

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Dec 3, 2010

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Lori Haney, Secretary  
Kathy Bonano-Fortunato, Treasurer  
Pam Bliss, Past President  
Chris Flint, Vice-President Elect  
Burnie Haney, Conservation Director  
Mickey Fortunato, Youth  
Scott Bliss, member  
Jeff Edgerton, Tournaments

Absent: Mike Cusano, President

Burnie Haney announced that Mike Cusano was unable to attend due to a family medical emergency and has asked him to preside as there was no Vice President in place. Items 1-5 below were presented on Mike's behalf:

1) First order of business was to consider the appointment of Chris Flint, NNYBMII, as Vice President. Chris has volunteered to serve the remainder of the current election term. Chris was asked to give a little information about himself. Chris stated he was a police officer for the Village of Canton, member of the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force and is a member of the federation Divisional Team for 2010 and 2011. Based on the rumors he heard prior to the meeting that officers in the organization seem to experience a downward spiral in their fishing success, he is a little apprehensive but willing to give it a try. EC unanimously voted to accept the appointment.

2) Funding attendance of Tom Presnell, Marketing, at the Bassmaster Classic.  
Discussion: No opposition to the Federation funding the trip, pending a proposal from Tom as to when he would attend and breakdown of costs. When Tom provides the researched proposal, the EC can then approve by email.

3) Through the Marketing Chair, the Federation was given one ticket for Bassmaster University, Boston, MA in Jan. Tom has suggested a random draw to be held at Saturday's general meeting, asking that only those individuals who can attend participate. EC concurs.

4) Annual Banquet: Banquet will be at 6:00 p.m. on Sat, Jan 29, 2011 at the Point at Sand Beach (same location as last year.) Jerry McKinnis has accepted the invitation to speak. Proposed ticket cost \$25. Recommending again that officers and chairpersons be invited guests of the Federation. EC concurs. Banquet details will be announced to members present at meeting on Saturday, with a follow up on message board.

5) Awards: Burnie has received three club self-nominations for Conservation Award. A point system will be used, as in past, to determine award. Clubs will be solicited for other award nominations. We will put out a partial list at general meeting tomorrow, with a complete list to follow on message board. No one present has a complete list of Federation Awards, Secretary will check with Ed Flick to see if he has list on file. List that comes to mind: Sportsmanship, National Sponsor, State Sponsor, Youth, Conservation (Club or Individual), Chairperson of Yr, Club of Yr, Rosemary Murphy. Plaques can be produced up to about two weeks prior to banquet. Dominick Maio was nominated for the Rosemary Murphy Award. Discussion was that any nominations would be considered by EC over email, not in public forum.

6) Treasurer's Report: Kathy did not have a formal report as she is still transitioning. She will make an oral report on Sat, with a formal report provided at Jan meeting. Total funds are \$114,065. It has been suggested to her that the Federation consider moving a portion of the funds into an account which will generate more interest. EC agreed that this is advisable, as long as we could stay with same bank. Treasurer will provide a recommendation on the amount to be moved and interest account options at Jan meeting.

7) Tournament Committee: Jeff announced that this will be his last season as Tournament Chair. He will announce this to clubs on Sat and ask if there is anyone interested in taking over. He would like to have someone shadow/ work with him through this season, to give them some experience. Location of tournaments (Jun-Ticonderoga, Jul-Massena, Oct-Cayuga Lake) announced. Location of CTE is pending; Jeff will have more information at Jan meeting. Discussion on possibility of widening the trail to central/western lakes, and Jeff has also received queries about going to 4 tournaments from 3. He will broach these topics at the Jan meeting. Membership: BASS has completed the hq move, dues can start flowing anytime. We have 864 members, 54 clubs.

8) Youth: Jr tournament dates have been established, 30 Jul is Qualifier, 31 Jul is Partner tournament, will be put out to all on Sat. Currently have three clubs (GOB, So.Tier, Hudson Valley). A fourth, Constantia Cove will develop as basically a "Club None" for the youth.

9) Burnie reviewed the agenda for Sat, asked for any additions/changes. There were none. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.