



January 28, 2010 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 Grav

~~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):

- Guests: Dennis ? (2nd visit) and Adam Thies (Doug's son) (1st meeting but has attended Sportsmen events in the past).
- Glen Walker from RC Tackle attended the meeting, gave a short presentation on his company's products and offered substantial discounts for merchandise. See Bill Young to place an order. Their website is www.rctackle.com.
- We have learned that former Sportsmen Jeff Smith's wife Julie passed away recently. His address is 23921 216th Place Street Maple Valley, WA 98038.
- Chris Glaze was hospitalized over the past weekend and has just returned home. Several members have spoken to him in the past 24 hours and he is recovering at home.
- Federation Vice President Mark Gomez is in pretty serious condition in the hospital after a post surgery infection (knee replacement) has set in.

- Long time Federation member Pat Hagen from Classic Seven Bassmasters has been hospitalized for the past couple of months in very serious condition.
- The club received a very nice thank you note from Chris Tope's widow Jen expressing her appreciation for the support the club has shown to her family.

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

- The insurance confirmation forms have been received from BASS showing the new \$300,000 coverage. These forms are needed for most of the permits in the future.
- We need to get a headcount as soon as possible for the Vermillion tournament so we can book a good group rate at the Fortune Bay Resort/Casino. Dan will check with them on pricing for 8 rooms.

Secretary/Treasurer (Dave Huttner): Not Present

- Balance is \$2,058.86 at Wells.
- Current paid members stands at 27 (Mike Owens paid at the meeting).
- All roster updates for the Nation and MN Federation should be up-to-date now. Still missing \$10 here and there from people but no worries.

Internet Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Nothing to report.

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. For those who haven't paid yet, mail your check directly to Dave Huttner prior to the banquet in plenty of time to let Fongs know what to order.
- 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. If Prime Rib is your choice, make sure to include a "back up" choice just in case the numbers don't work.
- Club members are reminded to get out there and contact sponsors for raffle prizes.
- The club will donate \$100 for a "Ladies" gift. Ron will check with his wife who is now selling jewelry and see what we can do. Suggestion is to provide a gift certificate and catalog and let the lucky winner pick her own gift.

Data Director (Mickey Goetting):

- No Report

Federation Rep (Bill R.):

- Report was given by Jim Battin as Bill couldn't attend the meeting due to a death in his family.
- Minutes from the meeting are provided on the MNBFN website and were covered by Jim.
- Lamiglass is the new Federation rod sponsor. Discounts of 50% off of rods and 47% on blanks are offered, maximum of two rods or blanks per member per year. All orders must go through Paul Perovich. If you take advantage of this deal, you must display the Lamiglass decal on your tow vehicle and boat (decal provided).
- Bristol Marine is the official oil sponsor. They handle Mercury oil and Ring Free products and will sell at a substantial discount (40%?).
- Fish Electronics (Fridley MN) is the electronics sponsor. The Lowrance deal is no longer available to general members.
- George's Boat Repair is the repair sponsor. They reportedly do great fiberglass work.

- All federation members are encouraged to go to the state web site, www.mnbfn.org and enroll in the federation newsletter.

Education (Howie G):

- There will be four short presentations at tonight's meeting
 - Bill Young - Tournament Preparation
 - John Nugent - Drop Shot techniques
 - Mike D'Aloia - Jig techniques
 - Matt Hitzeman - Swim Jig techniques

Conservation Director (Matt H.):

- No Report

Youth Director (Brent S.): Not present

- There won't be a Casting Kids event with the Boy Scouts this year.
- The Federation is hosting a Casting Kids event at Cabelas in Rogers the weekend of March 6th and 7th. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. 8 or 10 members expressed interest in helping so Jim will coordinate with Paul Perovich for our club to work the morning shift on Sunday the 7th. Those that help will be able to receive the "employee" discount on that day.
- The Federation has taken over the Skeeter Tournament on Gull in June. In conjunction with this tournament, we will join with Camp Confidence and host the Junior State TOC on the 27th on Upper and Lower Mission. Hopefully boaters will stay over an extra day past the Skeeter tournament and be Boat Captains for the Jr TOC. Let Paul Perovich (or Jim) know if you can participate.

Old Business:

- Discussion continued on a "Spring Trip". Without any other consensus, it pretty much was decided that, since Matt was going to Texas anyway, interested parties could join in the trip. See his emails for details. The trip will be in early/mid April.

- TBF dues are due. They are \$75.00. The check should be payable to MNBA and sent to 19833 West Ford Brook Drive, Anoka MN 55303.

New Business:

- Chris Glaze is putting his Cobra/Merc 175 up for sale. Contact him if you are interested.
- Dennis and Andy were voted into the club. They'll have to get their money to Dave.
- Secret ballots for Sportsmen of the Year were collected. If you weren't at the meeting (or skipped out early), get your ballot to Jim Battin (in a **sealed envelope** marked "SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR") as soon as possible. Trophy House will open the ballots and keep the results secret until the awards banquet.

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