

NEW YORK STATE BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
March 5, 2005  
BassPro Shop, Auburn, NY

**The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Tomassi at 1:15 PM.** Officers present: President Wayne Tomassi, Vice President Burnie Haney, Treasurer Pam Bliss, and Secretary Sue Good. Tomassi welcomed Tim Carini, Stephani Muir, Joe Koetting, and Dominick Maio as well as a few other club members.

**President's Message:**

- Topics to be covered: tournament entry fee, sponsor label proposal, Fishlines, Treasurer's report, and elections
- Official club memberships should be checked. Clubs that are not Federation members should be removed from lists, websites, and tournament lists unless dues are paid and members are listed.
- Youth: Jr. Clubs should receive member cards, patch, and Fishlines for each family; need accurate treasury accounting; need Executive committee of parents to act as mentors for next year's officers; need regular meetings.
- Check Federation e-mail by e-mailing self through [execcomm@nybassfed.com](mailto:execcomm@nybassfed.com).
- Need new set up for [Stephanie@nybassfed.com](mailto:Stephanie@nybassfed.com)
- NY is hosting Eastern Divisional Tournament in September 2006, for 8 states, with possible site on Champlain or Erie

**Marketing: Dominick Maio**

- Handed out copies of proposal for sponsors' use of member labels.
  - After discussion, proposal was modified for Federation to keep control of lists
  - To be voted on at general meeting on March 6, 2005
  - To be publicized via sponsor contracts for 2006
  - Current sponsors of full-page ads for all Fishlines issues in 2005 will be notified
- 2006 Divisional: 7-8 teams; \$10,000-\$15,000 cost to Federation
  - contacts made with Plattsburgh and Erie
  - need more information to make proposal for April Presidents' meeting where date will be set
  - Pro-Plattsburgh: new facilities, closer for other states' teams

**Burnie Haney motions to hold Divisional Tournament at Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain. Seconded by Pam Bliss. Motion carried.**

- **Sponsors: Wayne Tomassi**
  - Flowmaster dropping at national level but Wayne will work on keeping the Federation level
  - Penzoil sent shirts and oil
  - Skeeter hopefully will sign for another boat
  - Minnkota staying on
  - Lowrance needs member profiles for cash to Federation
  - Plano sent soft bags and "goodie bag" items
  - Zebco sent rods and reels

- Need to convince anglers to choose Federation tournaments over other trails
- Working up packages: 1<sup>st</sup> 50 anglers who commit to first Champlain tournament may receive 2-3 day slip space with security and power, purchase of breakfast/lunch boxes, possible entertainment after registration with dinner and music

#### **Tournament: Stephanie Muir**

- Glitches for Cayuga CTC: Union Springs has village festivities on Aug. 28 = no launching; Cayuga Park has Avon Anglers tournament Aug. 27; need location for 2-day launching
- TAB must start work for 2006; members are Kerry Rice, Lou Rizotti, Ted Barth, Rose LaValley, Joe Matt, and Keith Cleary; **let them know your wishes**
- TAB members should be put on website
- Divisional on Lake Champlain, possible 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September 2006
- Vote for new tournament fee on March 6, 2005

#### **Fishlines: Tim Carini**

- Passed out Fishlines proposal with comparison between 2 printers
- Includes layout, printing, mailing, binding
- Needs: per page cost for contract, quote for 4-page differentials, Pam's quote to Tim, need new info for paper change and color(will affect mailing cost)
- Tim will contact Wayne with new info
- Wayne will set up conference call for EXEC. COMM decision
- Contact Ms. Barie to say not interested in her advertising search

#### **Treasury Report: Pam Bliss**

- Report needs new format
- Handed out copies of December 2004 report
- Info as to how much money each club received should be published
- Current bank statement shows \$45,000 in checking
- Discussion of other items on boat raffle ticket
- Income from 2005 auction down from 2004: net return \$2800.
- Banquet costs: Income- \$3300; Expenses- \$4500
- Jr. Federation budget needs reprint with raffle money moved
- Wayne proposes raising mileage payments for Federation business

**Burnie Haney moved mileage payment be raised to \$.35/mile. Seconded by Sue Good. Motion carried.**

- Boat raffle profit: \$19,000
- Question: Will there be a June lotto drawing? 2004 profit was \$1000
- Joe Koetting suggests cost analysis before next banquet. Jan. 2005 was \$21.50/person plus gratuity.
- Discussion of changing banquet date: November? , early December?, earlier January?
- Computer system: Pam states college student is working on "back end" programming, "front end" is complete.

- **Boat insurance: New limit should be posted everywhere: \$300,000**
- PC purchase: to be ordered, programs needed to match database should be purchased at the same time; cost: \$850- \$1000.

**Conservation: Joe Koetting**

- Wayne says Federation asked to be on a panel for NYS Conservation Council.
  - Annual direction message to be put in Fishlines as to 3-yr. program to educate on Black Bass: Year 1- determine direction; Year 2- form alliances; Year 3- instruct with Black Bass workshops
  - Going to Florida conference
  - Catch & Release season to start, Federation is for it, Need to budget for lobbying by Mike Cusano and Joe Koetting.
  - Wayne proposes \$1/person from the \$2/ person rebate from Youth to go to Conservation: Committee agrees on this allocation.
  - Information on the **56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation Education Workshop.**
- Joe Koetting moves workshop be promoted to the membership and the Federation pay the \$350 fee for the member attending. Seconded by Burnie Haney. Motion carried.**

**Budget: Pam Bliss**

- Explanation of \$20 membership fee: \$5 to general fund; \$1 to Membership committee; \$2.50 to Divisional Team; \$7 to Fishlines; \$2.50 to Conservation; \$2 to Marketing
- Discussion of Divisional Team expenses as there will be a loss for 2005
- **Proposal by the committee: Each state team member must sell 10 boat raffle tickets to get the \$200 expense amount. Committee agreed.**

Minutes should include attachment letter from Wayne regarding:

- Boat company programs
- Lowrance price checking indiscriminately between Federation and BassPro

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Good**