

NEW YORK BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD, April 22, 2007, Gander Mountain, Cicero, NY

President/Treasurer Pam Bliss called the Executive Board to order at 11:00a.m. Officers present were Vice President Ted Barth and Secretary Susan Good. Also present were Tournament Director Stephanie Miura, Youth Director Mickey Fortunato, Conservation Director Mike Cusano, and Fishlines Executive Editor Tim Presnell.

Club Roll Call: After Breakfast Bass Anglers, Albany Area B/M, Good Ole Boys B/M, Lackawanna County B/M, Northern NY B/M, Oak Orchard B/M, Orange County B/M, Salt City B/M, Southern Tier B/M, Team B/M, and Constantia Cove B/M.

President Bliss opened nominations for officers. Current nominations are:

President- Mike Cusano

Vice President- OPEN as Ted Barth has declined

Treasurer- Pat Ryan

Secretary-OPEN

There were no nominations from the floor. A pleas for nominations will be in Fishlines.

Committee Updates:

Treasurer- Pam discussed 2006 Budget Report and the 2007 Budget Proposal

- Boat auction money goes into 2007. Auction closes April 28th. We have an acceptable bid. Encourage others.
- 2007 Proposal: Reduce Conservations to \$2/member due to non-participation in Black Bass Workshop; Raise Fishlines to \$10/member
- Pat Ryan is still looking for Marketing interns.
- **Clubs who have not joined NY Fed but are claiming affiliation will be contacted to join. Please note: All club members must pay National dues AND at least 6 members including your president must pay NY Fed dues to be considered a club in good standing. This is what gives you the tournament insurance coverage!!**
- **Mike Cusano moved to accept 2007 Budget Proposal. Em Seefeldt seconded. Carried.**
- NY Fed taxes will be filed next week (Due date is May 15th).
- Executive Committee has appointed Pat Ryan as Treasurer pending his acceptance.

Web- Ted had nothing new to report.

Youth/Scholarship- Mickey reported that 7 clubs held Casting Kids events. Northern NYB/M had over 400 kids over 3 days with 7 events resulting in 14 finalists. Mickey recommends they apply for BASS award. See Fishlines for their article. **Mail copies of paperwork to Mickey.**

- Sept. 15, 2007- Casting Kids State Finals at BassPro in Auburn, NY
- July 8, 2007- CTE
- July 22, 2007- Junior Qualifier at Oneida Shores. **Need boaters!**
- August 19, 2007- Junior Partners at Brewerton Boatyard (Oneida). **Need boaters!**
- Youth are selling \$1 raffle tickets for the Majors.

Conservation- Mike read a statement from Outdoor Life- " NY is known for trout, salmon , and smallmouth bass."

- Think about attending local DEC meetings
- VHS- Check on-line for new DEC regulations with recommendations amended. Comment period ends April 22nd.
- State and Federal border regulations are not in agreement. Federal supercedes State. Though generally not enforced, **do not count on that!**
- Contact Mike with any issues or suggestions as well as your DEC
- Pam informed that BASS has sent a \$1000 Conservation Grant for Habitat Advancement (not allowable for fish care). Notify Mike is your club has plans for a project.

Fishlines- Exec. Editor is Tim Presnell, Managing Editor is John Siejak, Publicity is Kerry Rice.

- Pam congratulated Kerry Rice for the 2006 Annual. **Well done, Kerry!!**
- Tom aims to bring local and state info to a new level, to be self-supporting with advertising, and to welcome suggestions. **Keep an ear out for interesting stories at tournaments and write them up!**

- Future issue due dates will be forthcoming.
- Plans to increase publication supplies to all affiliated NY members of BASS
- Possible postcard campaign to increase awareness of NY Fed.

Marketing- OPEN position: to sell advertisement for Fishlines and take care of invoicing paperwork for such.

Membership- OPEN position: to enable new members with contact information

Tournament- Stephanie reports 574 members.

- Has concern regarding State and Fed. regulations on shared waters: What licenses will be needed for Champlain and Niagara River?
- Promoting on-line registration through Fishlines. Fed is paying the on-line fee this year.
- Pam reports data base should be ready by end of April. Membership form and Tournament form will need to be changed.
- Recommendations:
 1. Membership registration should be a separate job.
 2. Club reps should send membership paperwork and payments, not individuals, except in the case on NONE club members.
 3. Set a paperwork/payment due date.
 4. Promote March meeting as Membership meeting for club reps to receive receipts, cards, patches, etc..

Old Business

1. Discussion of multiple teams to CTC. **Em Seefeldt moved to keep CTC teaming as is. Seconded by Mike Cusano. One opposed. Carried.**
2. Discussion of change in payout at points tournaments to 1 for every 8. **Mike Cusano moved to change payout to 1 for every 8 for points tournaments. Seconded by Em Seefeldt. One in favor. Not carried.**
3. Discussion of changing 2 slots from CTC for State Team. No action taken to change.
4. Discussion of funding State Team from CTC. **Mike Cusano moved that CTC entry fee and luncheon fee be combined for a total of \$360. Seconded by Scott Bliss. Carried.**
Mike Cusano moved that CTC luncheon fee be adjusted to \$5/man total for the 2 days, \$5/man funding the State Team, and any remaining money go into the 6-place payout. Seconded by John Viele. Carried.
5. Discussion of benefits to partnership with ABA. No suggestions from the floor.

New Business

1. E-mail received from U of Oregon Bass team member who needs housing and on water help June 18-29 during college tournament on Oneida. Mike Cusano will put info on Salt City website. Pam will contact student for permission to put info on NY Fed website.
2. Pam updated on BCWC and handed out registration forms to clubs present. 8 teams are confirmed, 2 more teams are guaranteed, 4 more teams are possible.
3. National meeting will be last week in July. Need a rep there is Pam cannot attend.
4. Survey results- 125 responses. **See results on Web and in Fishlines. Discuss with your club. Bring ideas to December meeting in preparation for voting in January.**
Pam recommends the Board address 1 or 2 items.
5. Pam proposes a 2007 Participation Award in the form of a prize through a random draw from the names of all who fished all 4 points tournament for the season, except for members of the State Team. Suggested prizes are: 1st prize, \$2000; 2nd prize, MinnKota trolling motor; 3rd prize, Lowrance electronics. **Mike Cusano moved that 3 Participation Awards for prizes previously noted be drawn at the January banquet where the winners must be present. Seconded by Mickey Fortunato. One opposed. Carried.**
6. BASS need volunteers for Elite Series events on Erie and Champlain. Pam will help with contact if members are interested.
7. Mike Cusano questions how to increase participation at meetings. Suggestions included enforcing the by-laws, changing format to regional meeting with directors meeting through conference calls or meetings, and money incentives to club reps. **Need to publicize the benefits of being a member.**
8. Mike Ellrott asked clarification: Are there limitations on how to fill slots for 6-man team that qualifies for the

BCWC? No, it's the club's decision.

9. Possible fall program with Lowrance Education if sponsors can be lined up.

10. Proposed to pay flat fee to the Fishlines Editor as follows: \$400/ regular issue, \$600/ annual with Exec. Editor and Managing Editor to split 75-25.

Moved to adjourn. Seconded. Carried

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Good

Secretary