

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2009
Minutes**

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:02am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 27 of 40 clubs present. Lancaster County Hawg Hunters then made a motion to accept the November 8, 2008 minutes; seconded by Borderline; passed unanimously. With no comments on the proposed agenda for the meeting, the President added a couple of items. The motion to accept was made by Hawghunters and seconded by Leggett's Creek; unanimous.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

Bill Reichert is stepping down as the Conservation Director. For now, Mike Burton is going to step in to keep an eye on the Fish Commission but we will need a Director to fill this post in the future. More of this issue was addressed in the Conservation Report.

Policies and Procedures

Polices and Procedures Panel; we need one but no one has volunteered to do it.

State Sponsors

At the banquet in November, Tim Gavek with TGIF Tackle brought in a number of samples from the suppliers that they represent. It looks as though one of them will be coming on line as a state sponsor; there will be more on this at the April meeting.

A reminder that RJ Marine made an offer that if your club registers with him and a member of your club makes a purchase, your club will receive a 1% rebate up to \$500.00. We have also asked him to notify the state when he sells a ranger so that we can offer that person a free one year membership in the Federation. We are doing this because Ranger gives the buyer \$400 in Ranger bucks along with giving the Federation \$400 in Ranger bucks. In 2008, we had 3 boats that qualified for the Ranger bucks

These sponsors came from local contacts. So if you know of someone who might like to advertise with us get them in contact with us and we will see if we can't work out a deal.

National Sponsors

The Lowrance products have been received. We have (1) GPS/Depth finder; the 522 model with the internal antenna, (2) X-125 depth finders and one automotive GPS unit. We will discuss in the future exactly what it is that we want to do with these units

All of the items from Ranger, Evinrude and Yamaha as reported in November has been received. So again, just like with the Lowrance items, we have to decide how we are using these items; Raffle, giveaway, tournaments, youth and conservation.

The Ranger Bucks that we have been using for additional cash prizes at Mr Bass and the Classic; I will be signing up for again in March if it is available but as you can imagine the economy is hitting the sponsors hard. Whether Ranger bucks will be available for these 2 events as in the past will not be known until after the meetings in March.

Solar Bat is going to be fulfilling its promise as posted on the web site. They will be giving the State Team 12 pair of glasses, 2 pair for Youth and another 2 or 3 pairs (depending on membership count) to the Federation.

Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show

The Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show is advertising with us again this year for \$500.00. If you get down there make mention that you saw their ad on our site.

FLW Cup

In response to a question raised as to whether the FLW Cup will be considered a state function, the answer is no. A number of people will be needed and it is a big deal but if there are other events scheduled at the same time they can continue on as planned.

State Team

The State Team contracts are out and they are to be completed and returned immediately or will start going down the list. There are a lot of time sensitive issues that have to be dealt with in relation to sponsors so we are not going to wait for people to do what they need to get done. With that said, West Virginia still has not solidified a contract with the TBF and Morgantown for the tournament. The WV President has assured everyone that it will be on the Mon River out of Morgantown.

FLW Web Site Issue

We have received word from FLW that there are club web sites that have BASS ® logos and or a web links to BASS on their site. This is strictly prohibited so they have to be removed or the link to these clubs has to be removed from the PABASS web page.

Questions

At the conclusion of his report, the floor was opened up for questions.

1. Is there a backup plan if West Virginia falls through?
 - a. The only thing that may happen is it may not be in Morgantown but I don't know anymore than that and neither does the TBF. The TBF is getting frustrated because they are not getting any cooperation

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tammy Johnston

Divisional Team Report

Contracts are going out in the next week or so. Members of the team are to be at the next meeting. This is mandatory.

Fundraisers

In 2 weeks the cruise leaves. The agent has contacted us and wants to start working on next year. This is no cost to the Federation because they do all of the advertising and mailing. What the Federation receives is a rebate after 6-8 to rooms are booked at the rate of \$5-\$10 per person per day.

Clothing – a hat has been introduced. The only color is comes in is blue and will sell for around \$14. Additional information as far as embroidering will be forthcoming.

A new idea was discussed in reference to a Daily Number style fundraiser. The President told the BOD members present to get back to their clubs and ask the members if they are willing to support this type of fundraiser.

The President went to say that something has to be done. Costs are going up; the money has to come from somewhere and we do not want to raise the dues.

**Treasurer Report
Ron Rook**

Ron reported balances in accounts.

We will be filing our tax return between April 15 and May 15. We have not paid any taxes in the past and will not have to pay again this year. This is because organizations like ours only have to pay tax on interest earned if exceeds a certain amount. For 2008, our total interest did not meet the criteria.

