



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2015
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 1:31 pm

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fred Blom – President
Greg Pavlic – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Past President

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Membership Director – Paul Hudson
Youth Director – James Moore
Conservation Director Director – Barb Elliott
Webmaster – Ted Barth
Tournament Director – Bill Kays
Fishlines Editor – Tom Presnell

CLUB ROLL CALL:

- 1) After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson
- 2) Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger
- 3) Barge Canal Bassmasters – Dan Bickel
- 4) Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Scott Bliss
- 5) Crown City Bassmasters – Joe Matt
- 6) Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Fred Blom
- 7) New Yorkers Over 55's Bassmasters – Paul Hudson
- 8) Niagara Frontier Bassmasters – Dave Rutman
- 9) Northern NY Bassmasters II – James Moore
- 10) Port City Bassmasters – Pete Knight
- 11) Rochester Bassmasters – Fred Radcliffe
- 12) Salt City Bassmasters – Barb Elliott
- 13) Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth

A sign in sheet was distributed and 29 members were in attendance, representing 13 clubs.

Secretary, Tom Presnell presented the flag and the National Anthem was played.

OPENING BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Paul Hudson to accept the March 21, 2015 minutes, seconded by Ted Barth.

- 1) A correction of the minutes was requested from the March meeting. Wording regarding the nomination of officer candidates was changed from "*nominated themselves*" to "*nominated each other.*"
 - a. The minutes correction was acknowledged and will be so corrected.
 - b. All in favor with correction, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 1) Ken Christie reported that the organization's assets were \$68,953 as of November 30th.
- 2) The scholarship account balance was reported as \$9,272.98.

- 3) The tournament weight record balance was reported as \$308.00.
- 4) A full year's report will be available at the January meeting.
- 5) Ken reported the NYBCF ran a reduction of \$14,000 in 2015.
- 6) Ken pointed out the fluctuations that occurred, including losses on raffles, high school programs and a new generator.
- 7) Funds (income) did not match the projected budget for 2015.
- 8) Sponsors are trending away from giving money and moving more toward giving product discounts.
- 9) It was noted that Humminbird and Minn Kota sponsored products contracts have not been offered yet.
- 10) A two-part income generation plan was proposed by Ken Christie and Fred Blom:
 - a. The TAB was consulted and an increase in the tournament entry fees was proposed.
 - i. The boater fee would be raised to \$150 and non-boater to \$90.
 - b. Adding an additional "last chance" qualification tournament was proposed.
 - i. The NYBCF takes half the entry fees to raise funds. 50/50 split between income and payouts.
 - ii. NYBCF would take an additional 10-15% if entries exceed 40 boats.
 - iii. This would NOT be a points tournament. Entry fees would be the same.
 - iv. It would qualify one boater and one non-boater for the Regional Team.
 - v. Entrants must have fished at least 2 of the 3 points events to qualify.
 - vi. Participants MUST have been a member by August 31st of that year.
 - c. Joe Matt proposed to the floor that any potential qualifier must have fished at least two points events. Ron Williamson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Motion carried.
- 11) A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ron Williamson and seconded by Ted Barth.
 - a. All in favor, carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Club input was collected as of the last meeting regarding the CTC format.
 - a. The CTC was proposed to become a pro-am format going forward.
 - b. There would be individual winners only.
 - c. B.A.S.S. mandates that Regional Team members must qualify through a pro-am format.
 - d. There was significant debate and concern from some club representatives regarding this new change.
 - e. It was agreed that there must be some incentive for increased participation in the CTC.
 - i. Perhaps money for the club?
 - ii. Perhaps Regional Team slots?
 - f. Most in attendance agreed that the focus should be placed on the "team concept."
 - g. If Regional Team slots were removed, then the event stays the same.
- 2) Fred Blom also appealed for support from the membership for funding support ideas, the need for a PR Director and other supporting roles, including a Marketing Director.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell, reporting.
 - a. Two printed and two digital issues are planned in 2016, as per budget restrictions.
 - b. Latest issue is nearly complete.
- 2) Facebook – Tom Presnell, reporting.
 - a. Tom reported that there are now approximately 725 members following the NYBCF Facebook page.
- 3) Website – Ted Barth, reporting.
 - a. Ted reported that the credit card payment system is up and functional.
- 4) Membership – Paul Hudson, reporting.
 - a. Paul reported that we currently have 996 New York B.A.S.S. Nation members.
 - b. Paul asked that clubs collect all dues and forms together and not send them in individually.
 - c. He asked that clubs do not send membership applications to the Tournament Director.
 - d. Starting in 2016, B.A.S.S. will offer a rebate to clubs based on the following:
 - (a) Clubs with 12 or less members will receive no rebate.
 - (b) Clubs with 13-20 members will receive a \$3 rebate per member at the end of the year.
 - (c) Clubs with 21+ members will receive a \$5 rebate per member at the end of the year.
 - e. He also stated that high school kids must be 16 years old to join a senior club and must join B.A.S.S. as an adult.
 - f. A membership drive will be undertaken, as per a B.A.S.S. Nation initiative.

