



February 28, 2013 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



Members Present:

Terry Aten

Jim Battin

Paul Becka

Craig Belbeck

Jim Boettcher

Dan Bonneson

Mike Breuer

Mike Daloia

Howie Gilles

Chris Glaze

Mickey Goetting

Ron Grav

Eric Hauge

Jeff Hoberg

Dave Huttner

Tyler Larsen

Carey Nordling

Nick Pick

Tom Revard

Bill Rineveld

Brent Schwab

Jim Sommerville

Doug Thies

Bill Young

President (Jim Battin):

- Thanks to all the members that attended the club banquet.
- Mentioned the by-law changes which will be further discussed in new/old business.
 - Use of portable scales
 - When membership dues are due.

VP's / TD (Bill Young):

- Nothing to report
- Reminder to buy 9 volt batteries for the scales as we get closer to tourney season.

Secretary/Treasurer (Dave Huttner): not present

- Balance is \$1698.86 at Klein Bank.
- Current paid members stands at 17 for the 2013 season. These are: Bill R., Bill Y., Carey, Chris, Craig B., Dave, Doug, Eric, Jeff, Jim Battin, Mike Breuer, Mike D., Nick, Paul, Ron, Terry and Tyler.
- I need dues by March, right Jim? Or is it April now?
- I have not paid for National Fed dues yet. This is \$50 a person. This will bring our balance at Klein bank down to \$848.86 based upon the current paid members.
- We collected \$388 from the banquet raffle.

Internet Director (Mickey Goetting): Not present

Data Director (Mickey Goetting): Not present

Special Projects (Nick Pick):

- Thanked everyone for attending the club banquet.
- Would like to know why there was a lack of attendance at the banquet.
 - Was it the price?
 - Was it the food? Should we explore another venue?
 - Was it a conflict with other engagements? Should we move it to another date?
- Request that members that did attend share their experiences. What was good/bad? What could be improved upon?
- There was a request from those who solicited vendors to send them a thank you letter. One will be written.

Federation Rep (Bill R.):

- January Fed. Meeting
 - There is a banquet with Jerry McGinnis as the guest speaker on March 9th. Mickey has sent out a note for those of you who want to attend.
 - 2015 Divisionals Lakes: Rainy, Vermillion, Pokegama and Minnetonka
 - State TOC: Leech and Vermillion. Jim Battin has nominated Vermillion (see new business).
 - JR TOC: June 28th in cities area. Need boat captains.

Conservation Director (Jim S.): Not present

Youth Director (Jeff H.)

- Discussed that there are 3-4 teenagers (~16 years old) that would like to join the club however it doesn't seem feasible considering the liability with overnight tournaments.
- On the same note he suggested we do a little tourney with these kids this summer but would need boat volunteers. More to follow.
- Jim Battin suggested he contact Jeff Gillmore.

New Business:

- Tourney by laws: Change to tourney rules for portable scale and how to score. Amendment as follows:
 1. Tournaments may be conducted as "portable scale", "tape/paper" or "live weigh-in". All Tournaments will be conducted as a "portable scale" tournament unless the Tournament Committee makes the determination for a "tape/paper" or "live weigh-in" tournament and informs the participating anglers prior to launch of the tournament. The decision as to which method to be used depends on many factors including but not limited to the following:
 - A. Local or DNR restrictions applicable to a particular body of water that are not compatible with accustomed (Minnesota) creel limits.
 - B. Weather or other conditions that would expose the bass to increased mortality threats if confined to live wells for extended periods (forecast hot weather or high winds/rough water, etc.)

C. Unavailability of suitable live weigh-in facilities or location.

D. Avoidance of adverse public reaction.

2. For "portable scale" tournaments

A. The tournament director will distribute club owned portable scales, one scale to each angler. All boats will have two scales for weighing fish.

B. For boats with one angler, two scales will be issued so there is a backup scale in case of scale mal function.

C. The tournament director will give each angler a weigh in form to track the weight of the fish caught.

D. Anglers will immediately weigh their fish using the portable scale issued to them. Their partner in the boat will verify the weight. The angler will then write down the fish weight on the weigh in form.

E. When possible, anglers fishing by themselves will keep their fish in the livewell until it can be verified by another angler. This can be done on the water during a tournament or at the end of the fishing time at the landing.

F. At weigh-in, each angler will turn in their weigh-in sheet AND scale. Failure to turn in the scale will disqualify an anglers weight unless they pay the replacement cost of the scale or \$25, whichever is less.

G. Each scale will be calibrated by the tournament director and a correction factor will be applied to the anglers total weight and big fish to determine their official weight for the tournament.

- Jim Battin: Submitted TOC 2014 form for Vermillion to federation. Voted on in March 9th meeting. Voted on co-sponsoring (two other clubs) for Vermillion and passed. Bill R. will vote for Vermillion at next Fed meeting.
- Bill Young: Club sized order and kickback or discounts at certain stores. Joe's Sporting goods is an option. Capras as well? Will look into this further.
- Dock for Archie and he needs help putting it in. New dock located on Minnetonka. Ron is going to tow. Chris is going to get a camera guy to photo the put in. DNR official there, possibly. Paul to submit to paper for circulation, possibly. Discussed giving Archie an honorary sportsmen member. Give Ron gas money to move (pass the hat).
- Boat inspectors on Carver county lakes. Waconia, Minnewasha (every day). More to follow.
- Paul wants to do a Missouri trip. Contact Paul if interested.
- Send Mickey and Jim updated contacted information.

Old Business:

- New member: Carrol Aasen voted in as new member.
- Voted on by laws changes for:
 - Dues date to make them consistent for April 1st. Passed.
 - Amendment on how to change rules for tourneys. Identical to by law rule changes. Passed.

Education (Craig B.):

- Batteries Plus Guest
- AGM vs. Flooded:
 - AGM seems to have better staying power and can handle the vibrations of the boat. AGM are designed to last 500 charges while Flooded are designed for 300.
 - Ranked current batteries on the market as follows:
 - Odyssey
 - Trojan
 - X2 (batteries plus brand)
 - Optima
 - Discussed how to store batteries at length. Few highlights below:
 - Use a trickle charge over long periods (longer than one month). Have them on sale at batteries plus for \$30.
 - Setting batteries on concrete does drain them
- He also mentioned that if you go to batteries plus he could give us a club discount of 10-15%. Craig is going to look into this as there are two different franchises in the cities.

Next Meeting: March 28th at 7:00 pm, David Fong's