



# November 19, 2009 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 Gray~~

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's Report (Jim Battin):

- Fees are due for 2010 season. See Dave to pay your \$95 plus \$10 for Big Bass for a total of \$105.
- Lakes are being voted for tonight.
- Let's get a list of topics to discuss during the winter so they are not in the way during the fishing season. See New Business below...

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

- Mike will be wanting everyone's boat insurance info so be prepared for the upcoming 2010 season. If you have a boat, give Mike your insurance, just in case.
- Mike put together info for helping us with our lake selection.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Dave Huttner):

- Balance is \$730.86 at Wells.
- Current paid members stands at 27.
- Jeff H. is now paid up on his \$40 dues from 2009.
- Brent was paid a check for \$56 for his Big Bass on Marion.
- I got \$150 back from Craig B. from Marion permit that wasn't needed.
- Let's try to get everyone paid up by the end of the year to make it easier on me! Please get me your dues by next meeting in December if possible.

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

- Data will be updated online.
- We are now starting new 2010 Sportsmen Bass points as of tonight.

### **Special Projects (Bill Young):**

- Banquet is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a new donation letter on the website.
- Bill is working on the menu. Should be about the same as last year.
- Bill is already doing some work on sponsors.
- Dan will check out Bass Pro Shops as a sponsor.

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

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### **Federation Rep (Bill R.):**

- Last meeting was on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting minutes are online.
- Sportsmen alliance is sponsoring Casting for Kids events. We'd like to get more of those going this year. More info to follow.

### **Education (Howie G.):**

- Howie is looking for suggestions for education pieces this year. Please let him know if you have any suggestions.
- Some things suggested at the meeting were a presentation on cleaning your boat off after being in an infested lake, bringing in guest speakers, recap of the ToC on Pokegama from 2009.

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

- Nothing to report.

## Youth Director (Brent S.): Not present

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### Old Business:

- Still trying to figure out how to pay dues as members come into the club during the year. We decided to vote to keep the club dues set to \$95 for new people joining no matter what time of the year they join. It would also be \$2 per tourney for doing the big bass pot. This motion was seconded and then voted into place. This is now the new rule for 2010.

### New Business:

- Lakes were voted in as follows:
  - Pool #2 is our Spring Tourney
  - Knife and Vermilion are our two travel tourneys
  - Waconia and Clearwater are our location tourneys
  - White Bear is our alternate lake if one of the other lakes becomes an issue (low water levels, etc.)
- Lake order and dates are as follows:
  - o Pool #2 on May 16th
  - o Waconia on June 20th
  - o Vermilion on July 18th
  - o Knife on August 15th
  - o Mystery on September 19th
  - o Clearwater on October 10<sup>th</sup>
- We are pretty sure these will be the dates. Jim will double-check to make sure there are no conflicts.
- The Mystery tourney lake options are: Jefferson, Tetonka, Madison, Washington
- Here is a list of items that were brought up to discuss during our fishing off season so we are not worrying about it during the fishing season. These can be discussed/voted on during upcoming offseason meetings.
  - o Replacing the weigh-in scale with a better one that goes to the hundredths place.
  - o Replacing the weigh-in bags with Gator Grip bags. These have a normal bag like we have now and a mesh bag inside. The mesh bag lifts out with your fish and the water drained.

- Tourney point system. How it worked for 2009 and if we have changes.
  - Being able to vote for officer positions if you can't attend meeting the night of the vote.
  - I know there were some more but cannot remember them all. If you have something you'd like to discuss, now is the time to bring it up.
- We also brought up what to do with Mr. Bass points if an officer's position is vacated mid-season. The idea that the person that takes over that position gets full Mr. Bass points for the position, no matter what time of the year they take it. The person that vacated that officer position would not get any points for that position then. This was put up to a vote and passed.

**Next Meeting: Dec. 17th, 7:00 pm, David Fongs.**