

**Board of Directors Meeting  
August 1, 2010  
Minutes**

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:15 am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 17 of 42 clubs present. The June 6, 2009 minutes were unavailable due computer problems. There were no comments on the proposed agenda for the meeting or any additions.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Mike Pierro**

Still need a Conservation Director.

**Policies and Procedures**

Polices and Procedures Panel: We now have an electronic copy. Mike Burton will chair the committee. The Secretary, State Tournament Director, Membership Director and Bob Kline have volunteered. If you are interested in being part of this panel, email the President. The work will be done via email and phone by section. Once all of the parts are completed it will be brought back to the BOD.

**National Sponsor Update**

Evinrude will give \$1 per horsepower for every motor purchased by a Federation member. A stainless steel prop is also given for the first motor purchased. The member making the purchase has to submit the paperwork in order to receive this from Evinrude. The purchaser receives one year of dues from the Federation. All of this information is on the National Sponsor page on the website.

Ranger bucks have been secured for Mr. Bass East/West and the Championship. If you buy a new boat, please fill out the form to get your \$300.

Lowrance deal is exclusive for this year and we received \$1000 Lowrance bucks. Good discount for State Team only – no Federation discount. There is also an Angler of the Year Award which is \$1000 but only if you are using the new side-scan equipment. We should also receive another \$1200 award for the book that was put together.

**State Sponsors**

Nothing to report.

There was a discussion about the website at this point. A concern was being made to log in to do things like printing out an application. It was explained why we use logon procedures to use different pages. At the end of the discussion, the membership was asked to contact the administrators with what they like, don't like, what they would like changed etc. There will be an email address posted for this purpose

**Mid-Atlantic**

The team will be staying at the host hotel: Ramada Inn, Perryville at a cost of \$67/night (7 rooms).

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Tammy Johnston**

#### **Fundraisers**

The tickets for 2011 have been distributed.

#### **State Team**

Mike made the hotel arrangements. Ranger will provide jackets. Shirts will come from Venom lures, the TBF and one designed by the team and paid for through donations like last year.

The alternate was called to active duty. His shirts will be sent to him.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

### **Mike Pierro for Ron Rook**

Ron reported balances in the checking account and money market account with all bills paid to date.

In November 2009, the BOD authorized the collection of more information about the cost for Officers and Directors insurance for the next meeting. As of this meeting, there is no information to report except that the cost may now be around \$2500. The President has directed the Treasurer to obtain a formal quote so that we can move on this issue.

Doug Knepp then asked if we have an annual budget. The President did put one together; he said it wasn't published but it should have been. Pierro stated that the budgeted expenditures for 2010 are \$35000.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

### **Chris Wilson**

In November 2009, District Chairmen were asked to please compile and send one email address for each club in their District. Only District 2 has done this as of this date. Please send the information.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Dave Ciarletta**

There are 628 adult members. There are 58 youth members.

We sign-up a lot of new members each year but our numbers are remaining the same.

## **YOUTH REPORT**

### **Ray Sharp**

The Youth director will be leaving Tuesday for Georgia with the VP and Junior Anglers. The State Championship will be at Erie; July 19-21. Still looking for a couple more boats for this event the tournament; would like to have a total of 15. The "age" cutoff for this event is August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. If you have an angler that is 18, the angler must still be 18 by August 31, 2011. Same goes for what age group they are in.

The Reel Kids Championship will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at Cabela's; indoor.

## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

**Mike Burton**

The state may be looking at catch and release only on the Susquehanna. The lower branch has not had a good year class in the past 9 or 10 years.

## **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**Fred Lewis**

Regionals: Awards are coming to the teams that won as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers. They will be distributed at the November Banquet. Included in the awards will be Mr. Bass and the Divisional Team. Please make every effort to attend and receive your award.

Mr. Bass West: Results are posted. This is the second year in a row that participation has increased by having two Mr. Bass events so this will continue for 2011.

Championship: Chautauqua.

Notify the STD ASAP if you are accepting your position. The deadline is September 19.

Check the website for information on lodging and where the HQ and meeting will be held.

**You will need a 2011 NY license for this event.**

There are no changes for tournaments in 2011. There will be a conference call for TD's in October.

### **State Tournaments**

Mr. Bass East – Potomac @ Smallwood: Date: TBD (looking at April).

Mr. Bass West – Erie @ Presque Isle: Date: TBD (looking at July).

Eastern Regional – District 1 choice.

Western Regional – District 6 choice.

Central Regional – District 2 choice.

Federation Championship – Oneida @ Oneida Shores: Date: TBD

Tournament Workers – Doing away with paying \$150/day and instead we will pay for expenses (gas/meal/lodging). This will come out of the 30% withheld from the entry fees and the STD budget. A budget will have to be created for the STD in 2011.

Payouts – A question was raised about extending the payouts by paying more people. The President reminded the BOD that payouts are not in the by-laws; they are in the tournament policies and procedures.

