



# January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 Sportsmen Bassmaster Minutes



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*Kevin Watson*  
*Mickey Goetting*

*Paul Becka*  
*Ron Grav*  
Tim Berg  
Tyler Larsen  
Quincy Bryant

*BOLD Italics = Attended Meeting*

Guests: None

## President (Paul Becka/Kevin Watson):

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Bolster membership numbers. Bill Rineveld and Mike Daloia taking a year off. Currently we are at 17 members. 6 boaters, 5 non and 5 can be boaters. Paul noted he has had a few guys contact him about membership, but as yet to show at a meeting. Brainstorm ideas to get new members (at tackle shops, postings, FB). Ideal # of members would be 25?
- **FUN/LEARNING:** True to the name, focus on learning/having fun focus of 2017
- **MEETING FORMAT:** Discussed with Paul, have tourney recap at beginning of meeting, then go into old/new business, then tourney draw. Better flow, spend a good chunk of time about tourney recap and let everyone speak to time on the water, not just top 6
- **FACEBOOK:** Market our club to new members (versus website), bragging board for fun fishing, bragging board for pre-fishing, tournament recap with awards photos. Glaze on video?
- **FUNDS:** Dan B/Special Projects to speak to that in a bit
- **COMMUNITY:** Lean hard on Youth director to reach out to Youth/HS Club (big brothers/big sisters/cub scouts/etc.)

## VP's / TD (Bill Young)

- Still working on Tourney Rules revisions/updates
- TOC August 3,4, & 5 on Lake Mille Lacs:
  - Lodging options on Mille Lacs for the TOC, such as Red Door with Rooms @ \$70/night and a Suite @ \$300/night sleeps 8
- Motels for other Tourneys, Bill is checking out.

## Secretary/Treasurer (Carroll Aasen):

- Current Balance prior to 2017 Dues \$868
- Full budget & report coming at February meeting, Dues increase proposal?
- 2017 Dues Paid:

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- **Please pay by March Meeting so we can get all members registered and paper work done without a last minute rush.**

## Internet & Data Director (Mickey Goetting):

- Please fill-out your Creel Surveys from Tourneys and Fun Fishing, even if 0 caught, DNR wants to know your success rates
  - <http://www.mglures.com/basssurvey/login.cfm>
- Ideas on how to get Creel Survey participation up? Market on FB page with giveaways?
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## Special Projects (Dan Bonneson):

- Update on running Tonka Tourney
- Focus on banquet 2018
- Start marketing club to get donations, gift cards, lures/baits, etc.

## Federation Rep (Mickey):

- MN BASS Nation Banquet, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. ANYONE ATTEND?
- 2017 TOC is on Mille Lacs Lake Aug. 3 & 4 w/Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> a Make-up (Bad Weather) day, cutoff is two-weeks before Tourney/Off-limits
- Spoke about details from the BASS Workshop
- MnDNR through Legislation has proposed a License Fee Increase.
- Discussion of having each club supply Boater for High School Tourney, possible to eliminate need for TOC Workers
- January 14, 2017, Over 170 people joined us and B.A.S.S. Elite Seth Fieder for the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation Banquet - Presented by Classic Bass.
- Classic Bass is State Sponsor.
- 2018 TOC Nominations: Pokegama & Leech
- All Terrain Tackle discounts program
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## Conservation Director (Eric Hauge):

- N/A
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## Youth Director (Tim Berg):

- N/A
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## Old Business:

- Bill Jr update on rules update/bylaws coming in February
- Submitted our 2017 club schedule:

Tourney Date	Body of Water	County	DNR LakeID	Landing	Boats
05/21/2017	Forest	Washington	82015900		12
06/18/2017	Mississippi River Pool 4	Wabasha		Ike's Park	12
07/09/2017	Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs	48000200		12
08/20/2017	Mystery - West Metro	Wright	TBD		12
09/17/2017	East Jefferson / German	Le Sueur	40009201		12
10/08/2017	Medicine	Hennepin	27010400	County Park	12

- Payment of non-boater fees discussed. It was noted a few has skipped out and not paid in 2016.
- February Meeting will have education by PropMD, Mickey has organized. Please come and be early to show good support.
- Appointed a Tournament Committee: Craig & Carey.
- Discussed way of expanding our club reach and bringing in new members with a Facebook Page.

## New Business:

- Tourney proposed changes:
  - Box First/biggest bass – have to bring 1 to the weigh in (else penalty)
    - Photo op/walk of shame
- Sponsorship with local?
- Discussed doing Last Licks – MLF style tourney proposed via Pone app. or web./Creel Survey form.
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## Education (TBD):

- N/A

**Next Meeting: Fongs, 7PM Feb 23rd.**

***We will have Mercury Prop's rep. to show and discuss. Please attend and be on time.***