Secretary by Dec 27th. Categories can be found on the front of the web page.

d. Suggestion that when we have dead fish or fish to be fizzed prior to release, that the catch and release boat staff assist anglers in proper technique. Even if it doesn't work or the fish are dead, the angler still gets the practice and confidence to do it properly when on the water, as fizzing is most effective at time of catch.

e. Discussion of when scales open during tournament. Pete stated that scales open at noon for early weigh in, however this has been only done for inclement weather in the past. Issue will be relayed to the Tournament Advisory Board for consideration.

f. Tom Presnell is working on the Aztek package which will be auctioned as it has been in the past. Chuck will post on message board when he receives details from Tom.

g. B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will now be known as B.A.S.S. Nation.

h. A volunteer is needed to conduct Marketing and bring in businesses as sponsors and to advertise. In addition to current stipend, considering a 10% commission on value of business brought in. Anyone interested, contact President.

i. Banquet:

j. Question posed: When does Federation host the Eastern Divisional? Answer is 2014. B.A.S.S. is getting more involved in the divisionals, we may be directed as to the body of water.

k. Next meeting is Jan 19th at 10:00 a.m. followed in the evening by the annual banquet at the Springside Inn, Auburn. Cocktails at 5, dinner at 6, program at 7. Don Corkran is guest speaker, silent auction and awards presentation. Cost is \$25 and deadline to sign up with Secretary is Jan 11th.

l. Drawing of annual participation prizes: Boater winners are Mike Kozell, John Badman, Brett Millikin. Nonboater winners are David Dumas, George Close, Andrew Benbenek.

l. No further business. Motion made, seconded (Haney, Cusano) to adjourn, carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.