



Decemeber 17, 2009 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



Members Present:

Jim Battin
Paul Becka
Craig Belbeck
Jim Boettcher
Dan Bonneson
Mike Breuer
Doug Thies
Mike D'Aloia
Chris Glaze
Phil Burton

~~Mickey Goetting~~
~~Ron Gray~~
Eric Hauge
Bill Young
Matt Hitzeman
~~Dave Huttner~~
Mike Owens
Carey Nordling
John Nugent
Jeff Hoberg

~~Howard Gilles~~
~~Dale Richardson~~
Bill Rineveld
Brent Schwab
Craig Strom
~~Tyler Larsen~~
Terry Aten

President (Jim Battin):

- Lot of new business tonight. Thanks to everyone that made the meeting.

VP's / TD (Mike D'Aloia):

- Permits for our tournaments are in progress.
- There is no permit required for the river.

Secretary/Treasurer (Dave Huttner): Not Present

- Balance is \$1,871.86 at Wells.
- Current paid members stands at 24.
- I wrote Jim out a check for \$850 for the 17 people that gave me their dues.
- I have received checks from Dale, Chris and Paul that I have not deposited as of 12-15-09.

- Fees for BASS National Federation due have gone up by \$10 that you should all be aware of. Everyone will need to get this additional \$10 to me/Jim ASAP so we can update our club roster online.

Internet Director (Mickey Goetting): Not Present

- Web hosting fee of \$49.50 and domain name fee of \$9.00 have been paid.

Special Projects (Bill Young):

- Remember, the banquet is schedule for Saturday Feb 20. Former members of the club are welcome.
- The menu will be the same as last year. Prices, which include tax, tip are:
 - \$25.25 Filet
 - \$25.25 Chinatown NY Strip
 - \$25.25 Prime Rib
 - \$21.46 Cantonese Combo
 - \$21.46 Walleye
 - NOTE: Give Bill your menu choices, but the check must be made out to the club. Checks are due before the order can be placed for dinner. Probably a week or two before the banquet.
- Prime Rib meals must be ordered in multiples of 8. Fongs gets 8 portions from a Prime Rib roast so we must order 8, 16, or 24 prime rib dinners.
- Club members are reminded to get out there and contact sponsors for raffle prizes.

Data Director (Mickey Goetting): Not Present

- No Report

Federation Rep (Bill R.):

- Seminars before the meeting were TC Tackle and Rick Pelletier, the state TOC champ on Pokegema.
- National Federation dues for BASS are increasing from \$20 to \$30.

- We had a guest speaker at the general meeting, Senator Chaudhary, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources committee.
- The DNR permit for next year's state TOC on Minnetonka is in. Lord Fletchers is confirmed as the tournament site.
- The Federation will have a booth at the upcoming St. Paul Sportsshow. Details to follow.
- Creel survey will continue for next year.
- All federation members are encouraged to go to the state web site, www.mnbn.org and enroll in the federation newsletter.
- Negotiations are happening for the Federation to take over running the Camp Confidence tournament in June. If this happens, the JR TOC would be held in conjunction with the Camp Confidence tournament.
- While the national Casting Kids is no longer available, the state Federation is doing state casting kids competitions. Contact Paul Perovich for supplies. A state competition will be held at Cabelas later in 2010.

Education (Howie G.): Not Present

- Howie sent some information on Zebra mussels, but was not present.
- A suggestion was made to have a schedule for education topics available.

Conservation Director (Matt H.):

- No Report

Youth Director (Brent S.):

- Contacts the scouts about having a Casting Kids in conjunction with their pinewood derby. Waiting a call back. It will probably be in February at the same location as previous years.

Old Business:

- Mike D'Aloia will be getting the scale in the next month and checking it out. We will probably use the mesh bags this year and no water weigh-in.

New Business:

- National Federation dues have increased to \$30. Motion and second to change Article III: Membership, Second C: to the following:
 "Membership dues shall consist of club dues, Minnesota State Federation dues, and National Federation Dues. Club dues are \$25. Dues amount for the Minnesota State Federation and National Federation are set by those organizations"
- Motion passed. Please get your additional \$10 to Dave as soon as you can.
- TBF dues are due by 12/31. They are \$75.00. The check should be payable to MNBA and sent to 19833 West Ford Brook Drive, Anoka MN 55303.
- Several members have expressed an interest in having plaques instead of trophies. According to Trophy House, the cost difference will be about \$30 to \$40 total. A vote of the members present was in favor of trying plaques for a year.
- Jim Battin mentioned that RC Tackle donated some stuff for the upcoming raffle and has expressed an interest in coming to one of our meetings to show up product. Will keep you up to date on which meeting they will attend.
- We had a good discussion on the issue of the points system. Thanks to Craig Strom for putting together a hand-out on the issue. After much discussion it was decided to keep points using two methods this year. The data director will keep them using the current point system. Craig volunteered to keep them using a new system where all tournaments are worth 30 points. We can look at the results at the end of next season's fishing. Brent volunteered to go back a couple years and retro-actively look at those years using the proposed point system.
- Paul Becka asked if people are interested in a spring trip. Destination undetermined at this time. Anyone interested, please contact Paul.

Next Meeting: Jan. 28th, 7:00 pm, David Fongs.