

**NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Board Meeting
December 5, 2009
BASS PRO SHOPS in Auburn, NY**

The Executive Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Cusano at 11:05 AM.

Attendance: Officers present; President- Mike Cusano, Treasurer- Tim Morrison, Secretary- Ed Flick Also present were Tournament Director- Jeff Edgerton, Fishlines Editor/ Public Relations/ Marketing- Tom Presnell, Conservation Director- Burnie Haney, Sponsored Products Coordinator- Dom Maio

Club Roll Call: After Breakfast Bass Anglers, Albany Area B/M, Barge Canal B/M, Constantia Cove B/M, Good Ole Boys Bass Club, Morris Co. B/M, Northern NY Bassmasters II, Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers, Rochester B/M, Salt City B/M, Southern Tier B/M, State Wide B/M, and Westchester Rod and Reel.

A total of 27 people were present representing 13 clubs.

Old business:

1. The old minutes from February 2009 were discussed and approved. Ron Williamson motioned and seconded by Greg Pavlic

2. Nomination Committee- Ron Williamson was present, there were no nominations brought forward. The floor was opened for nominations and they are as follows:

President- Mike Cusano (Accepted) Motion- Ron Williamson
Seconded- Bernie Haney

Vice President- Burnie Haney (Declined) No further nominations

Secretary- Ed Flick (Accepted) Motion- Ron Williamson
Seconded- Bernie Haney

Treasurer- Kathy Bonnano-Fortunato (Accepted) Motion- Mickey Fortunato
Seconded- Tom Presnell

Because all positions are unopposed - Ed Flick (Secretary) cast one vote for all nominations. Executive Committee will be looking for individual to fill Vice-President position.

Mike informed the board that this was going to be his final term as president and that he would be stepping down as he has several other projects and initiatives with groups

outside the Federation that he wants to accomplish and would not have the time to complete both simultaneously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tim Morrison reviewed the Report for the period Jan 1, 2009 thru Oct 31, 2009

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike review the 2009 Divisional Team, reminded membership that BASS national level Federation dues will be increasing \$10 bringing them to \$30. Mike noted that state level NYBCF dues would NOT be increasing. Mike reviewed the 2009 tournament trail and viewed it as extremely successful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Tom Presnell – FISHLINES and Marketing** He discussed the upcoming issues and noted that Fishlines Magazine with advertising and membership contribution operated in the black. His overall goal is to make FISHLINES total self supporting.
- **Burnie Haney – Conservation – Public Relations** – Burnie reminded all clubs that any award program nominations are due to him by 12/15/09. Pat Grady discussed the Chestnut Pull that Salt City Bass Masters coordinated with other CNY Clubs this summer. 51 volunteers participated. Burnie reviewed conservation updates (see power point agenda for all specifics); additional Burnie discussed the angling regulation process and asked clubs and members to learn the process for implementing change and who the key participants are. He also reiterated that the NYBCF has their own Regional Representatives (again power point has this information) and asked that the clubs review this information. Some regions are still without reps – so anyone interested in getting involved should contact him. Lastly, Burnie asked that all clubs consider taking on some various club projects and he in his presentation offered suggestions on how that would work.

Take a Soldier Fishing Event (Burnie and Salt City Bassmasters will be looking for volunteer boaters, sponsors, product, etc... in 2010 -

When: April 24, 2010

Where: Oneida Lake out of Oneida Shores

Time: 4 hours (exact time TBD)

Fish for: Crappie, Perch, Rock Bass, Drum, Blue Gill, Carp or whatever else is in season

Artificial lures, live bait, and prepared baits allowed

Mickey Fortunato – Youth – Released the Junior Schedule. For 2010 the Jr. Tournaments will start at 7:30 so as not to interfere with other Tournament Trails utilizing the same launches.

Dates:

July 31, 2010 JWC Ononadaga Lake

August 1, 2010 Jr Partners Oneida Lake

August 28, 2010 6-Man Teams Ononadaga Lake

Mickey also noted that there will be some changes regarding boat pairings for 2010. The participants at the NYBCF 's JWC will have to sign up and list their boater at time of sign up. They will be bringing their own boaters. This will not be a draw tournament.

- **Ted Barth – Web-** Nothing to report
- **Dom Maio – Sponsored Products-** Nothing to report
- **Jeff Edgerton – Tournaments -**

Jeff has been working extremely hard to find locations that have funding and fit other criteria. It has been tight this year.

Announcement of the dates-

June 20, 2010 Lake Champlain @ Ticonderoga

July 18, 2010 1000 Islands (Clayton) @ French Creek Marina

September 12, 2010 TBD

CTC August 22 and 23, 2010 TBD

We now have 876 state level members and 46 Clubs in the NY BASS Chapter Federation – and still have over 1,200 New York B.A.S.S. Federation Nation members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike discussed the potential sponsors programs available to date: Mike also brought up that it extremely important for all members to register their product after purchase (new or used) – many of the programs will need to verify ownership and by registering up front it saves time and hassles. So get your boat, motor, electronics, trolling motor, and tow vehicles registered with your appropriate companies.