Another idea brought up was about using “mandatory volunteers” for tournament workers.

The President stated that payouts and workers will be discussed at the TD meeting.

### **Equipment Upgrade**

District 3 is looking at a scale and paperless system. They will send information to the STD.

## **FANTASY FISHING**

**Mike Sabbi**

Prizes to be awarded at the November meeting; Mike looking for donations for next year. One idea was offering a free years membership.

## **TBF UPDATE**

**Mike Pierro**

The states next year are going to have to have 50 members in order to advance to the Divisional Tournament.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bad standing will be in Policies and Procedures so this will be removed from further discussion at the meetings.

The President stated the proposal being discussed was to eliminate the August BOD meeting in favor of a March/September/November schedule. The floor was opened for discussion and the STD opined his reluctance about eliminating the June meeting because of the tournament season and instead suggested March/June/November schedule. Mike made the motion to have a March/June/November schedule; Seconded by Tim McNicholas. During the discussion, Dave Ciarletta pointed out that officer nominations will need to be done in June. Mike Sabbi then rescinded his motion because District 3 decided in a 5-4 vote at their meeting that they were not in favor of a meeting change. Tim McNicholas then made the same motion; Seconded by Fred Lewis. In the first vote, the result was 11Y/2O/3A; motion carried. During a discussion that followed, Ron Grove stated he was not signed in. This meant that the club total was 17 not 16 so the motion needed to be re-voted. The new result was 11Y/5O/1A;

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

All the 2011 tickets are out.

November Meeting: Usually a 2 day affair with committee meetings being held the day before. The President then suggested holding conference calls to save on the expense for lodging. During the discussion, the BOD left this decision up to the directors and President. The President then decided to try it by Conference Call this year.

Please advise the VP if you are attending the BOD meeting/Banquet. Everyone is welcome.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Brandywine Bassmasters was featured in FLW magazine for their conservation project.

There are pictures and videos on the website now.

Crawford County put on a tournament (Pro/Am) to raise money for the United Way; \$10,000 was raised.

Mark Hughes then spoke about the tournament they do for assisted living residents. They are taken out every year and it is something they look forward to it every year.

Dave Ciarletta then brought up the changes that are going to need to be made in Officers for 2012. President Pierro stated that he will not be running again. He then stated that he does not believe that Ron Rook is going to run again. Dave then stated that Ron told him this is his last year and if there was anyone that was going to run for 2012 that he would gladly turn it over now. Dave then said he would like to step down as Membership Director and pick up as Web Director (will not do both). This then opened up the question about each office.

The Vice President stated she will not run again.

Fred Lewis stated he would like to remain as STD and is interested in Treasurer.

Ray Sharp is not sure if he wants to remain as the Youth Director.

Chris Wilson announced that after being approached by the current President and other members of the Federation, he will be running for the Presidency for 2012. This was a decision that was made after 6 months of consideration and getting commitments from other members for the other positions. This will cause a vacancy at the Secretary position.

**ADJOURNED by motion;** Tim McNicholas and Dave Palko

### ATTENDANCE

CLUB	NOV 09	FEB 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	NOV 10
Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers	X		X	X	
Bass Buddies	X				
Bassmasters of Crawford County	X			X	
Berks Bassmasters			X	X	
Berwick Bass					
Blair Bassmasters					
Blue Mountain Bassmasters					
Borderline Bassmasters	X		X		
Brandywine Bass Masters	X		X	X	
Broad Top Bass Association			X		
Bux-Mont Bass Masters	X		X		
Chester County Bass Masters	X			X	
Clarion County Bass Masters					
Crawford County	X				
Delaware River Bassmasters	X			X	
Happy Hookers	X				
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters	X			X	
Hunters Run Bassmasters	X		X		
Independent Bassmasters	X		X		
Kaiser Hollow Bass					
Lancaster County Bassmasters	X		X		
Lancaster County Hawg Hunters	X		X	X	
Lebanon County Bass Anglers	X		X	X	
Leggett's Creek Bassmasters	X		X	X	

Lunker Landers Bass Club	X		X	X	
Mountain Valley Bassmasters					
North West Bassers	X		X	X	
Northeastern Bassmasters					
Pro-Line Bassmasters	X				
River Hill Bass Masters			X	X	
River Rats Bassmasters					
Schuykill County Bass Anglers	X		X		
Shy Beaver	X		X	X	
South Central PA Basscasters	X		X		
Standing Stone Bass Masters	X		X		
Susquehanna Valley Bass Club	X		X	X	
Tamaqua Bass Club					
Team Keystone					
The Extreme Anglers					
Trailer Hook Bass Anglers					
Tri-County Bass Masters	X		X	X	
Tyrone Bassmasters	X				
Washberry Bass Club	X		X	X	
Wayne County Bassmasters			X		
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