

NEW YORK BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

March 12, 2006

Gander Mountain Lodge, Cicero, NY

**The Executive Board was called to order by President Pam Bliss at 10:00 a.m.** Officers present were President Pam Bliss, Past President Wayne Tomassi, Vice President and Webmaster Ted Barth, and Secretary Susan Good. Also present were Tournament Director Stephanie Miura, Conservation Director Joe Koetting, and Youth Director Mickey Fortunato. President Bliss greeted all present.

**Club Roll Call:** Present were: Adirondack Bass, After Breakfast Bass Anglers, Albany Area, Barge Canal, Black Rock, Crown City, Good Ole Boys, Hudson Valley, Oak Orchard River, Orange County, Salt City, Southern Tier, Team, and Watershed. Conference call-ins were Orange County and Westchester.

**Old Business**

- Minutes had been sent to reps. Pam called for any additions or changes. There being none, Wayne Tomassi motioned they be accepted. Patrick Ryan seconded. Carried.
- Fishlines publication was to be discussed in clubs regarding web based vs paper copy. After discussion and input from club reps, Patrick Ryan moved that Fishlines be published on the web with the annual and tournament issues to be paper but in a less expensive format. Salt City seconded. Carried
- **Need Fishlines content manager/ editor!!!**

**Treasurer's Report**

Due to Pam's efforts to get the conference phone to work, Wayne reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Please note that 2 banquets and 2 raffles were done in 2005.

Please note scholarship donations are needed for 2006 (understanding that many clubs were helping with disaster relief). Please note a Treasurer is needed to relieve Pam.

- Hosting of the Eastern Divisional has caused adjustment in the 2006 budget.
- There will be more expenses than income.
- \$10,000 from sponsorship and boat raffle will go to Divisional expenses

**Tournament Update-Stephanie Miura**

- Boat and Motor lower limit: 17ft. with 90 HP
- Flagging boater/boater pairings. Non-boater of that pairing will be flagged and will not have that pairing again for the season, as far as possible.
- Feedback taken from those present regarding registration of boater and non-boater to insure boater's boat use for that tournament: positive from room and phone
- Check website for new forum to contact non-boaters for **on-time** registration.
- Feedback taken on State Team format being 9 top anglers from points/wt. listing with 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> being boater positions, top non-boater from pts./wt., top angler from CTE 1<sup>st</sup> place team is 6<sup>th</sup> boater, and top angler from CTE 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is 12<sup>th</sup> man and 6<sup>th</sup> non-boater. 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate will be the 10<sup>th</sup> place angler in pts./wt. list.  
Joe Matt motioned that State Team Format be accepted for 2006. Whitey Grogan seconded. Carried.
- TAB also discussed Pro-Am format but tabled action for this year.

- Pam stated there may be a need for future changes due to new programs and changes from BASS.
- Plattsburgh/Lake Champlain: Missisquoi Bay has some portions off limits due to Federal Wildlife Reserve. Details will be on the web as soon as Stephanie gets details from Vermont.
- Pam called for any other Old Business.
  - Dave Suttle asked about the Last Chance Tournament. Pam stated TAB and Stephanie have proposals for that for the 2007 Tournament year.
  - Gary Menchen asked about new format for the Calcutta. Stephanie stated the new format would be combined weight. Participants agreed that Calcutta **payout** could be mailed within 3 days after the tournament to give Stephanie time to calculate results. It was agreed this new format would get more non-boater participation and encourage more friendliness.

**Membership-** Stephanie Miura

- 426 paid members
- 27 paid clubs
- 3 clubs sent rosters but no payment!

**BASS Classic Meetings Update-** Pam Bliss

- Membership update: Of existing federations, 25 stayed with BASS. 14 new organizations have joined. Total: 39 feds registered = 15,000members
- Further update expected late April.
- **GET rosters to BASS by end of March. Re-upping before the December deadline will allow your club to avoid the yearly paperwork. This also applies to JR. clubs whose dues are now \$10.00**
- **Insurance: Night events are covered. Website has a link to request insurance permits. Allow enough time as it will take time to track membership.**
- Pam has signed state document regarding use of BASS logo and sportsmanship behavior. Every club will receive this agreement and **must sign yearly.**
- Question: Where can BASS logo be used? BASS is taking a hard line. Anything printed or stitched must come from one of their approved vendors. The patches we have can still be used, but new ones will have to be purchased from approved vendors and will probably be more expensive. Patches can be placed on shirts wherever Clubs think is appropriate. **We have lots of patches! See Stephanie.** List of approved vendors is not yet available.
- **Pam will check with BASS about use of logo on websites.**
- **Club Team Championship recommendation from BASS to be received by May 1, 2006.** New structure is 10 regions. Presidents recommended a new regions in the NE with 1 eliminated in the Midwest. Regional qualifier will be either August or July. **We may need a May meeting to make decisions about how to qualify. Need committee or individual to gather recommendations.** Concern expressed as to cost of sending one or more teams.

