

NEW YORK BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

December 2, 2007

Gander Mt. Lodge, Cicero, NY

The Executive Board was called to order by President Pam Bliss at 11 a.m. Officers present were President/Treasurer Pam Bliss, Vice President Ted Barth, and Secretary Susan Good. Also present were Youth Director Mickey Fortunato, Products Coordinator Dominic Maio, and Fishlines Editor Tom Presnell. President Bliss welcomed all those present.

Club Roll Call: After Breakfast Bass Anglers, Albany Area B/M, Constanica Cove B/M, Crown City B/M, Good Ole Boys B/M, Morris County B/M, NNYBII, Orange County B/M, Port City B/M, Rip Van Winkle B/M, Rochester B/M, Salt City B/M, Southern Tier B/M, Team Bassmasters, Watershed B/M.

Agenda:

1. Open Nominations: According to by-laws, any member may self-nominate by sending 100 signatures to Susan Good by 12/11/07 at which time nominations close.

President: Mike Cusano

Vice President: Paul Tomeo

Treasurer: Tim Morrison

Secretary: Ed Flick

2. Award nominations for banquet presentation must be sent to Pam Bliss by 12/21/07. Salt City B/M has submitted a packet for consideration as Club of the Year. A list of standard awards for nominations will be posted on the web. Any nominations along with any other recognitions that a member feels should be considered should be sent to Pam Bliss.

3. Mike Cusano moved to accept the April 2007 minutes. Seconded. Carried

4. Info from National:

- a. Congratulations to Chris Loftus and Matt Sphar for moving on to the Classic. Chris states this is a testament to the NY Federation trail. He's had a great response from his home crowd. Joe Matt has volunteered to pre-fish with him in the time period allowed by BASS.

- b. Sponsor Review:

- 1) Evans Williams- \$250 in product
- 2) Purolator/Bosch- box top program- Pam proposes the Youth Fed. pursue.
- 3) Ramada- 10% discount to members booking through the 800 number or using www.ramada.com/BASS, worldwide program
- 4) Longhorn Tobacco- program to be announced
- 5) Alliance Package- Triton/Mercury/Lowrance/MotorGuide package to be signed by 12/15/07. Includes: state cash incentive program for purchase of Alliance rig, state fed. may purchase 1 pkg. @ 50% off MSRP but must sell for \$5000 more than paid, \$2500 of product at 50% off dealer cost, \$500 scholarship to top Youth **in Alliance state**, in bonus programs- must have Triton boat for Divisional, National, or Classic
- 6) Skeeter- package to be announced but promises made that it would be no less than last year (Remember the free boat)

Discussion followed as to whether or not to sign with Alliance or wait for Skeeter program. Since this was not a voting event (President has the say.), a show of hands was asked for from those who would be in favor of waiting to see what the Skeeter deal entails. A second show of hands was called for from those who would be in favor of waiting until after the Alliance signing date for the Skeeter deal.

- 7) Lowrance- discounts on product to Fed. members and State team members- yearly purchase limits: 2 boat units, 1 handheld, 1 car unit. **Do not use member prices to negotiate with other dealers. This will cause the program to be withdrawn.**

With the Elite Marketing Program, NY received \$1500 check and \$1200 in product.

- c. 2008 BASS Fed. Nat. Champ.- Milford Lake, Kansas, Nov. 3-8
- d. 2008 East. Div.- Lake Winnepesaukee, Sept.14-19

