



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2015
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 6:21 pm

ATTENDEES: Fred Blom – President
John Stoughtenger – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The old minutes were accepted from the December meeting. No alterations were requested.
- 2) 1099 forms for 2014 will be distributed by Treasurer, Ken Christie.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 1) Treasurer, Ken Christie, handed out the income statement and summarized what will be highlighted at the Executive Board meeting the following morning. A complete financial report will be made available to anyone attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fred Blom firmed up the appointed Director positions for the coming year. They are the following:
 - a. Tournament Director – Bill Kays
 - b. Tournament Data Manager – Ken Christie
 - c. Tournament Weighmaster – Guy Durant
 - d. Membership Director – Paul Hudson
 - e. Fishlines Magazine Editor – Tom Presnell
 - f. Marketing Director – Fred Blom
 - g. Public Relations Director – *Position open*
 - h. Webmaster – Ted Barth
 - i. Conservation Director – Barb Elliott
 - j. Youth Director – James Moore
 - k. High School Director – Anthony Talarico
 - l. Scholarship Director – Fred Chilluffo
 - m. Budget and Auditing – Ken Christie
 - n. Tax Preparation – Ken Christie
 - o. Sergeant At Arms – Brian Eisch
- 2) The Marketing Director position was discussed in further detail, including the specific responsibilities and potential candidates. Fred will fulfill these duties into 2015 until a suitable candidate is found.
- 3) A motion to approve the selections was made by Fred. All were in favor, motion carried.

BUDGET:

- 1) The 2015 budget was presented and discussed. A budget packet was distributed and the profit and loss was gone over. As of 1/16/15 the projected budget was on course to being balanced, with the exception of unforeseen gains and losses that occur during the course of the year.
- 2) The use of M&T Bank was discussed.
 - a. The use of a scanner to make deposits will be incorporated this year to expedite banking.
 - b. The use of credit card processing will also be incorporated this year to expedite banking.

SPONSORED PRODUCTS:

- 1) The membership will be able to make use of the sponsored product discounts available to them starting in late January.
- 2) A signed Alliance agreement has been made with Triton and Mercury.

TOURNAMENTS:

- 1) There is a new/revised Tournament Advisory Board (TAB). The list of members and their regions is posted on the NYBCF website.
- 2) A couple of tournament rule changes will be implemented in 2015.
 - a. The boat/trolling motor usage at the Club Team Championship (CTC) will be strictly outlined as 4 hours per angler. The co-angler reserves the right to decline the use of the trolling motor, but can still request fishing spots.
 - b. Emergency dropouts the night before a tournament may lead to the possibility of an angler fishing alone.

REGIONAL TEAM MAKEUP:

- 1) A forum will be open to the floor at the Executive Board meeting as to what the proper makeup of the new B.A.S.S. sanctioned "Regional Team" should contain.
 - a. A discussion will be held to come up with potential scenarios for the qualification process for the new team parameters.
 - b. Incentives will be discussed and suggested for the alternates to participate.
 - i. Possibly 3 free tournament entries for the coming year.
 - c. The process for determining the alternates in the event of dropouts will be discussed.

YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL:

- 1) Youth State Championship will be held May 31st on Onondaga Lake.
 - a. Participants must have their own boat captains.
 - b. Entry is \$50 and parents must sign off on contract
- 2) High School will fish on Owasco Lake
 - a. Participants must have their own boat captains.
 - b. Entry is \$50.

FUND RAISING FOR DIVISIONAL / REGIONAL TEAM:

- 1) Ideas were discussed to raise funds to offset the cost of sending a regional team to compete. They were the following:
 - a. Raffles for gas cards or VISA cards for \$5 a ticket.
 - b. Suggested denominations for prizes were \$100, \$ 250 and \$500.
 - c. A two month period for the sale of raffle tickets would be the maximum time allotment.
 - d. Draw at the Youth state championship.
 - e. Guided fishing trips were also suggested as prizes.

FISHLINES MAGAZINE:

- 1) A discussion was held on the status and cost of producing Fishlines magazine.
- 2) A decision was made to continue with 2 printed and 2 digital issues per year.
- 3) Mailing and printing options were discussed for the magazine going forward.

No further business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.