



# January 25, 2007 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



## Members Present:

Jim Battin

Paul Becka

Craig Belbeck

Pat Bisek

~~Rusty Bisek~~

~~Jim Boettcher~~

Dan Bonneson

~~Mike Breuer~~

~~Gary Francis~~

~~Chris Glaze~~

Mickey Goetting

Ron Grav

~~Rory Gunderson~~

~~Eric Hauge~~

~~Rick Hill~~

Matt Hitzeman

~~Andy Martin~~

Carey Nordling

~~Mary Purdue~~

Dale Richardson

Bill Rineveld

Todd Saterback

~~Brent Schwab~~

~~Doug Thies~~

~~Bill Young~~

12 Members Present

Guest(s): Dave Saterbak (2<sup>nd</sup> visit), Mike Owens (2<sup>nd</sup> visit)

## President's Report (Paul B.):

- Mickey Goetting has been elected to the position of Federation Conservation Director, replacing Vern Wagner.
- Both of the Minnesota Casting Kids competitors made it all the way to the National finals, losing in a cast-off for first place.
- It was announced at the Federation Nationals that Minnesota was named the "Federation of the Year".
- Paul passed around ballots for the annual Sportsman of the Year award. This is a secret ballot that only the Trophy House people will know who wins until the trophy is unveiled at the banquet. If you weren't at the meeting, get your secret ballot to Paul right away.
- If you have nominations for the club's "special" awards, get them to Mike Breuer (current holder of the Broken Tool) and Paul Becka (current

holder of the Bent Prop and Dirty Sock). Paul hints that this year there may be an augmentation to the Dirty Sock.

### **VP's / TD's Report (Pat B.):**

- Pat is working on the permits for the individual lakes.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Mary P.):**

- Mary was unable to attend the meeting. Dale took notes.
- Please pay your dues for 2007 (\$110). Only about half of the members have paid.

### **Internet Director (Mickey G.):**

- Nothing to report.

### **Special Projects (Jim B.):**

- The banquet is February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We are lagging behind in raffle donations. Please hit up all your contacts and get them to donate. It doesn't have to be fishing stuff. It helps to take a letter along with you so they have something to file for their taxes. Copies of this can be found on the website or contact Jim.

### **Data Director (Mickey G.):**

- No Report

### **Federation Rep (Mike B.):**

- Mike was unable to attend. Paul gave the report
- An overview of the Weighmaster program was presented at Nationals. We're told that it was very well received and will most likely be adopted by other States and the National Federation.
- Nominations for the 2008 TOC location are needed. Deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- MNBF booth at the NW Sports Show will be relocated back to the main hallway.
  - Sportsmen has signed up for the entire day on Sunday. If you plan on attending, this gets you in for free as long as you pull your share of time staffing the booth.
- Nominations are needed for the Larry Peterson Memorial award, given to the person in the Federation who does the most for the membership that year.
  - Former winners from Sportsmen include Dale Richardson and Todd Saterbak.
  - Contact Gopher Bassmasters if you would like to nominate someone.
- Paul attended the MOHA (Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Association?) meeting.
  - We will support their initiatives as long as the science is behind it.
  - We are going to have to take firmer positions against some of the homeowners associations around the state who are starting to restrict anglers access to the lakes.
- The seminars are picking up momentum with over 30 people in attendance this time.
  - Greg Fouty, the 2005 State Champion, gave a presentation on how it was to be the top hook for the year.
  - Mickey Goetting and a one of his pro-staffers did an excellent presentation on finesse fishing techniques.
  - These seminars start at 9:00 am on Fed meeting dates and run until 11:00.
  - Next time (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) we'll have representatives from tackle companies plus a presentation from Tom Borkowski, a Fed member who is also a successful Pro on some of the regional circuits.
  - In April, Dale Richardson will conduct a seminar on improving your boat's performance.

### **Education (Dale R.):**

- No education segment due to David Fongs needing the room for a banquet at 9 PM.

### **Conservation Director (Matt H.):**

- Matt is exploring a program with the DNR that has individuals or organizations sign up and volunteer to assist them with projects.

### **Youth Director (Brent S.)**

- Brent was unable to attend.
- The Casting Kids event will be held this coming Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the same day as the banquet. We need maximum participation from the club members as there will be more than 100 kids to run through the program.
  - The location is Holy Family HS, 8101 Kochia Lane, Victoria.
  - Setup is 7:30 am. Contact Brent for additional details.

### **Old Business:**

- Lodging for 2007 TOC will be discussed at the February meeting
- Send pictures (preferable incriminating) to Dale for his banquet presentation.
- 2007 Spring Trip will be April 11 - 15
  - The members present and intending to participate voted on Pomme de Terre - lodging is available \$40/night/person. Paul will make reservations for about 5 rooms.

### **New Business:**

- Mickey informed us that MG Lures will give 25% off on all orders placed at or before the next meeting.
- Dave Saterbak and Mike Owens were voted into the club. Welcome to both.

**Next Meeting: February 22nd, 7:00 pm, David Fongs.**