



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2015
Bass Pro Shops, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

TIME: Meeting called to order at 10:07 am

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fred Blom – President
John Stoughtenger – Vice President
Tom Presnell – Secretary
Ken Christie – Treasurer
Chuck Rowlee – Past President

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Membership Director – Paul Hudson
Youth Director – James Moore
NY High School Director – Anthony Talarico
Fishlines Editor – Tom Presnell
Tournament Data / Budget & Auditing – Ken Christie
Sergeant at Arms – Brian Eisch

CLUB ROLL CALL:

- 1) After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Ron Williamson
- 2) Albany Area Bassmasters – Paul Pflieger
- 3) Chemung Valley Bassmasters – Scott Bliss
- 4) CNY Bass Anglers – Fred Chilluffo
- 5) Good Ole Boys Bassmasters – Tom Church
- 6) Niagara Frontier Bassmasters – Ken Christie
- 7) Northern NY Bassmasters II – James Moore
- 8) Port City Bassmasters – John Stoughtenger
- 9) Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall
- 10) Salt City Bassmasters – Brian Eisch
- 11) Southern Tier Bassmasters – Dominic DiGirolamo
- 12) Watershed Bassmasters – Gary Menchen

A sign-in sheet was distributed and 24 members were in attendance representing 12 clubs.

Sergeant At Arms, Brian Eisch presented the flag and the National Anthem was played.

An announcement was made indicating that the last meeting's minutes were available on the NYBCF website for review. A motion was made by Paul Hudson to accept the December 13, 2014 minutes, seconded by Bill Baldwin.

- a. All in favor, carried.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

- 1) Bassmaster.com columnist and New York native, Don Barone spoke for approximately 10 minutes after introducing himself and would be joining the attendees at the banquet later that evening as guest speaker.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 1) A full year's treasury report was made available for 2014 to those attending the meeting.
- 2) Ken Christie reported that it was a good year and the NYBCF had a \$36,000 net income.

- 3) An audit committee has been formed and is to go over the 2014 financials.
- 4) The Divisional Team won a boat, which translated into a \$20K profit.
- 5) \$5,600 was generated from the ATV raffle.
- 6) \$2,000 was received in the form of a conservation grant.
- 7) The NYBCF is not expecting a generous monetary gain from sponsorship in 2015.
- 8) It was reported that \$86,000 exists in the general fund.
- 9) It was reported that \$9,000 exists in the scholarship fund.
- 10) It was reported that \$300 exists in the tournament record weight fund.
- 11) After a visit with M&T Bank, some changes are going to take place in 2015.
 - a. A rate for credit card processing was negotiated and accepted.
 - b. A minimum use cost was negotiated for direct deposit using a scanning system.
 - c. Both features will allow tournament money to be in the bank account prior to tournaments.
- 12) A proposal was made to pursue transferring \$30,000 into a money market fund at 4-5% interest this year and was put up to a vote.
 - a. A motion was made by Mike Wall to approve the pursuit of investment options with M&T Bank, seconded by James Moore.
 - b. All in favor, carried.
- 13) A final raffle update for the ATV was given by Pam and Scott Bliss.
 - a. The raffle money in hand and so far 626 tickets were sold.
 - b. Prior to last minute sales at the banquet, the approximate profit is \$1,300.
 - c. There will be 6 winners: The ATV, \$1,000, \$500, top sales per club, top sales per person and the person who sold the winning ticket.
 - d. Scott Bliss suggested making a raffle an annual event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) None pending from December meeting minutes.

UPDATED COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

- 1) Fred Blom announced up the appointed Directorship positions for the coming year. They are the following:
 - a. Tournament Director – Bill Kays
 - b. Tournament Data Manager – Ken Christie
 - c. Tournament Weighmaster – Guy Durant
 - d. Membership Director – Paul Hudson
 - e. Fishlines Magazine Editor – Tom Presnell
 - f. Marketing Director – Fred Blom (acting)
 - g. Public Relations Director – *Position open*
 - h. Webmaster – Ted Barth
 - i. Conservation Director – Barb Elliott
 - j. Youth Director – James Moore
 - k. High School Director – Anthony Talarico
 - l. Scholarship Director – Fred Chilluffo
 - m. Budget and Auditing – Ken Christie
 - n. Tax Preparation – Ken Christie
 - o. Sergeant At Arms – Brian Eisch

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell discussed taking the editorship again and publication options going forward. A decision was made to continue with 2 printed and 2 digital issues per year. Advertising will be handled by Fred Blom.
- 2) Facebook – Tom Presnell reported a significant growth in the Facebook NYBCF group membership. He asked that anyone asking to sign up for the NYBCF group do so under their real name, or notify him if they use a pseudonym.
- 3) Marketing – Fred Blom, acting. Fred expressed the efforts being made to fill the Marketing Director position.
- 4) Membership – Paul Hudson reporting. He reported that processing is up to date and requested that 2015 memberships be submitted in a timely manner.
- 5) Youth – James Moore and Anthony Talarico reporting.