Question: Can a team be made of members of multiple clubs? NO, all team members must give registered with the same primary club.

- Question: Does BASS own the Federation? NO, we choose to affiliate which give them some rights to oversee our actions.
- Question: How does the Team Championship work? Each state can send six teams of 6 members to the Regional. The top 6 teams go to the National. The Federations have recommended the each team be allowed 2 alternate members and each state be allowed to register 1 alternate team.

- Sponsor Package: So far, no info from Skeeter. If there is no offer, the Alliance Package will be signed. If a state does not sign the Alliance Package, individual members can still purchase the sponsor offers.

**There was no New Business.**

**Director Reviews:**

**Youth-** Mickey Fortunato

- Tournament Schedule
  - 1) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. World Championship- Sunday, July 2, Oneida  
**Need boaters!! Go to Youth page to apply.**
  - 2) Jr. Partners Tournament- Sunday, September 3, Oneida (Brewerton)
    - Free for boater; JR pays \$65 plus gas\$
    - 8 fish limit
    - **Need boaters...Would like 75 boats.**
  - 3) Gave membership rosters to Stephanie: 85 members statewide, 6 registered clubs
  - 4) JR Raffle tickets are \$1.00 ea.
    - \$500 gift card for Gander Mountain or Bass Pro
    - Would like to send tickets to clubs to sell
  - 5) Casting Kids: **Only 1 club sent paperwork (Crown City).**
    - State final is October 2006
    - Clubs can still hold events, get paperwork to Mickey
    - Age requirements on instruction package should say March 31, 2007

**Publicity-** Jeff Edgerton accepted appointment. Thank you, Jeff!

**Needs:** Fishlines content manager/ Editor

**Marketing-** Dom Maio will train and will continue to run discount programs on the web

**Treasurer**

**Pam pleas for leads...even anonymous!**

**Conservation-** Joe Koetting

- Handed out update with new e-mail address: [joekoe01@twcny.rr.com](mailto:joekoe01@twcny.rr.com)
- Praised Mike Cusano as lobbyist and requests more public encouragement for Mike
- Continued work with PA regardless of affiliation change
- PA Bass Federation, Inc. is picking up \$12,000 of the cost of the Black Bass Workshop in May 5-6, 2006
- Will publish BBW Steering Committee list on web
- Workshop will be May 5-6, 2006, in PA. 100 attendees possible. **Sign up on the web.**
- For 2007 will be pushing clubs to select a Conservation Officer to work with Joe.

**Update from Executive Committee**

- Authorized purchase of one new set of scales for the weigh-in trailer (\$2000 retail package). Pam will negotiate for a second free set but best old set will be back-up in the meantime.
- Recommendations:
  - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate for the Divisional Team should be in attendance so a full team can compete through the last day of the tournament. (Pt./Wt list will be used to find committed alternate.)
  - 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate is not required to be in attendance but should be committed to be ready to attend if 1<sup>st</sup> alternate is moved up fish. (Pt./Wt. list will be used to find committed alternate.)

- 3) Both positions would be uniformed, have expenses paid (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate not prepaid), and 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate receives portion of any payout.

Joe Matt put the above recommendations into a motion. Gary Menchen seconded. Carried.

#### **New Business**

Question: Can local clubs do fund-raisers for coffee and donuts for tournament launches? YES

Stephanie: **We need local club members' help to do weigh-ins. Club does receive a nominal fee.**

- Re: return of fish to water. Due to negative comments in Plattsburgh about dead fish seen afterwards and stone throwing at struggling fish, Stephanie apologized for not bringing these comments to members' attention. Though these actions were NOT done by our members, ours is the negative image. Therefore, **anglers must release their own fish at each tournament. Take time to make sure fish will survive when released.**
- **We will be doing boater/non-boater registration.** This will ensure the boater's use of own boat at that tournament for the 2006 season. **Check web for new application form.**

**Adjourned at 11:46a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Susan Good**

**Treasurer**