Because of our event size, our anglers should be eligible for many different sponsor contingency programs – anglers should check their manufacturers programs and work with the manufacturer to get the NYBCF events eligible.

All clubs were asked to bring back to their membership that there are potential big dollar savings for those members that belong to the state level Federation. These product savings could be in the hundreds of dollars (depending on product purchased). BUT these savings are only going to be made available to 2010 New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation members.

MinnKota

Humminbird

Mercury and Motorguide products (props, trolling motor, oil)

It was noted that only NY BASS Federation members are allowed to take advantage of the discounts offered to the Federation. These programs are not to be discussed outside of the Federation membership OR with retailers. Members violating this standard could be removed from the Federation.

SKEETER BOATS – presented at the FNC – will be offering special warranty/rebates to all Federation Nation members (program is not on website as of yesterday)

RAPSODY RODS – we partnered with Rapsody Rods last season – they provided the

NYBCF numerous rods for our raffles and offer our NYBCF members additional discounts (price and shipping); we are hoping to continue with them for 2010 and beyond. If you are using their product, and you like it please promote it!!

Toyota Bonus Bucks – will benefit Toyota drivers (and state) at Divisional level +

Berkley (Pure Fishing) is expected to release a Federation Member discount program – details will be provided as soon they are finalized

BASSMASTER CLASSIC – B.A.S.S. is not going to be holding formal meetings for Presidents, Youth, or Conservation (FNC); NYBCF will send marketing and Fishlines editor – Tom Presnell to Classic to try to drum up additional support.

Mike led a discussion on the Divisional team and the financial implications; costs are substantial with very little opportunity to win any payout (only first place pays – boat package); Alliance package will be providing anglers with one shirt. Requirement is that shirt is worn all competition days (no exceptions). Due to costs rather than impact room, gas, and other stipends, the NYBCF will be reducing some of the clothing charges. The adult team members will be allotted a \$100 clothing allowance that they can use towards the purchase of another Alliance Shirt; a team jacket; and/or a team shirt. We are going to try to offer a few different options for jacket and shirt.

Again for 2010 divisional team – we will be keeping all other stipends and coverage – the same but this issue will need to be re-addressed annually.

2010 – NYBCF Tournament Trail Promotion Program

Based on what is happening with some other NY tournament trails, this program is being rolled out for 2010 only to offer even more incentive for grass roots tournament anglers to come on out and fish our Federation Events

1 –Participation Prize drawing for anglers that fish all 3 points events in 2010 and don't qualify for divisional team - \$3,000

CLUB REPS TO BRING BACK CHOICE A,B,or C after discussion

- a. \$1,000 and \$500 (first drawn b/nb; second drawn b/nb)
 - b. Six \$500 payouts (3 boater; 3 non-boater)
 - c. Ten \$300 payouts (5 boater; 5 non-boater)
- 2 – Offer 100% payback of all entry fees collected for 2010
- 3 – Super Bonus Guaranteed First Prize Payout at all points events for 2010 only
- a. \$2,500 First Place Boater
 - b. \$1,500 First Place Non-Boater

2009 Awards Banquet –

WHEN: January 30, 2010

WHERE: Springside Inn – 6141 West Lake Road, Auburn, NY

Cost: \$25/person –

DEADLINE DATES: Checks must be postmarked by Monday Jan. 18, 2010 - please send check payable to the NYBCF

NYBCF secretary Ed Flick, 8619 Avery Road Baldwinsville, NY 13207

Include all guest's names and a phone number you can be reached

If you have additional questions please email Ed at secretary@nybassfed.com

Auction Items: MinnKota, Humminbird, Motorguide, Mercury Props Lowrance, and much more...

Bill Terry questioned the fact that some boaters do not provide rear seats for the non-boater. Jeff said that he would address this issue in the pre-tournament briefings.

Don Mizner discussed a promotion that would be offered to the NY BASS Federation Members. More info to follow. He also discussed the potential of shooting a video promoting the Federation's Conservation and Youth efforts.

The 2009 participation prizes were drawn and are as follows:

Boaters:	Non-Boaters
\$1000 - Cory Palmer	R.C. Bobbitt
\$500 - Ron Williamson	Mike Gee

(next meeting January 30th – Banquet we will be discussing information from the Federation Nation Championship including thoughts on divisional off limits)

- Want to discuss some ideas for a Membership Participation Prize – for those members who do not fish Federation trail
- Public's views of tournament angling

The proposal to adjourn was made by Mickey Fortunato and seconded by Ted Barth. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Flick
Secretary