



# June 26th, 2008 Sportsmen Bassmasters Meeting Minutes



## Members Present:

Jim Battin

~~Paul Becka~~

Craig Belbeck

~~Jim Boettcher~~

~~Dan Bonneson~~

Mike Breuer

~~Mike Durcusa~~

~~Chris Glaze~~

Mickey Goetting

Ron Grav

Rory Gunderson

Eric Hauge

Rick Hill

Matt Hitzeman

~~Dave Huttner~~

~~Todd Martin~~

Carey Nordling

John Nugent

Mike Owens

~~Nick Pick~~

Dale Richardson

Bill Rineveld

~~Dave Saterbak~~

~~Todd Saterbak~~

Brent Schwab

~~Craig Strom~~

Doug Thies

~~Bill Young~~

## President's Report (Dale Richardson):

- Guests? Zach Ramlow, former Sportsmen member and club record holder for the largest bag (22 lbs) caught in a club tournament.
- Thanks to everyone who helped out with the casting kids event at Cabellas on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to Craig and the tournament committee for the work at Pelican.
- Nick Pick has told us that he is moving to Las Vegas and will be leaving the club. Nick was a great addition to the club and will be missed. Best wishes on the new adventure!

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

- The club owes Craig \$130 for replacement trophy tags from the Trophy House.
- As everyone knows, the Tournament Committee, after much deliberation, decided that the ramp conditions at Pelican Lake would likely prevent a "live" weigh in of the fish in the normal manner without causing serious disruption of the ramp area for other anglers. Contributing factors were the lack of dock facilities and extreme shallow water preventing the members from "beaching" their boats for the weigh-in. As a result, it was decided that we would do a "tape" tournament. There was some dissent from members of the club over this decision and one individual was very vocal at the launch area, using abusive language and bringing embarrassment and discredit to the club.

Craig read excerpts from the following section of the Tournament Rules:

**H. Sportsmanship**

1. Competitors in Sportsmen Bassmasters tournaments are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation at all times, with due respect shown to both fellow competitors and non-competitors. Any act of a Sportsmen Bassmaster which reflects unfavorably the club's efforts to promote conservation, clean waters and courtesy may be deemed reason for sanction of the member by the tournament committee.

2. Sanctions for failure to observe the highest standards of sportsmanship are as follows:

A. First offense: loss of all points/pounds scored in the offender's highest scoring tournament of the year.

B. Second offense: expulsion from the club. This sanction shall be imposed only upon recommendation of the tournament committee and the affirmative vote of the membership. Such vote shall be governed by the standards and procedures set forth in the By-Laws,

3. The tournament committee may, in its discretion, issue advisory reprimands to an offending member in the case of a novel or minor situation.

5. A writing setting forth the particulars of any act of unsportsmanlike conduct that could make a member subject to sanction shall be filed with the tournament director as soon as is possible after the alleged incident. The tournament director shall make such writings available for inspection by the membership no later than at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- Craig made it very clear that he will not tolerate this behavior and will impose sanctions, within the provisions of the Tournament Rules for any future infractions.
- Comment from the President; Although there was no formal sanctions given for this incident, it is expected that all members of the club

conduct themselves in a manner that does not bring discord and dissent within the club. After all, this is supposed to be a fun outing among friends and should not be the cause of problems. The Tournament Committee has a tough job to do and they did exactly the right thing in the proper manner in this case. We as a club need to support those decisions, move forward and enjoy the day, and continue to be friendly and competitive anglers. If this is not acceptable to anyone, maybe it is time to find another club that suits their particular desires. I support the Tournament Director and his committee without reservations and will not hesitate to take actions to impose sanctions, including expulsion from the club, if this behavior continues.

- Clearwater Club Tournament, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Launch time is 6:00 am, weigh-in at 2:00 pm.
- We will be using the public launch on the west side, across from the restaurant/bar.
- Involuntary non-boaters: *Chris Glaze and Ron Grav*
- Pelican Lake Pairings:
  1. Doug & Chris Glaze
  2. Craig S. & Eric
  3. Todd M. & Todd S.
  4. Dan B & Mike Bur
  5. Jim Ba & Mike O
  6. Paul & Jim Bo
  7. Matt & Carey
  8. Bill Y & Zach
  9. Rick & Dave H.
  10. Mike Bru & Ron
  11. Rory & Bill R
  12. Dale & Brent
  13. Dave S & Jon N

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Dan Bonneson):**

- Dan was not at the meeting. Current balance is \$1,792.63

## **Internet Director (Mickey Goetting):**

- Nothing to report.

## **Special Projects (Jim Battin/Bill Young):**

- Family day is planned for Saturday, July 26 at Minnewashta Regional Park. Everyone attending will be asked to bring something to share (salad, desert, etc). Rory volunteered to bring the burger.
- A sign-up list will be circulated via email shortly.
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## **Data Director (Mickey Goetting):**

- Stats are updated and available on the website.

## **Federation Rep (Paul Becka):**

- Paul was not in attendance.

## **TOC (Dan Bonneson):**

- The current list of individuals that have both qualified for and agreed to attend the 2008 TOC is as follows:
- If you are planning on attending the TOC, make sure that you go to the Federation website, download the appropriate forms, fill them out, and bring to the next meeting along with a copy of your current boat insurance if you plan to take your boat, even for just prefishing.

1 Bonneson, Dan  
2 Young, Bill  
3 Saterbak, Dave  
4 Richardson, Dale  
5 Hill, Rick  
6 Hitzeman, Matt  
7 Glaze, Chris  
8 Battin, Jim  
9 Martin, Todd

10 Saterbak, Todd  
11 Goetting, Mickey  
12 Rinevald, Bill  
13 Huttner, Dave  
14 Becka, Paul

Alternate - Grav, Ron

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### **Education (Todd Martin):**

- Todd was not in attendance. The Pelican recap was conducted and the data is available in a separate email.

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

- Matt left his "adopt-a-river" paperwork in the other vehicle so we'll have to wait until next meeting.
- He did a personal "sweep" around the ramp area at Pelican and not finding anything to pick up, didn't call for the mass walk by the club.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Shirts & Jackets? In Todd's absence, there was nothing to report.

### **New Business:**

- Zach Ramlow was welcomed back to the club. Prorated dues of \$94 ( State & national dues plus \$6 per remaining tournament including big bass pot) will be sent to Dan by mail.

**Next Meeting: July 24th, 7:00 pm, David Fongs.**