

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2003

Lemoyn Manor, Syracuse, New York

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President Wayne Tomassi called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. Those present were: Vice President, Paul Tomeo via conference call; Treasurer, Sal Pennini; Meg Corbett-Bates (Secretary Elect), taking minutes for Secretary Rose Mahar. VP Nominee Burnie Haney, and Treasurer Nominee Pam Bliss . Committee Representatives present: Sharon Green, Outgoing Tournament Director; Meg Corbett-Bates, Membership; Bob Green, Publicity; Mickey Fortunato, Youth. Others present: Dom Maio, Chris Loftus, Sharon and Kerry Rice, and Scott Bliss.

Wayne reviewed the agenda.

TREASURY- Sal listed balances. Checking holds \$8,463.87; Savings holds \$17,747.35 (this is a General Fund); Scholarship holds \$10,255.20; and Youth holds \$1,477.02. Fishlines continues to be a financial drain.

COMMITTEES-With the exception of the following, there are no planned changes in committee chair appointments:

- The Scholarship Chair position is open, and ideally, this position would be filled by a educator. Dominic Giorlamo, the previous Scholarship Chair, has new job obligations, and no longer has the time available for this commitment.
- The Membership Chair position is open, and until it is filled, Meg Corbett-Bates will continue.
- The Marketing Director position has been filled by Dom Maio. Dom has over 17 years experience in marketing, and will be very instrumental in getting the marketing information up to date. Due to the absence of paperwork regarding the 2003 advertisers, his first task will be to review and invoice all the advertising clients from 2003. Wayne thanked Dom for his acceptance of this position.
- Tournament Operations Manager. This new position, was discussed. Generally, this chairperson would assume responsibility for the following: arrange meetings and agendas for the 12 man team, obtaining the team uniforms, facilitate tournament marketing (in conjunction with the Marketing Director and the Tournament Director) by working with contractor/vendors to ensure all documents are complete, gathering goody bags and giving them to the TD, assist with the coordination of the CTE and barbeque. This person(s) would report to the Executive Committee and work closely with the Tournament Director. Paul Tomeo is interested in this position.
- Technology Committee: Wayne had asked for assistance with the formation of another new committee,. Mike Cusano graciously offered his time to help with this committee but not chair it.

### TOURNAMENTS

TAB Update-The TAB had a meeting in the Fall, and the following points were presented by Sharon. Several new rules and ideas were re-evaluated, and will continue due to overall member satisfaction.

- Off limits will continue to be announced at registration, though when able, will be publicized in advance.
- Friday off limits will end at noon and continue until 4 PM on Saturday, however, it was stressed that this will not expand in the immediate future.
- The boater/non-boater problem actually did not exist during the 2003 tournament season.
- The rule that if an angler signs up for the tournament on Saturday, he must register as a non-boater helped resolve the boater/non-boater problems and will be continued.
- Club Reps will be asked to bring back to their clubs a request to talk about other ideas to help with the boater/non-boater problem.
- The Rookie of the Year (ROY) may have fished two of the points tournaments the year before and still be considered eligible to be the ROY for the following year.
- Safety-Reminders for all members to abide by these guidelines, ie, have running lights on in AM when going through lineup.
- The TAB would like to have one weigh master for consistency throughout the tournament season, and will be looking into that.
- Non-boater/Senior pool - The TAB would like to see points/weight standings for each of these pools as well, though it probably will not be instituted in the near future, as they are still reviewing this issue.

- The membership qualification date for the Club Team Championship will continue to be Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to qualify for the Club Team Championship the following year.

Tournament Schedule Evaluation-An evaluation was done by Chris Loftus with the aim to rotate the tournaments around the four areas of the state, while keeping safety, distance and fishery issues in mind. Where and why we go to lakes could now be a format, not up to sponsorship contracts. There was a recommendation by Sharon Green that an escrow account be dedicated so NYSBCF can go to a lake without sponsorship. Money would come from an existing tournament budget. Chris presented data based on Nationals numbers, which delineated six areas in the state (the heaviest population of anglers is around NYC) which he then divided into four tournament regions: Western, Central, Eastern (SE), and Northern. The CTE and the points tournaments would revolve around the four regions. Chris emphasized that this presentation is a directional process with an initial analysis. The TAB input would still be needed, and the final decisions will remain with the TD. This is a yearly process. Chris put a lot of effort, time and energy into his presentation, and everyone present thanked him immensely. Chris was asked to present to the Executive Board the following day.

#### **Tournament Miscellaneous:**

- Several equipment purchases are necessary, including a canopy, bullhorn, etc. A list will be generated.
- There was discussion about obtaining a waiver for any medical conditions anglers may have. This was brought up in light of an incident involving an angler with a chronic back condition. Wayne agreed to follow up on the need for a disclaimer.
- The CTE will now be known as the Club Team Championship. It was felt that this new name would generate more sponsorship dollars.
- Wayne brought up the probability of new legislation in the near future regarding a one time requirement for boaters to take and pass a boater safety course.
- There was a discussion about a Junior coming forward with the proposal to create a Fantasy Fishing League as a fundraiser for the Juniors.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

NONE Club -Due to several factors, including postage, time involved with making copies, mailings, etc, Sharon proposed raising the N.O.N.E. club fee by \$5 to a total of \$40 (\$20 for state membership, \$15 for National membership, and \$5 cover administration costs). The additional fees raised would cover the Tournament Director and the crew's National and BASS fees.

**Club Registration:** A new club packet, designed by Sharon Green, includes renewal forms for club and individual registrations. This will streamline the information which may then be processed in a timely fashion. Membership Grew in 2003 There are currently 888 members a new record. The promotion offering new members a discounted joining fee has ended.

**Awards Banquet:** Please RSVP to Rose Mahar if you are attending the Awards Banquet, regardless of whether or not you have a boat raffle ticket

#### **NATIONAL BASS FEDERATION NEWS**

- Wayne reported that the special meeting in Atlanta between interested Federation Presidents, the Bass Federation, Inc. (Feb 5) and BASS represented by Don Corkran and Steve Puckette was a success and he believes closes the concerns that we had during 2003. He also received our Federation's Share of Stock in the Bass Federation, Inc
- The highly anticipated BASS Conservation/Youth Superfund is at least 6-9 months away, because it takes that long to set it up with the IRS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Election:** Wayne indicated that he intended to put election on the agenda immediately after roll-call, so that if there were no other nominees, that the election can be closed, and that all Board Members can commence business immediately for 2004.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a BASS fishing techniques seminar in Albany, and BASS would like a Federation member to assist with coordinating this event. Dom Maio volunteered.
- Anglers were ticketed and fined for harvesting bass in the Catskills and selling them to a restaurant. On behalf of NYSBCF, because of time, Wayne composed and sent a letter to the DEC to provide information relative to the case. We are requesting that the restaurant be cited as well as the anglers, and would like to see more stringent penalties in the future.

There being no further business before the committee, it was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The Board Meeting will begin at 11 AM Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Corbett-Bates