



Jan. 22, 2009 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



Members Present:

~~Jim Battin~~

Paul Becka

Craig Belbeck

~~Jim Boettcher~~

Dan Bonneson

Mike Breuer

Mike Burcusa

Mike D'Aloia

~~Chris Glaze~~

~~Mickey Goetting~~

Ron Grav

Eric Hauge

~~Rick Hill~~

Matt Hitzeman

Dave Huttner

~~Doug Thies~~

Carey Nordling

John Nugent

~~Howard Gilles~~

Dave Phelps

Dale Richardson

Bill Rineveld

Brent Schwab

~~Craig Strom~~

Mike Owens

Bill Young

* names in red indicate members in "inactive" (dues not paid) status

President's Report (Dale Richardson):

- Sign up sheet for Sports Show workers on March 14th passed around. Signed up are Mike Bu, Bill R, Bill Y, Matt, Dan, Mike Br, John, Ron, & Dale. Due to the limited number of passes available, we won't be able to add any more, sorry.
- The Federation Reserve Elite (temporary holding club) has several people that need to find clubs. Since we have several slots open, we will probably offer a couple of them to that group. If you have any prospective members to bring, let Dale know ASAP so we can hold the slots.

VP's / TD's Report (Craig Belbeck):

- Getting permits/stuff ready for this year's tourneys

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Dave Huttner):

- Current balance is \$_1,375.94

- Current paid membership stands at __21_____.
- Payments sent in for MN and Fed BASS dues.
- Deposit made for TOC cabins

Internet Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Not present

Special Projects (Mike Burcusa):

- Awards banquet date: February 21st.
- All current and former Sportsmen members and spouses/significant others welcome.
- You must have your meal order in to Dave Huttner or Mike Burcusa and paid for by Feb. 14th.
- Everyone is reminded to get donations for the raffle. There is a form letter on the website that you can download and give to the merchants for their files. This helps a lot. A copy (Microsoft Word format) is attached to this report.
- Two Dave's work on woman's gift massage/spa around \$100
- Get your nominations for the "special" awards to Todd Martin (Dirty Sock), Craig Belbeck (Broken Tool), and Paul Becka (Bent Prop) so they can make the decisions on the most deserving candidates.
- Mail your sealed ballot for Sportsman of the Year to Dale. Mark the outside of the envelope with "Sportsman of the Year" so it won't be opened by mistake. Get this to him ASAP so he can get the trophies ordered.

Data Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Not present

Federation Rep (Paul Becka):

- Federation Schedule is as follows: 1/24, 3/7, 4/18
- TOC Headquarters will be the Sawmill. Federation discounts apply for entire season's fishing, including pre-fishing trips.

- DNR requirement boat inspection in and out
- DNR round table held
- No more BASS sponsored casting for kids
- Juniors tourney June 26th. Paul Perovich is looking for boaters to help with the event.
- Skeeter boat deal for upcoming year 200zx 200 HP engine, \$40,000 boat, higher reserve bid
- Three proposed changes for upcoming year to by-laws for TOC. We have until after the next meeting to vote as we still have one more club meeting before the next fed meeting.

Education (Todd Martin): Not Present

- Need to find a new education director as Todd has left the club.

Conservation Director (Matt H.):

- Doing research on adopt a river program. Talked with DNR. Losing some interest in the program based on what we already do and what the program is asking for.
- Need to do a better job of cleaning up boat ramps after tourneys.

Youth Director (Brent S.):

- Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Reservation made via \$400 deposit to TOC cabins Sept. 10th & 11th.
- Dale is captain of TOC and will work on putting together list. Please let him know your intentions so others can start making plans.
- About half of the club members can go to the TOC.
- Got to have \$300,000 insurance if using your boat in any tourneys.
- TBF Shadow Club has been approved. Paul will work on getting this together and getting checks/fees.
 - Must be a member of FLW Outdoors (have a FLW number).
 - Go to the FLW website and join. List price is \$35 per year but Federation members get it for \$25 if you call.

- Bill Young discussion of point system for upcoming year. Brent has new idea to review and can be put up for vote next meeting.

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New Business:

- Discussion of doing some alternative kid/youth program since casting for kids is no more.
- Mike Burcusa nominated and elected as the new education director.
- Discussion of change banquet and/or meeting location for next year. Mike B. and Mike O. will look into alternatives.
- It is suggested that people coming to banquet bring a small desert to share.
- Discussion of changing the rule for penalty for dropping out of a tournament. Change proposal is attached to this report. Will be voted on next meeting.

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