

NEW YORK STATE BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 11, 2006

Gander Mountain Lodge, Cicero, NY

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Pam Bliss at 5:04 p.m.

Officers present: President Pam Bliss, Past President Wayne Tomassi, Vice President Ted Barth, and Secretary Sue Good. President Bliss also welcomed Stephanie Miura, Joe Koetting, and Dominic Maio, as well as other club members.

President's Message:

- To set agenda for Sunday meeting:
 - 1) Welcome
 - 2). Reviewed minutes of last meeting to cover Old Business: **Fishlines, Last Chance Tournament, TAB proposals, Raffle (couldn't be ready for March meeting as sponsors were not ready), and open positions for Membership, Marketing, Promotions, and Treasurer.**
 - 3) Jeff Edgerton was approved as Publicity Chairperson.
 - 4) Update from BASS: Of the past Federation Chapters, 25 have re-affiliated with BASS and 14 new Chapters have organized for a total of 39 Chapter members of BASS. BASS will finalize numbers in April as all dues are requested to be paid by March 30, 2006. BASS has 3-year plan to increase to a 75,000 member organization. Non-federation members will pay a one-time \$10 fee for the Weekend Series for the '06-'07 season. BASS insurance DOES cover night events. Non-members attending club open events are not covered.
 - 5) Sponsor opportunities: Alliance Package= Triton and Mercury (required) with Lowrance and Motorguide as partners (not required). Federation can approach Minn-Kota. There are separate packages for the National and for the Federation but new info is not ready for the website.

Members can take advantage of Alliance Package discounts even if NY Fed. does not sign that package.

Discussion followed as to how best to use sponsor packages to help with the raffle.

Motion by Wayne: Sign Alliance Package unless Skeeter offer a boat. Seconded by Ted. Carried.

Pam is contacting Minn-Kota to renew, will contact Lowrance, and has Plano to sign. Plano items will be added to the raffle. Pam has info from a new company in CA that has Dropshot lures and will send samples.

Capital District Marine wants to display a boat at every tournament and give rides at Lake George as advertising. **Agreement reached:** The Named Sponsor for a tournament will have the right to advertising on the website, a boat display with a rep on site, and give rides during **the regular practice time** period on Saturday (2-4p.m.) under their own insurance for a signed contract and \$500 paid up front. For \$150, any local marina can display and have a rep at any tournament where there is no Named Sponsor.
 - 6) BASS will be distributing a signature document regarding BASS logo protection and sportsmanship.
 - 7) Hold Director review.

- 8) Tournament Software: in programming mode, info is in fields and screens, work is being done on the draw program. Programmer is still refusing pay!
- 9) Presentation of Pro Tournament Scales: \$2000 retail- locks in settled weight, has large digit display to mount on trailer, prints weigh cards with official total and lunger weight, hooks to car battery or generator. Company is working on a sponsorship program with BASS but will still give "a deal" to those who spoke with them at the Classic (Pam did).
Motion by Wayne: To buy one new set of scales with large display, the \$2000 package.
Seconded by Sue. Carried.
Agreed to keep best of current scales as back up (Ted).
- 10) Plattsburgh Eastern Divisional Tournament:
 - proposal to have reception on 300 passenger riverboat
 - 7 confirmed states
 - need volunteers (see website for job descriptions)
 - Two issues: 1) Because of last year's situation (no show team member) it is recommended that the 1st Alternate be required to attend through the second day weigh-in. Wt./pt. list would be used to secure a committed 1st Alternate.
 - 2) Since the President is also the host this year, it is recommended that a 2nd Alternate be contacted using the wt./pt. list to secure a 2nd Alternate who would commit to attend if and as soon as possible after the 1st Alternate moves up to a team position.
*All 14 members would be outfitted.
 - Pam needs **contact BASS requesting resolution of their rule conflict** regarding replacement boat and insurance.
 - See website for posting of off-limits area in "M" Bay which is Federal Wildlife Reserve. (This will apply to any tournament on Lake Champlain.)

Director Updates:

- 1) Conservation- Joe Koetting
 - passed out update summary and agenda for May 5-6 Black Bass Workshop in PA
 - will continue working with Federations that have changed affiliations
 - working on tournament weigh-in facilities at Oneida Shores
 - included in dues payment to Conservation Council will be a letter requesting funds for the Black Bass Workshop
 - suggestion taken to request financial support from clubs and BASS
 - working on grant for 2008
 - BBW 2007 will be international including Canada and border states to PA and NY
 - Costs for 2006: NY to fund \$1000 for one meal for all participants, registration cost for Joe and 2 anglers, costs for Joe
 - Club level conservation: get line boxes for tournament team and for use as awards for clubs that have conservation programs
 - Issue: Fish release at CT event- complaints about dead fish days later, youngsters releasing fish, abuse of fish (rock throwing). Stephanie states a good live-release and that it was not our anglers abusing fish. Strongly suggested that anglers release own fish.
- 2) Membership- Stephanie Miura
 - 426 paid members, 27 paid clubs, 3 clubs' rosters but no payment

- possibly 3 new clubs
- received some individual memberships (were club members but now have joined NONE)

3) Tournament- Stephanie Miura

- Accepted specs are 17 ft. boat with 90 HP motor
- Will flag boater/boater pairings to ensure no repeat for that season
- Will survey those in attendance regarding boater/non-boater registration for ensuring use of boat
- Will propose State Team format change

Pam states BASS will have all rules, regulations, and schedules out in May regarding divisional, regional, and national tournaments. This may cause the need for a May meeting.

4) Treasurer- Pam Bliss

- Handed out Dec 2005 Income Statement and Assets
- Requests Dom to invoice Fishlines advertising
- Handed out 2006 Budget Proposal

Needed to adjourn as store was closing: 9:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Good

Treasurer