

Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2009
Minutes

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:05am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 22 of 42 clubs present. The June 7, 2009 minutes were approved unanimously. There were no comments on the proposed agenda for the meeting or any additions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro

The first item on the agenda was the need for a Conservation Director. There is still a real need for this position so please see if anyone from your club is interested.

Policies and Procedures

Polices and Procedures Panel; with The Cup now over, this will be a priority for completion in 2010.

Web Site

Other providers are looking at our website to make suggestions for upgrades and provide costs. This is the second priority for 2010 and there will be more information coming.

FLW Cup

PA was praised by a both the FLW and TBF for the level of volunteerism and dedication to staying until the job was done. This was evident by the amount of help at not only the Cup but the NGJWC. Dave Simmons and Carl Ellison of the FLW asked to personally express their thanks for a job well done. Rob Cartilage on behalf of the TBF thanked us for operating the TBF booth at the show. Even the President of Florida commented on our people.

My personal thanks to:

Mark Hughes, Frank Nagy, Dave Neely, Tom Dellinger, Mike Burgess, Steve Koch, Tim Johnston, Jeff Manross and Dan Neff for their work at the NGJWC.

Bob Kline, Steve Koch, Tammy Johnston and Mike Sabbi for the TBF booth.

Junior Elite Bassers from District 6 for running the Reel Kids Casing event at the FLW show.

Last but not least, all of the people that volunteered as boat captains and FLW workers.

The PA Federation did a great job and we should be proud of our people

Fantasy Fishing

We are going to go at this next year. For every member that signs up through the Federation gets us \$1.00. You should also know that the winner of the League made \$1,000,000.00

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Tammy Johnston

Divisional Team Report

Matt Hartman was the first to advance to the second day of the tournament. For this he will receive a scholarship (amount unknown).

Junior Elite Bassers will be receiving a check for their work in the booth.

Venom has been picked up as a sponsor for the Divisional Team and they will be placing them on their pro staff. Ranger will be providing a jacket to the team members.

Hangman Lures, Gamma and Venom are willing to come to the November meeting but not just for a handful of people. So get the word out about the banquet.

As reported under Fundraisers at the last meeting, we ran a raffle at our booth and made \$267.00.

Fundraisers

Daily Number Tickets are being given out at this meeting and the rest will be sent to the clubs. As a reminder, there are 1000 to be sold at \$20 each and the winner will be based on the evening daily number.

The payouts would be as follows:

Saturday and Sunday - \$25.00
1st and 15th of the month - \$50.00
1 day during the month except December - \$100.00
Christmas - \$200.00
Daily - \$20.00

TREASURER REPORT

Ron Rook

Ron reported a balance in the checking account of \$437.10 and a balance of \$46,263.70 in the money market account. Ron also reported that there is a considerable amount of money to be turned in tomorrow, all of the Mr. Bass bills are paid and we spent about \$4,000.00 on the Cup.

SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Wilson

District Chairman, please compile and send one email address for each club in your District

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Ciarletta

There are 663 adult members: 108 are new. There are 50 youth members: 14 are premium.

According to FLW, all memberships are now going to be done by calendar year. All members on an invoice for 2010 must have their FLW fishing memberships paid for 2010. That means their expiration date will be 12/31/10 or 12/31 of any other future year. The membership must also be a fishing level membership. The TBF site now tells you if it is a fishing level membership. All invoices which are not 100% compliant will not be immediately rejected. Also, make sure that there is a correct email address for the TBF membership site administrator and for the club President and Secretary so that communications are received by your club.

If anyone has an expiration date other than 12/31, call FLW. They will give you credit for remaining membership time and invoice you for the new expiration date.

YOUTH REPORT

Ray Sharp

In 2010, there will be 2 \$1500 grants available. We will be looking into these.

Junior Elite Bassers; thank you for running the booth on one days notice. The club will be receiving \$250.00

The Junior State Championship will be August 13-15. For 2010, the Eastern District will have the pick of the tournament site.

The Reel Kids Championship will be September 6th at Cabelas in Hamburg. Registration will be 11:00 with a 11:30 start.

CONSERVATION REPORT

A \$25.00 fee is being charged as a handling fee. If you have more than one tournament at a State Park, apply for them at the same time ad you will only be charged one handling fee. At some State Parks, this fee is being waived for work at the Park.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Bob Kline

State Tournaments

The remaining standings for the Eastern Regional have been posted.

