



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

TIME: Meeting called to order at 10:29 am

ATTENDEES: Committee members in attendance
Fred Blom – President
John Stoughtenger – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Past President

Also in attendance
Paul Hudson – Membership Director
Pam Bliss
Scott Bliss

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The old minutes and new agenda were distributed. A motion to accept the Executive Committee minutes from 3/8/14 was made and accepted by all in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 1) The cash on hand as of November 30, 2014 report was distributed.
 - a. Treasurer, Ken Christie reported \$91,062.44 as the balance.
- 2) The two winners of the 2015 NYBCF Scholarship were announced to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fund raising ideas were brought to the table and discussed.
 - a. Scott Bliss expressed concern and disappointment about the current raffle for an ATV.
 - i. Ticket sales were below expectations, but there was still time for additional sales.
 - b. Fred shared names of all the past and future supporters we might be able to solicit.
- 2) Awards for the January, 2015 banquet were discussed and chosen.
 - a. Particular attention was given to actively recognizing and thanking loyal sponsors.
 - b. Lifetime membership candidate(s) were discussed and decided upon for 2015.
- 3) The 2015 Divisional Team activities were discussed.
 - a. The team roster has been solidified and contracts have been signed.
 - b. Expense reimbursements were discussed and parameters setup to reflect out of pocket expenses for the team members.
 - c. The boat won by the 2014 championship team was sold for \$20,000.00.
 - d. Changes to the qualification process for the now "Regional" Team was outlined by Fred Blom, based on his Presidents' meeting with B.A.S.S.
- 4) Sponsored Products Update:
 - a. High dollar products (Sonar/GPS units, trolling motors, etc.) will be made available independently – not at banquet – like 2013.
 - b. Sale tax will be charged, but no shipping to recipients.
 - c. The items will be announced "for sale" by Fred on the bulletin board and Facebook beginning March 1st and will be sold "first come, first serve."

- 5) Conservation Update:
 - a. An application for the Shimano conservation grant was submitted by Fred Blom for consideration in 2015. The NYBCF is considered a good candidate for this award.
 - b. A Ramp Monkeys DVD is possibly in production for possible distribution and to show other states and organizations how a program of their own can work at preventing invasive species.
 - c. Water chestnut pull(s) are being discussed for scheduling in conjunction with the NYBCF pontoon boat.
 - d. The “Clean, Drain and Dry” initiative was discussed and has growing momentum in New York State.
 - e. PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) has undertaken initiatives to monitor the hydrilla invasion in Cayuga Lake.
 - f. The use of our catch and release / conservation boat has been requested by other organizations.
 - i. Daily rate was proposed to be raised from \$125/day, plus operator, to \$150/day, plus operator.
 - ii. Package deals for multi-day events can be negotiated in advance.
- 6) Boater Certification in the state of New York:
 - a. The NYBCF will abide by the rules set forth by the state of New York for all boaters to obtain a mandatory boater’s safety certification card.
 - b. Boater’s safety certification is not yet a state law, but will be required eventually.
- 7) Fred Blom told the committee that he would outline in detail all the new changes being set forth by B.A.S.S. for 2016 at the Executive Board meeting slated for 2:30 the same day.
- 8) No further business was discussed.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.