- e. 2009 East. Div.- Lake Simcoe, Orilla, Ontario, July 26-31
 - f. 2014- NY to host East. Div.
 - g. BASS proposed format change for Divsionals. Fed. Presidents recommended no change.
 - h. 14th State Team member (2nd Alt.) must be President or designee who was there primarily to attend meetings (cannot use Fed. tournament results).
 - i. BASS World Club Champ. will be full team event, polygraphs will be given, July 15-18, 2008, location unknown
 - j. BASS on-line roster system is updated for credit card w/receipts. **Clubs must be updated/registered by January 1, 2008 to be covered by BASS insurance.**
 - k. NY 3 early-ins for Elite Series have been filled.
 - l. Toyota/Triton Membership Drive will be reinstated (if sponsorship is confirmed).
 - m. Due to costs, BASS National insurance is being changed (no longer includes Medical and ADD is only to and from BASS/Federation/Club sponsored events).
 - n. In discussion: Use of other nations water (how do we deal with waters that are inter-country).
5. Directors Reports:
- a. Youth- Mickey Fortunato
 - 1) Had 4 hour meeting with 8 Directors
 - 2) 2008 Tour:
 - a) Sat., July 5- Jr. Qual., Oneida Shores
 - b) Sun., July 6- Top 4, Onondaga Lake- winner to 2009 Classic
 - c) July 20- 6-man team, Sodus or Thousand Islands- winner chooses next year's lakes)
 - d) Aug. 31- Jr. Partner, Oneida Lake/Brewerton (sponsor)
 - 3) \$500 check to Scholarship Fund- 4 applicants to be reviewed and approved by President Bliss, invited to January banquet for acceptance. \$ amounts based on total in fund.
 - 4) **Clubs please volunteer boats for Jr. Partners Tournament. This is a fundraiser.**
 - 5) Need for Youth events to be better publicized statewide. More PR will be in Fishlines. Need contacts to BASS Times, NY Sportsman, NY Outdoor News, NY Fish & Game. Pam will get newspaper contact from the Federation database to Tom Presnell.
 - 6) BASS is lowering financial aid to Youth for travel to National/Classic (from Pam) to be more in line with prior funding.
 - 7) "Future Fishermen" has grant money available to Phys Ed. teacher in elementary – high school for fishing, boating, conservation program. Contact Anne Danielski @ 703-579-9691, Ext.259 or use www.futurefishermen.org for grant forms. **Due 1/21/08.**
 - b. Conservation- Mike Cusano
 - 1) Continue reporting and monitoring "invasives" esp. water chestnuts
 - 2) See Pg. 8 in regulations for definition of "water body"
 - 3) Follow the law, work to change with the DEC
 - 4) Grant \$ is available for habitat improvement
 - 5) Anyone can direct questions/proposals to the DEC
 - 6) Any club can get a waiver from the DEC for a tournament day.
 - c. Fishlines –Tom Presnell
 - 1) Goal : make the magazine self-sufficient
 - 2) Proposal: finder's fee for leads to purchased advertising. Send info to Tom.
 - 3) Send member/club articles ideas to Tom
 - 4) Send member/club feedback to Tom
 - 5) Membership and Tournament Entry forms will be updated
 - 6) There will be more publicity for NY successes
 - 7) Praise for John Siejak for his knowledge of our fishermen and our trail
 - 8) Issuing 630-640 mags. incl. Youth @ 1/household

- 9) Addressing late arrival of household issues: Bulk mail is delivered as each post office has available space and may take up to several weeks for delivery. 1st Class mail would be significantly more expensive.
- d. Tournaments- Pam Bliss
 - 1) July's tournament is TBA
 - 2) See Fishlines and website for tournament info.
- e. Treasurer- Pam Bliss
 - 1) \$82,000 available cash
 - 2) Youth in good shape
 - 3) \$10,500 in scholarship
 - 4) Banquet expenses yet to be paid/ January 2008
 - 5) Detailed report and taxes will be done before new treasurer takes office.

Old Business

1. Survey Review- Top 7 items: tournament location, camaraderie, leaning, service at tournament, payout, making State team, shared time on boat; 82% **YES** to boater guarantee process; Averages: 21 tournaments fished, 10 years in NYFed
2. **Discussion of proposals for discussion and voting in January. Please discuss the following with your club members and come to the January meeting with a Yes/No recommendation from your club:**
 - a. Pro-Am trail with 2 separate payouts
 - b. Increase Boater fee, maintain Non-boater fee
 - c. Leave CTC as is
 - d. Ratio for State Team: 7 Boater/3 Non-boater or 8/Boater/2 Non-boater. Two spot would continue to come from the CTC.
 - e. Guaranteed tournament entry when Boater brings Non-boater
 - f. Regionalization due to costs and competition of other trails, for 2009 or beyond

These 6 were proposed by Ted Barth. Further discussion included:

- g. Keep or remove off limits
- h. Change # of events in the trail
- i. Change % of fees paid out
- j. Send boaters alone when not enough non-boaters
- k. Should tournament locations be challenging or sites where everyone catches limit?

New Business

There was none!

Motion to adjourn by Mike Cusano. Seconded by Mike Ellrott. Carried.

Adjourned 2:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Good

Secretary