



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2015
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 1:34 pm

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fred Blom – President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Membership Director – Paul Hudson
Webmaster – Ted Barth
Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell
Tournament Director – Bill Kays
Sergeant At Arms – Brian Eisch

CLUB ROLL CALL: Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger
Barge Canal Bassmasters – Bill Terry
Capital District Bassmasters – Bill Davis
Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Joe Horton
Erie County Bassmasters – David Young
Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Tom Church
Northern NY Bassmasters II – James Moore
Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers – Em Seefeldt
Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall
Salt City Bassmasters – Tim Marvin
Southern Tier Bassmasters – Ted Barth

A sign in sheet was distributed and there were 27 members (plus officers) in attendance, representing 11 clubs.

President Fed Blom began the meeting by playing the national anthem and calling the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The minutes were accepted from the January meeting with minor alterations requested. Correction to be made regarding new Regional Team composition. It is to be ten (10) boaters, ten (10) non-boaters and one (1) alternate. It was listed incorrectly in the January minutes.
 - a. Paul Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes with the one change and Tom Church seconded.
 - b. All were in favor, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 1) Treasurer, Ken Christie, handed out the income statement and summarized the financial status. A complete financial report will be made available to anyone attending the meeting.
 - a. At the time of the meeting there was \$86,600 in the general fund.
 - b. At the time of the meeting there was \$8,700 in the scholarship fund.
 - c. At the time of the meeting there was \$3,500 in the Take A Soldier Fishing fund.
 - d. At the time of the meeting there was \$1,600 in the High School fund.
 - e. At the time of the meeting there was \$100 in the NY B.A.S.S. Nation weight record fund.
- 2) On January 17th, the audit committee held session to commence with the financial audit.

- a. The committee consisted of Ken Christie, J.J. Elmer and Terry Botting.
- b. The prior year's audit recommendations were reviewed and accessed.
- c. Everything was found to be in accordance with the by-laws.
- d. The year-end 990 tax form was filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Recommendation to invest funds in Money Market Account using M&T Bank.
 - a. Ken Christie is recommending the low risk, Franklin Income Fund, based on the NYBCF's criteria.
 - b. Average share is about \$2.00 / share. Fred explained the details about investing in the fund.
 - c. \$50K of the NYBCF's \$86K would be invested in a money market account.
 - d. This number / amount can be reduced at any time if deemed necessary.
 - e. The 4-8% interest would be deposited in the NYBCF account monthly and could realize \$2,000 annually to go toward the Youth and High School funds.
 - f. A motion to accept the recommendation and proceed with the investment was made by Mike Wall. The motion was seconded by Dave Young.
 - g. All in favor: 10 – All opposed: 1 – The motion was carried.

BUDGET REPORT:

- 1) Projected income for 2015 is \$159,000.
- 2) Approximate estimated spending in 2015 is \$163,000.
- 3) One exception to the income would be winning a boat at the upcoming Divisional.
 - a. This would add approximately \$10,000 to the income.
- 4) Only a handful (few) new sponsors are anticipated in 2015.
- 5) Biggest anticipated expense is the Divisional event. It is a bigger expense than previous years.

FUND RAISERS:

- 1) Gas Card Raffle
 - a. It was suggested that the NYBCF have two gas card raffles in 2015.
 - b. This would be in an effort to offset the Divisional Team expenses.
 - c. One to be held immediately in April and one during the summer in August.
 - d. It would be 1,000 tickets at \$5.00 a ticket.
 - e. Sales would be primarily made by Divisional team and distributed through the clubs.
 - f. Seven (7) payouts would be made from \$500 down to \$25.
 - g. Income would be estimated at \$5,000 and payouts at \$1,200.
 - h. A motion to proceed with the raffle was made by Dominic DiGirolamo and seconded by Brian Eisch.
 - i. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- 2) Take A Soldier Fishing Day – April 25, 2015
 - a. Chairpersons Mike Cusano and Burnie Haney were absent, but Fred explained the details and invited everyone to participate.
 - b. Checks were received on the spot from Rochester Bassmasters for \$250 and Sundae Ennis for \$50.
 - c. So far, 65 boats are anticipated to take part in the event.
- 3) Folds of Honor Charity Tournament – April 26, 2015
 - a. This first time event is to be held the day after TASF.
 - b. Participation is a tax deductible \$50 entry.
 - c. Participants will us MLF style catch and release scales.
 - d. The event will be co-hosted by the Corporal Kyle R. Schneider Foundation.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell, reporting.
 - a. Two printed (winter & spring) and two digital (summer & fall) issues will be produced this year.
 - b. Tom asked for any article submissions and help with any advertising sales.
- 2) Membership – Paul Hudson, reporting.
 - a. Paul reported things are running smoothly, and requested everyone send their membership applications in a timely manner.