- (a) There are reportedly 15,750 members of B.A.S.S. in the state of New York.
 - (b) Potential new members are approximately 14,750 persons.
 - (c) New York Nation has a target goal of adding 100 new members on top of existing 990+ members.
 - (d) B.A.S.S. will email an announcement/flier/brochure supplied by us to the non-Nation members.
 - (e) It will highlight all the benefits of becoming a member and offer a one-time 3 year membership for \$140 for any new applicants (NONE members).
- 5) Youth Report – James Moore, reporting.
- a. James reported that a few more HS clubs have registered and become active.
 - b. He added that New York is the fastest growing state for HS clubs. HS clubs have doubled in number.
 - c. The Jr. and HS Championships will be held June 4th & 5th at Union Springs, Cayuga Lake.
 - d. \$1,000 in scholarship money will come from Bass Pro Shops for the winning team.
 - e. There are attempts being made to lobby for bass fishing to become a scholastic sport in NY.
- 6) Scholarships – Fred Blom, reporting.
- a. Only one application was received for the college scholarship in 2015.
 - b. Liam Blake will be this year's recipient.
- 7) Tournaments – Bill Kays, reporting.
- a. As per B.A.S.S. regulations, the umbrella rig will no longer be allowed in tournaments.
 - b. A 6" wire length is the limit on spinnerbaits.
 - c. No jigs will be allowed on the bottom of dropshot rigs.
 - d. No donkey rigs (multiple soft jerkbaits) will be allowed.
 - e. Boca Grip style landing grips are not allowed.
 - f. Snagging or foul hooking of visible bass is illegal. Hooks must be in the mouth.
 - g. A motion for the rule changes to be accepted was made by Mike Wall, seconded by Paul Pflieger.
 - (a) All were in favor, motion carried.
- 8) Conservation – Barb Elliott, reporting.
- a. Barb reported that Rochester Jr. Bassmasters did a chestnut pull in Braddox Bay. 12 tons of water chestnut material were removed.
 - b. PRISM recently did a presentation on invasive gobies. She shared some information on the topic.
 - c. There have been 12 identified sites of confined hydrilla.

ELECTIONS:

- 1) Election committee chairperson, Paul Hudson announced that the current officers have nominated each other for re-election.
- 2) The floor was opened up for additional nominations and the following were nominated:
 - a. Peter Knight was nominated for President by Mike Lauter, seconded by Brian Eisch.
 - b. Brian Eisch was nominated for Vice President by Peter Knight, seconded by Pam Bliss.
 - c. Chris Killoren nominated himself for Secretary, seconded by Joe Matt.
 - d. No other nominations were brought to the floor and a motion to close nominations was made by Ron Williamson, seconded by Paul Hudson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The 2016 NYBCF awards banquet is schedule for January 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn.
 - a. Our guest speaker will be Jerry McKinnis.
- 2) The "Take A Soldier Fishing Day" and "Honor and Remember Charity Fundraiser" will be held again on April 22nd and 23rd of 2016.
 - a. A volunteer is needed to be the coordinator for these upcoming events.
 - b. A suggestion was made the events be made a catch and release bass only, using MLF style scales.
 - c. A suggestion was made for making them a lunker only bass tournament. Most in the room disagreed.
- 3) The next meeting dates were announced to remind the members. They will be January 15th at 6:30 pm (Executive Committee) and January 16th at 10:30 am (Executive Board).

Raffle items and 50/50 tickets were sold and winners picked.

No further business was brought to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Matt, with Bill Kays seconding. All were in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.

***ADDENDUM TO THE DECEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Action – A

On December 14, 2015, the Executive Committee, consisting of Fred Blom (President), Greg Pavlic (Vice President), Tom Presnell (Secretary) and Ken Christie (Treasurer) informed the election chairperson, Paul Hudson, that they have withdrawn their nominations as officers for the upcoming election.

Action – B

On December 26, 2015, Secretary Tom Presnell notified (in writing via email) election chairperson, Paul Hudson, that he cast one vote each for Peter Knight (President), Brian Eisch (Vice President) and Chris Killoren (Secretary), thereby electing them as the new NYBCF officers for 2016.