



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2014
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 2:35 pm

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Membership Director – Paul Hudson
Youth Director – James Moore
NY High School Director – Anthony Talarico

CLUB ROLL CALL:

- 1) After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson
- 2) Albany Area Bassmasters – Felix Ortiz
- 3) Barge Canal Bassmasters – Bill Terry
- 4) Capital District Bassmasters – Bill Davis
- 5) Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Scott Bliss
- 6) CNY Bass Anglers – Mike Sudol
- 7) Crown City Bassmasters – Steve Beam
- 8) Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Paul Hudson
- 9) Niagara Frontier Bassmasters – Ken Christie
- 10) Northern NY Bassmasters II – James Moore
- 11) Port City Bassmasters – Ken Bracy
- 12) Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall
- 13) Salt City Bassmasters – Tom Pavlot
- 14) Syracuse Area Bassmasters – Pat Grady

A sign in sheet was distributed and 30 members were in attendance representing 14 clubs.

President, Fred Blom presented the flag and the National Anthem was played.

An announcement was made indicating that the last meeting's minutes were available on the NYBCF website for review. A motion was made by Steve Beam to accept the March 8, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mike Wall.

- a. All in favor, carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) None pending from March meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 1) Ken Christie reported that the organization's assets were \$81,000+ as of November 30th.
- 2) A full year's report will be available at the January meeting.
- 3) Ken reported the NYBCF to be \$32,000 positive + some minor expenses.
- 4) Pam Bliss reported on the status of the ATV raffle and that they were only half way to the projected goal.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1) An update was given on the 2015 awards banquet.
 - a. Seating is \$30 per person and being held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn on January 17th.
 - b. Deadline for tickets is January 10th.
 - c. Complete details can be found on the NYBCF bulletin board and Facebook page.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Bud Cipoletti absent. Next issue was reported near completion.
- 2) Marketing – Fred Blom acting, expressed the efforts being made to thank all of our supporting sponsors.
 - a. Fred also said that the Marketing Director position is open.
- 3) Membership – Paul Hudson reporting. He confirmed that all memberships are continuing to be processed in a timely manner.
- 4) Youth and High School – James Moore and Anthony Talarico reporting.
 - a. Anthony said that high school teams are being developed in the region.
 - b. James said that there are only 3 youth clubs in the entire NYBCF system.
 - c. Changes to the youth programs will be taking place in 2016.
 - d. There will be one championship tournament in 2015.
 - e. Good Ole Boys won their 3rd championship on Black lake this year.
- 5) Website – Ted Barth absent. Fred mentioned the NYBCF is trying to get credit card processing operational on the website for the coming year.
- 6) Facebook – Tom Presnell reporting. He asked that anyone asking to sign up for the NYBCF group do so under their real name, or notify him if they use a pseudonym.
- 7) Scholarships – James Moore reporting. James announced that Tara Bliss and Lukas Matt are the recipients this year.
- 8) Tournaments – Bill Kays absent. Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. Bill is an active wrestling coach and is generally busy from October-March.
 - b. Fred apologized for the wording on a Facebook post regarding boating safety certificates.
 - c. Fred clarified that certificates are not required yet, but save money on insurance.
 - d. The 2015 tournament schedule was announced as the following:
 - i. June 21st – Chautauqua Lake
 - ii. July 19th – St. Lawrence River at Massena
 - iii. August 15th-16th at Lake Champlain (CTC)
 - iv. September 27th – Oneida lake
 - e. Fred also mentioned the Fish NY Program, which builds tourism and contributes funds to programs.
- 9) Conservation – Barb Elliott absent. Fred Blom reporting.
 - a. Fred discussed the PRISM conference (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management).
 - b. 5 regions have been assigned for this program.
 - c. The “Clean, Drain and Dry” program is now a law and will be enforced as of 9/21/15.
 - d. Barb will hand out guidelines for “Clean, Drain and Dry” at the March meeting.
 - e. Paul Hudson attended the conference and gave a synopsis on invasive species.
 - f. New York B.A.S.S. Nation is at the forefront of conservation and has gained a foot hold into our communities.
 - g. The catch and release boat will continue to be used as a conservation boat.
 - h. The Ramp Monkeys video won an award and a DVD is being developed.
 - i. NYBCF is submitting for a grant which we hope to receive based on these efforts.
 - j. Gene Gilliland is attempting to make the Ramp Monkeys a national standard.
 - k. Fred has also applied for the B.A.S.S. Shimano grant for our water chestnut pulls.
- 10) Public Relations – Fred Blom reporting.
 - a. Fred said that the Public Relations Director position is open.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fred Blom expressed the need to perform a by-law change, based on the B.A.S.S. recommendation.

