



April 28, 2011 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



Members Present:

Terry Aten
Jim Battin
Paul Becka
Craig Belbeck
Jim Boettcher
~~Dan Bonneson~~
Mike Breuer
~~Phil Burton~~
Mike Daloia
~~Howard Gilles~~
~~Chris Glaze~~

Mickey Goetting
Ron Grav
Eric Hauge
~~Matt Hitzeman~~
~~Jeff Hoberg~~
~~Dave Huttner~~
Tyler Larsen
Carey Nordling
John Nugent
Mike Owens

Nick Pick
~~Tom Revard~~
Dale Richardson
Bill Rineveld
~~Brent Schwab~~
~~Andy Thies~~
Doug Thies
Bill Young

President (Jim Battin):

- Nothing to add

VP's / TD (Mike Daloia):

- Mike has all permits except for the Mystery. The Sheriff for Coon Lake says he won't do anything prior to 45 days before the tournament. Mike will continue to work it.
- This year, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tournaments will be "paper"; Pool 4, Minnetonka, and St. Croix River (if it is drawn for the Mystery).
- Mike did a review of the Tournament Rules. If you weren't there, make sure to do a thorough review. It is available on the website if you don't have a copy.
- If you drop from the tournament for non-emergency reasons, you are still responsible for your share of the expenses.
- If you are not at the meeting when we draw boat partners, you must let Mike know your status. If you don't let him know that you will be fishing, you will not fish the tournament. We will not be calling anyone at the last minute or throw you into the non-boater hat.

Secretary/Treasurer (Dave Huttner): Not present

- Balance is \$2,196.43 at Wells.
- Current paid members stands at 29 for the 2011 season.
- We have six people who have paid their deposit for 2011 TOC on Whitefish with Beacon Shores: Mike D., Bill Y., Jim B., Dan B., Paul B., Craig B. I haven't deposited Paul's or Craig's check yet though although I have included is in the Wells balance.
- Dale & Mike B gave checks to Jim for TOC lodging.

Internet Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Mickey hasn't been able to verify that our "Deal" with Bass Pro Shops is still active.

Data Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Mickey will give a demonstration on how to enter data in the creel survey program at the next meeting. Make sure to fill out all the data on your "paper" weigh sheets as they will be used for the creel survey.

Special Projects (Bill Young):

- There will not be a picnic this year.

Federation Rep (Bill R.):

- This year's Junior TOC will be on Minnetonka June 24th. Boat captains are needed. There will be a Federation banquet in 2012, taking the place of the March meeting. Hopefully the guest speaker will be Jerry McGinnis. Volunteer helpers are needed.
- Whitefish Lodge has special deals for TOC participants.
- They are working on a Governor's "BASS" opener.
- Frankies in Chisago City has deals on bulk oil.
- Capra's has a discount for Federation members, see Dean.
- The Skeeter boat sold for \$26,000.

Conservation Director (Tyler L.):

- Nothing to report

Youth Director (Chris G.): Not present

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Old Business:

- Club bylaws proposals, both passed. One restricts anyone from spending more than \$100 without approval of the members. The other modified the "late check-in" penalty to include big fish.

New Business:

- Bill is working on a new shirt design and showed his concept design to the members. Design is much like what you see the Pros wearing nowadays and is very sharp looking. Cost will be \$54.99 each as long as there are 10 ordered. He will be taking orders at the Pool 4 weigh-in. Bring your checkbook if you are interested. There was some discussion about using club money to help with the start-up costs.
- Dale and Linda will be hosting a house-warming barbeque at their new place in Wisconsin on Saturday June 4th to thank everyone who helped them clear the land, build the garage and house, and move everything. You and your families are all invited. Details to follow.
- There was some discussion on moving the monthly meetings to a new location. Casper's would like to see us use them all the time. The general feeling was to stay at Fongs.
- Carey suggested that we should be using our money more instead of letting it pile up. Everyone thought that it was a good idea but no decision was made.
- Bill R announced that he has a new job and can't make the TOC this year. As a result, we are back to not having an alternate. We'll need to find someone willing to fish the alternate's tournament or find a worker.

Education (Phil B.):

- Mike D. did tourney rules recap.

First Tourney of the Year Info:

Pool 4 tournament: Mike will make the final determination within the next 10 days if we need to go to our alternate location due to flooding. For now, it is looking very promising that we won't have problems. **IMPORTANT!** You can launch from either Red Wing, Lake City, or Wabasha. Let Mike know which launch you will be using. Launch time is 6:00 am, check-in is 2:00 pm. "Weigh-in" will be at the Walmart in Red Wing at 3:00 pm. If you have problems making the weigh-in time, call Mike. Tournament committee members will be at each launch to direct the ease-off and monitor check-in. This is a Tape tournament. Bring your ruler(s) as they will be checked prior to launch. Remember, fish are measured with the mouth closed and against the end. Pinch the tail together and read the length on the next lower mark. For example, if the tail is between the 12 1/4 and 12 1/8 mark, the fish is 12 1/8. If your ruler isn't calibrated in 1/8" marks, you round down to the next lower mark, whatever that is. The length has to be verified by your partner. He passed out the Paper "weigh sheets" to everyone in attendance. Make sure to bring it with you. Extras will be available for those who weren't at the meeting. This will be an expensive tournament, especially if you chose to launch out of Wabasha. Non-boater gas costs will probably be \$50 or more, bring cash to pay your boater.

Safety; Due to high water, some areas can be dangerous. There is debris floating everywhere and dead-heads can be caught in sand bars just under the surface. Make sure you keep within the marked river channel when running and pay attention to where you are at all times. It is highly recommended to keep your PFD on at all times, not just when the big motor is in use.

Boater/Non-boater:

1. Craig/Brent
2. Ron/Eric
3. Doug/Mike B
4. Jim Ba/John
5. Bill Y/Dale
6. Paul/Mickey
7. Dan/Nick
8. Bill R/Andy
9. Jeff/Tom
10. Dave/Tyler
11. Mike D/Howard
12. Matt/Carey

Next Meeting: May 26th, 7:00 pm, David Fongs.