



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

TIME: Meeting called to order at 10:27 am

ATTENDEES: Committee members in attendance:
Fred Blom – President
Chuck Rowlee – Previous President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The minutes were accepted from the January meeting. No alterations were requested.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

BUDGET:

- 1) 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 a clean audit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Money Market Account to be opened using M&T Bank.
 - a. Ken Christie is recommending one of the portfolio options, based on the NYBCF's criteria.
 - b. Fee options were discussed.
 - c. Average share is about \$2.00 / share.
 - d. \$50K of the NYBCF's \$86K would be invested in a money market account.
 - e. This number / amount can be reduced at any time if deemed necessary.
 - f. The interest would be deposited in the NYBCF account monthly and could realize \$2,000 annually.
 - g. A final vote to commence will be actionable at the Board Meeting.
- 2) 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 and one during the summer.
 - 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.
- 3) Skeeter Boat Sale
 - a. Last year's winning Divisional Team won a Skeeter boat certificate. The terms of the certificate required its sale only to a Divisional Team member or a Skeeter Dealer. No member wanted to purchase the certificate.
 - b. A sale was negotiated with Towne Marine, a Skeeter dealership, with half the proceeds divided among the Divisional Team and half to NY B.A.S.S. Nation.

- 4) Sponsored Products Update
 - a. There are two (2) MotorGuide products left for sale to members.
 - b. There is one (1) Minn Kota product left for sale to members.
 - c. There are three (3) cases of Mercury oil left for sale to members.
 - d. Discount priced Minn Kota and Humminbird units (6 each) are available to members.
- 5) Budget for 2015
 - a. A detailed budget was presented by Fred Blom.
 - b. Members / clubs may request an electronic file for their records, if desired.
- 6) Take A Soldier Fishing Day
 - a. It is anticipated that 125 soldiers would attend this year.
 - b. Mike Cusano and Burnie Haney will be the chairpersons of the event in 2015.
 - c. Additional donations of money and prizes are continuing to come in.
- 7) Potential Fund Raiser Idea
 - 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.
 - 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. This idea will be a voted on at Board meeting.
- 8) Regional Team Make-up for 2016
 - a. New York's new region spans from Florida to Canada.
 - b. Regional Team will consist of ten (10) Boaters and ten (10) Non-Boaters and one (1) alternate.
 - c. We are required to field all entries through a Pro-Am format.
 - d. Angler of the year standings will be used to place members on the team from points tournaments.
 - e. Club Team Championship Regional Team qualifiers must take boaters from boater entries and non-boaters from non-boater entries.
- 9) Tournament Rules Modifications
 - a. Bill Kays will be making minor rule modifications, mostly to define and clarify.
- 10) Divisional for 2015
 - a. The 2015 Divisional will be held in Hartford Connecticut.
 - b. The 2015 Nationals will be held in Monroe Louisiana.
- 11) Youth and High School
 - a. The championships will be held in Kentucky the last full week of July.
 - b. There will be a joint venture between the NY B.A.S.S. Nation and the Boy Scouts set up from Ithaca to Massena.
 - c. The Corning High School club are paid up and registered.
 - d. West Irondequoit is set up.
 - e. McQuaid High School will be set up.
 - f. Bass Pro Shops has plans to set up more incentives for Youth and High School programs.
- 12) Conservation Update
 - a. Water Chestnut pulls are scheduled with PRISM at Rochester and Oneida.
 - b. Ramp Monkeys will be at the Elite Series and Opens in 2015 using Jr. Clubs and Boy Scouts.
 - c. Clean, Drain and Dry law will be implemented in 2015.
 - d. A suggestion was made to have large garbage cans available at NYBCF events in 2015.
 - e. The pontoon boat will not be allowed to be used as a classroom. It must have a licensed boat captain and insurance in order to implement that idea.
 - f. Barb Elliott will be asked to bring more fizz kits to events this year.
- 13) Scholarship Amendments
 - a. Scholarship amounts need to be listed in by-laws.
 - b. Amounts cannot exceed \$500 and total number of awards cannot exceed more than 20% of the scholarship account balance.
 - c. A new committee will be appointed by the president in the coming weeks.

No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.