- 2) The summarized change is: “B.A.S.S. - the parent organization, has changed the reference to state organizations. They have requested that we use the term “New York B.A.S.S. Nation” within our by-laws to conform to the change initiated by B.A.S.S.”
- 3) A motion to accept the proposed by-law change was made by Paul Hudson and seconded by Mike Wall.
 - a. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4) Take A Soldier Fishing Day was announced as taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2015.
 - a. Location will be Oneida Shores Park beginning at 6:00 am.
 - b. Mike Cusano will be coordinating volunteers, Burnie Haney will be coordinating with Fort Drum and Fred Blom will be coordinating supplies and sponsors.
- 5) A charity fund raising tournament will be held the following day, April 26, 2015.
 - a. It will be a team paper tournament at Oneida Shores Park. Details will follow on website.
 - b. Donations will go to the Cpl. Kyle R. Schneider Foundation and the Folds of Honor Foundation.
- 6) Important changes from B.A.S.S. were announced by Fred Blom. See **Appendix-A** at end of document for a complete summary of the changes to take effect in 2016.
- 7) Regional qualifications will be determined by the Executive Committee by January or March meeting.
- 8) Randy LaManche proposed setting aside funds for the regional team and/or the national qualifier.

SPONSORED PRODUCTS UPDATE:

- 1) Six (6) Minn Kota and six (6) Humminbird units are available.
- 2) You must be a NYBCF member to purchase/participate.
- 3) Fred will announce the items up for sale in March and it will be a first come, first serve process.

No further business was brought to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Cusano, with Ron Williamson seconding. All were in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.

Appendix – A

Main Points to Remember About B.A.S.S. Nation Changes Effective 2016

Insurance

1. Two Policies: ADD and Liability (gains and losses).
2. Both require 100% membership in B.A.S.S. and B.A.S.S. Nation.
3. Must register Youth Club and members if more than one activity in a calendar year.

Membership

1. Renewal time is September 1st to December 31st to maintain insurance coverage and B.A.S.S. Nation benefits.
2. Coverage carries through from date of payment to December 31st of the coverage year.
3. Youth, \$10 each, High School \$20 each, and College \$30 each.
Covers special B.A.S.S. and B.A.S.S. Nation Membership.
4. Youth and High School also are New York non-voting members.
5. NONE Club is still a valid option.

6. Beginning September 1st, 2015 adult B.A.S.S. Nation is through your primary affiliated club. Club pays a onetime fee when registering its members. Unit cost the same at 12 members then decreases as number of members increases.
7. All Clubs need to have their members updated during the fall renewal period. Add new members at any time
8. Club dues are \$35 and need to be paid during the renewal period so that Membership Director can validate the club.
9. Paid to New York Membership Director.
10. New York B.A.S.S. Nation individual and club dues are supposed to be paid during the same renewal time (Sept 1st to Dec 31st).

Youth Clubs

1. Easy and inexpensive to form.
2. Counts in the total state B.A.S.S. Nation membership.
3. Encourage young people to learn how to fish.
4. Starting on September 1st, 2015 the allowed age is 7 to 14 years old.
5. Each June, 11 to 14 year olds compete for a position at the Youth.
6. National Championship in late July.
7. Two age groups for state Youth Championships 7 to 10, 11 to 14.
8. Youth oriented Casting Kids is supposed to resume in 2015 with local, state and national championship competitions.

High School Clubs

1. Need to link with school if possible.
2. Advisors and boat captains.
3. Age is 14 to 18 years old and in September of renewal period, must be entering 8th to 12th grade.
4. Designed to teach fundamentals of boat control and tournament angling.
5. State High School Championship in June to qualify two teams to attend the National Championships in late July.
6. Scholarships and a boat at the National.

College Competition

1. College has to form within a college and align to a local club for support and guidance.

Adult Championship Format

1. 2015 New York Events begin qualification for new 2016 regional and national championships.
2. Pro-am style (Opens or NY B.A.S.S. Nation style) required from the state level through to the Classic.
3. Ten Boaters, Ten non-boaters and two alternates comprise the team.
4. Anglers pay their own entry fee and win prizes based on 100% payback.
Same as New York Events.
5. Qualifying for Nationals is by state with one set (boater/non-boater) of anglers for each 500 B.A.S.S. Nation Members in a state.
6. Dates of Regionals and Nationals pulled into Summer, June, July, August and September to allow nationals to rotate among regions.

MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPT TO REMEMBER:

MEMBERSHIP IS THE WHOLE KEY. THE MORE B.A.S.S. NATION MEMBERS WE HAVE IN ADULT CLUBS, COLLEGE CLUBS, HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND YOUTH CLUBS, THE MORE ANGLERS WE CAN SEND TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.