- 3) New Membership System Going Into Effect in September.
 - a. Fred explained you will pay one (1) fixed fee for a club, which will be \$360 to B.A.S.S.
 - b. You need 12 or more members to break even.
 - c. If you have 12 or less, speak to Fred for help with the financial burden.
 - d. Clubs were reminded that BASS Nation dues AND New York BASS Nation dues are supposed to be paid in by December 31st of each year.
- 4) Youth – Jim Moore, reporting.
 - a. The New York Youth Championship was announced to take place on May 31st.
 - b. Forms are on the website and parents must sign a release form for their child to participate.
 - c. There are currently four (4) clubs planning on participating.
- 5) High School – Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. Three (3) new high school teams are forming.
 - b. There will be a generic club for any high school that can't form a whole team.
 - c. Boat captains are needed for the kid's tournaments.
 - d. Bass Pro Shops will contribute added incentives by the time the events happen.
 - e. Bass Pro Shops has shown interest in sponsoring the state championship.
- 6) Website – Ted Barth, reporting.
 - a. Ted says everything is working and up-to-date.
 - b. Ted asked that any clubs that have contact changes email him with the updates.
- 7) Facebook – Tom Presnell, reporting.
 - a. Tom says there are now nearly 500 members of the group.
 - b. Tom asked that any potential group member ask to join under their real name.
- 8) Scholarships – Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. The new scholarship chairperson will be Fred Chilluffo.
 - b. There will be a small change in the scholarship rules pertaining to scholarship amounts.
 - c. Amounts cannot exceed \$500 and total number of awards cannot exceed more than 20% of the scholarship account balance.
 - d. A new committee will be appointed by the president in the coming weeks, in which the High School Director will become a member.
 - e. A donation will be offered by Bass Pro Shops in 2015.
 - f. A motion to accept the scholarship rules changes regarding the scholarship amounts was made by Jim Moore. The motion was seconded by Joe Horton.
 - g. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- 9) Tournaments – Bill Kays, reporting.
 - a. Bill said that a few minor rules and guidelines will be adjusted in 2015.
 - b. Boat control during the CTC will be 50/50, and that includes travel time.
 - c. Non-boater will be entitled to half the day on the trolling motor if they request it.
 - d. Dropouts after the actual tournament draw will be filled by an observer, if available.
 - e. New guidelines for such contingencies will be outlined in the updated tournament rules.
- 10) Conservation – Barb Elliott, absent. Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. Clean, Drain and Dry has become law.
 - b. Boaters will be responsible for the guidelines pertaining to their boat.
 - c. Clean all debris; drain all livewells, bilge and lower units before you leave the ramp.
 - d. If you leave the ramp with salad on your trailer, you will be ticketed.
 - e. It is suggested that clubs rake the ramp of vegetation before launching and loading their boats.
 - f. Water Chestnut pulls are scheduled with Finger Lakes PRISM at Rochester and Oneida.
 - g. Ramp Monkeys are contracted with the Elite Series and Opens in 2015 using Jr. Clubs and Boy Scouts.
 - h. There will be a catch and release meeting in Watertown on March 31st regarding Region 6.
- 11) Open Directorships – Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. Fred expressed the urgent need for a Public Relations Director and Marketing Director.
 - b. Both positions are being performed by Fred and he needs people to step up and help in these areas.

REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION:

- 1) Fred unveiled the new regional team qualification process for 2016.
- 2) A map was shown of our region and it is from Canada to Florida.

- 3) There will be 380 anglers fishing for spots at Nationals in September.
- 4) Regional Team will consist of ten (10) Boaters and ten (10) Non-Boaters and one (1) alternate.
- 5) We are required to field all entries through a Pro-Am format.
- 6) Angler of the year standings will be used to place members on the team from points tournaments.
- 7) Club Team Championship Regional Team qualifiers must take boaters from boater entries and non-boaters from non-boater entries.
- 8) Em Seefeldt expressed the desire to do away with the shared boat format during the CTC. He made a motion to change this format to a non-shared boat format. Paul Pflieger seconded.
- 9) All in favor: 3 – All opposed: 10 – The motion was denied.
- 10) A motion was made by Mike Wall to approve the format as written. Butch Kritsberg seconded.
- 11) All in favor: 13 – All opposed: 2 – The motion was carried.

NEW YORK B.A.S.S. NATION APPAREL:

- 1) Jimmy Patrick of Rochester Bassmasters works for Big City Sportswear and has contracted to sell authorized NY Nation apparel.
- 2) A special portal will be offered on the Big City website from April 1st through 25th and again from June 1st through 21st.
- 3) He brought and displayed samples of the apparel before and after the meeting.

ELECTION COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS:

- 1) All current officers have nominated themselves for two (2) more years except Vice President.
- 2) Paul Hudson has volunteered to be Election Committee Chairperson.

FUND RAISERS:

- 1) Lake Erie Open Tournament
 - a. Lake Erie “Major League Fishing” style tournament on May 17th was proposed by Fred.
 - b. Team tournament with random partner drawings on tournament day.
 - c. Entry would be \$125 per team. Cutoff is May 7th.
 - d. Five fish limit to be weighed on NY B.A.S.S. Nation MLF scales.
 - e. Order of finish will be determined by best five (5) fish weight per team. No lunker.
 - f. Launch site was indicated as Small Boat Marina.
 - g. A motion was made by Brian Eisch to proceed with the tournament fundraiser. Ted Barth seconded.
 - h. All were in favor and the motion was carried.
- 2) A 50/50 raffle was held at the end of the meeting. \$87 was made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hudson, with Dominic DiGirolamo seconding. All were in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.