- a. James said that there is currently only 1 youth club in existence in the 7-14 age range.
- b. A second youth club is anticipated to form soon, with a couple more being discussed.
- 6) High School – Anthony Talarico reported that they have set up and approved a club.
 - a. Self-calculating scales have been ordered for off-season events and can also be used for charity weekend in April.
 - b. Two high school and two youth teams are projected to be sent to nationals.
- 7) Website – Ted Barth absent.
- 8) Scholarships – James Moore reporting. James announced that Tara Bliss and Lukas Matt will receive the scholarships later that evening at the banquet.
- 9) Tournaments – Bill Kays absent. Fred Blom, reporting.
 - a. Bill is an active wrestling coach and is generally busy from October-March.
 - b. The TAB has been changed from 6 members to 8 members. It is to include the reigning AOYs.
 - i. TAB members are projected to be rotated from year to year.
 - c. 2015 Tournament rules are to be updated, with a couple minor changes.
 - i. The boat/trolling motor usage at the Club Team Championship (CTC) will be strictly outlined as 4 hours per angler. The co-angler reserves the right to decline the use of the trolling motor, but can still request fishing spots.
 - ii. Emergency dropouts the night before a tournament may lead to the possibility of an angler fishing alone.
 - d. The floor was opened up for discussion regarding the makeup of the regional team going forward with the B.A.S.S. mandated changes.
 - i. New York will qualify 10 boaters, 10 co-anglers and 2 alternates.
 - ii. 2 to 3 plausible configurations were suggested and the Executive Committee will come back with a final proposal in March.
 - iii. Incentives were also discussed for the alternates to participate, including paying all entry fees for three points tournaments the following season.
- 10) Conservation – Barb Elliott absent. Fred Blom reporting.
 - a. Fred met with multiple groups regarding the NYBCF conservation efforts and activities in the weeks leading up to the meeting.
 - i. He stressed the importance of educating the public, the “Clean, Drain and Dry” program and how we are perceived (as tournament anglers and conservation leaders) by the public.
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM** – research is necessary to partner with the NY Conservation Council.
 - b. Efforts are being made to hold “Train the Trainer” seminars for the “Clean, Drain and Dry” program.
 - c. Water Chestnut pulls are going to continue in 2015.
 - i. Scheduled pulls will take place in Braddocks Bay (Ontario) and Big Bay (Oneida).
 - d. The fees for using the conservation/release boat will increase in 2015.
 - i. Grant opportunities and publicity can be gained by using the boat as a teaching vessel.
 - ii. Paul Hudson also requested assistance with the stripping of the boat panels to prepare them for new graphics.
 - e. A motion was made by Scott Bliss to send a donation in the amount of \$250 to the Noreen Klough Memorial Fund after the passing of the long-time B.A.S.S. conservation leader.
 - i. All in favor, carried.
- 11) Public Relations – Fred Blom reporting.
 - a. Fred said that the Public Relations Director position is open.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Take A Soldier Fishing Day will take taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2015.
 - a. Location will be Oneida Shores Park beginning at 6:00 am.
 - b. Approximate 130 soldiers are predicted to participate. Boat captains are still needed to volunteer.
 - c. Mike Cusano will be coordinating volunteers, Burnie Haney will be coordinating with Fort Drum and Fred Blom will be coordinating supplies and sponsors.
- 2) A charity fund raising tournament will be held the following day, April 26, 2015.
 - a. Sign in will begin at 6:00 am and fish until 1:00 pm.
 - b. It will be a team paper tournament at Oneida Shores Park. It will be a two fish event.
 - c. A tax deductible donation/entry fee of \$50per angler is required to enter.

- d. Donations will go to the Cpl. Kyle R. Schneider Foundation and the Folds of Honor Foundation.
- 3) The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be March 21st at 10:30 am and the Executive Board Meeting will be at 1:30 pm the same day at the Bass Pro Shops meeting room in Auburn, NY.
- 4) The December meetings will be held on the 12th at the same times as above.

No further business was brought to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Williamson, with Bill Baldwin seconding. All were in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Presnell – Secretary.