Eastern and Western Mr. BASS

Plaques were given out to the angler and co-angler.

District 1-3-7 Regional

Completed. Average number of participants is up over last year.

State Classic

State Classic – October 2-3 on Raystown Lake out of James Creek. Cutoff for applications is September 6, 2009. After this, it will be opened up to fill the field. This will be the last year that we go down the list to fill the field. This is at the request of the membership so that there is some kind of prestige to qualifying for the tournament. We need to fill the field so that funds are available for the Divisional Team. If we are not going to go down the list, then the people who qualify need to participate.

A proposal is being made to move the 2010 Mr Bass Tournaments to September/October and move the Classic to the Spring of 2011. This will increase participation in the Districts and Team Regionals and make Mr Bass last chance opportunity to make it to the Classic. Moving the Classic to the beginning of the year and making it the 1st tournament of the new year should cause an increase in participation from those who are qualified. Filling the field will provide most of the money needed for the Divisional Team. This will lead to an increased payout for the Team Regional and Mr. Bass tournaments.

A proposal is being made to change the name of the State Classic to PA Bass Federation Championship.

Both of these issues will be brought to the floor for a vote in November.

**TBF Update
Mike Pierro**

TBF will be introducing membership levels of Gold, Silver and Bronze. They will be 5 year memberships and will provide discounts to members on a number of items and services that are based on the level chosen. More information to come on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Shirts and jackets are still needed for the Secretary and Assistant State Tournament Director.

Bad Standing – What does it mean; what should it mean and Non-attendance by clubs. These are just 2 issues that will be dealt with in Policy and Procedures

As the Federation, we need to have a say in who is allowed to be a member of the Federation and who is not. A discussion followed on this issue and a MOTION was made Borderline and seconded by Leggett’s Creek to consult with attorneys as to how we may exclude members from the Federation. Unanimous

New Business

Nomination of Officers: Lebanon County nominated all officers for another term. All officers accepted with the President and Treasurer advising the BOD that 2010-2011 will be last term that they will serve in their respective offices.

Good of the Order

Next year we are going to do another Child Wish event. Hoss’s Steakhouse has offered to provide a card that when turned in will provide a donation 20% of the bill to Child Wish.

Tom Prowant did a presentation for “Concern” who cares for disadvantaged youths.

The Following Open Tournaments have been submitted:

TRI-COUNTY BASSMASTERS – Open Buddy – September 9 – Lake Marburg
District 6 and the Fraternal Order of Police Tri City Lodge #5 – Open Buddy – Allegheny River

Motion to Adjourn – Leggett’s Creek

ADJOURNED at 12:00pm

ATTENDANCE

CLUB	NOV 08	FEB 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	NOV 09
AlleghenyMountain Bass Anglers	X		X	X	
Bass Buddies	X		X	X	

Bassmasters of Crawford County	X		X		
Berks Bassmasters	X	X	X		
Berwick Bass					
Blair Bassmasters	X	X	X		
Blue Mountain Bassmasters					
Borderline Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	
Brandywine Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	
Broad Top Bass Association	X				
Bux-Mont Bass Masters		X	X		
Chester County Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	
Clarion County Bass Masters	X	X	X		
Crawford County		X			
Delaware River Bassmasters			X		
Happy Hookers		X	X	X	
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters	X	X	X		
Hunters Run Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	
Independent Bassmasters		X	X		
Kaiser Hollow Bass					
Lancaster County Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	
Lancaster County Hawg Hunters	X	X	X	X	
Lebanon County Bass Anglers	X	X	X	X	
Leggett's Creek Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	
Lunker Landers Bass Club	X	X	X	X	
Mountain Valley Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	
North West Bassers	X	X	X	X	
Northeastern Bassmasters					
Pro-Line Bassmasters	X	X			
River Hill Bass Masters	X		X	X	

River Rats Bassmasters	X				
Schuykill County Bass Anglers	X	X	X	X	
Shy Beaver	X	X		X	
South Central PA Basscasters	X		X	X	
Standing Stone Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	
Susquehanna Valley Bass Club	X	X	X	X	
Tamaqua Bass Club					
Team Keystone	X				
The Extreme Anglers					
Trailer Hook Bass Anglers					
Tri-County Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	
Tyrone Bassmasters	X	X			
Washberry Bass Club	X	X	X	X	
Wayne County Bassmasters					
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