



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2015
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

ATTENDEES: Committee members in attendance
Fred Blom – President
Greg Pavlic – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Past President

Also in attendance
Paul Hudson – Membership Director
Barb Elliott – Conservation Director
Richard Mattison
Dave Repman

*It should be noted that the BPS projector was not working for large screen display of the president's presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The old minutes and new agenda were distributed. A motion to accept the Executive Committee minutes from 3/21/15 was made and accepted by all in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 1) The cash on hand as of November 30, 2015 report was distributed.
 - a. Treasurer, Ken Christie reported \$68,953.00 as the main account balance.
 - b. The organization showed a -\$14,000 decline compared to last year.
- 2) Income from raffles did not generate projected profits.
 - a. Minus \$10,000 deficit was reported as a result. Other contributors were lower sponsor contributions.
- 3) A list of B.A.S.S. National sponsors was shown. Not all benefits will trickle down to the B.A.S.S. Nation level.
- 4) A potential income generating plan was openly discussed (particularly what does and doesn't work).
 - a. Raffles have proven to be non-effective at gaining income.
 - b. The tournament site community support has been there, but only covers the expenses incurred.
 - c. The TAB was consulted and a possible increase in the tournament entry fees was discussed.
 - (a) The boater fee would be raised to \$150 and non-boater to \$90.
 - d. Adding an additional "last chance" qualification tournament was discussed.
 - (a) The NYBCF takes half the entry fees to raise funds. 50/50 split between income and payouts.
 - (b) NYBCF would take an additional 10-15% if entries exceed 40 boats.
 - (c) This would NOT be a points tournament. Entry fees would be the same.
 - (d) It would qualify one boater and one non-boater for the Regional Team.
 - (e) Entrants must have fished at least 2 of the 3 points events to qualify.
 - (f) Participants MUST have been a member by August 31st of that year.
 - e. NYBCF by-laws do not say anything about changing entry fees or number of tournaments.
 - f. A motion to proceed with the two additional income raising changes was made by Ken Christie, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Greg Pavlic, Vice President. All in favor – carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Sponsored Products were gone over.
 - a. As of December, no sponsored products from Humminbird or Minn Kota have been allocated to the NYBCF. No contracts were offered. This used to generate \$2,500 of income.
 - b. Minn Kota and Humminbird do not always offer any programs to all states.
- 2) A Membership Drive will be undertaken, as per a B.A.S.S. Nation initiative.

- a. There are reportedly 15,750 members of B.A.S.S. in the state of New York.
 - b. Potential new members are approximately 14,750 persons.
 - c. New York Nation has a target goal of adding 100 new members on top of existing 990+ members.
 - d. B.A.S.S. will email an announcement/flier/brochure supplied by us to the non-Nation members.
 - e. It will highlight all the benefits of becoming a member and offer a one-time 3 year membership for \$140 for any new applicants (NONE members).
- 3) Club Rebate from B.A.S.S.
- a. Starting in 2016, B.A.S.S. will offer a rebate to clubs based on the following:
 - (a) Clubs with 12 or less members will receive no rebate.
 - (b) Clubs with 13-20 members will receive a \$3 rebate per member at the end of the year.
 - (c) Clubs with 21+ members will receive a \$5 rebate per member at the end of the year.
- 4) Conservation Update
- a. The NYBCF will apply for the \$2,000 Berkley conservation grant.
 - b. The conservation/release boat requires approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 in repairs or maintenance.
 - c. Grants will be sought out to offset the expense of the boat upkeep.
- 5) Youth and High School Update
- a. The high school involvement is growing quickly in New York.
 - b. Oneida Lake High School fishing club has officially been formed.
 - c. The number of HS clubs will most likely double in New York for 2016.
 - d. Bass Pro Shops will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the winning HS team in 2016.
 - e. National membership has increased from 2013 to 2015 from 1,600 members to 4,800.
 - f. Championships will be the first weekend in June, done with MLF style scales.
- 6) Tournament Rule Changes
- a. The CTC is proposed to be changed to a true Pro-Am format.
 - b. Individual standings will be used to determine the members of the Regional Team.
 - c. Umbrella rigs will no longer be allowed for use in tournaments.
 - d. These changes were mandated by B.A.S.S.
- 7) By-Laws
- a. No changes have been instituted in the by-laws.
 - b. The Vice President of the NYBCF has been asked to keep a copy of the by-laws (B.A.S.S.).
- 8) Scholarship
- a. Liam Blake applied for and received the NYBCF scholarship of \$500.
- 9) Regional Team
- a. The 2016 Regional Team was listed, based on the current qualifiers who could participate.
- 10) Awards Banquet
- a. The 2015 awards winners were privately selected for the upcoming awards banquet.

No further business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.