**Secretary Report
Chris Wilson**

Nothing to report.

**Membership
Dave Ciarletta**

In 2008 we had 650 adult members, 13 premium youth members and 42 standard youth members. As of the October 31 deadline, we had 320 adult members, 6 premium youth and 9 new members (1 youth). As of today, we have 541 adult members, 14 premium youth and 28 standard youth.

There were members and even clubs who signed up after January 1st. Because of this, we are going to lose funding for the Federation.

The President re-took the podium and informed the members that because of these clubs not signing up on time we will not only lose funding for Youth and Conservation but we also lose money from Ranger from the Ranger bucks and startup money and it is a significant amount. Those clubs also cost TBF \$23 per member in funding.

A number of membership issues were discussed; including what to do if you get a new number from FLW when you renew. If this happens to you, call FLW and they will reinstate your old number. Also, make sure that you are signing up for at least the \$25 competitor level not the \$15 subscriber level. You get this \$25 rate by using the promo code "TBF25"; if you have a problem doing this through the website; call them.

YOU HAVE TO BE AT THE COMPETITOR LEVEL.

10 minute break

**Youth
Ray Sharp
Reel Kids**

Still looking for kits; as of now only 9 have been found. When you run event you need to collect the rods so that we can re-use them.

You also need to complete the survey form once the event is completed.

Confirmation for the State Championship at Cabela's has been received. They are really supporting this and will be advertising in house. Last year there were only 4 kids at this event. We need to get more involved.

State Youth Tournament

The new date for this event is August 13-15, 2008. The meeting is on the 13th at a time and place to be announced. The fishing days are the 14th and 15th from 7:00am to 2:00pm with the banquet at 4:30pm on the 15th. The headquarters will be at the Comfort Inn right off of interstate 80.

The deadline for registering participants is August 1st.

At the conclusion of his report, the President re-took the podium. The TBF has really been pushing the school fishing club idea. Pennsylvania now has a school signed on. TBF is asking for us to provide 2 slots in our Youth Classic. They are required to follow the same requirements as our youths. After making this announcement, the President opened this issue up to discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Lancaster County Hawghunters to offer them 2 slots in the Youth Classic as long as they abide by our rules and pay the fee. **SECONDED** by Marion County. **UNANIMOUS**

Conservation Bill Reichert

The Fish Commission has announced a series of 8 meetings to be held in the evenings in each district. They are very interested in the public participating in them. The dates are list on our website.

The Governor's Advisory Council is seeking an at-large commissioner and a commissioner for area 1. If you are interested, the information is on the website

Another smallmouth bass symposium was held as a follow-up to the last one in reference to young of year smallmouth die off on the river. A number of agencies are collecting and processing data and as of this date there is still no smoking gun. Another \$200,000.00 in funding has been approved to keep this study going. Mike Burton has been a big part of this and will continue.

YBACS

This program has been cancelled due to Governor Rendell's cut in funding along with staffing problems.

Lake Projects

The Bald Eagle/Sayers 2nd phase has been completed. On January 27th, there was a meeting to discuss plans for Glendale Lake. It has been approved and a 5 foot drawdown will start at the end of this year to get that project started.

The next meeting is on March 18th to discuss expanding these projects around the state.

At the conclusion of his report, the President re-took the podium and announced that the Executive Committee has awarded Bill with a **Lifetime Membership** to the PA Bass Federation in recognition for his extensive service to its membership. He was also given a sponsor packet to include a Ranger Cap, Yamaha Cap, Yamaha Tournament Shirt, a Ranger pocket knife and a 40th Anniversary Ranger Jacket.

Tournament Report Bob Kline

Tournament Applications

The 2009 application is on the website and can be sent in starting February 14th.

State Tournaments

Eastern Mr. Bass – May 15-16 on the Northeast River out of Anchor Marine. The headquarters will be the Comfort Inn off of Rte 272. We have requested a block of 50 rooms and are awaiting confirmation. The meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at 7:00pm.

Western Mr. Bass – July 10-11 on Lake Erie; no further information at this time.

Eastern Team Regional – June 26-27 on Lake Oneida out of Oneida Shores State Park. As of this date, 9 bids for hotel rooms have been received. Further information will be forthcoming.

Central Team Regional – June 26-27 on Keuka Lake out of Keuka Lake State Park.

Western Team Regional – June 27-28 on Allegheny Reservoir out of the Elijah Launch.

State Classic – October 2-3 on Raystown Lake out of James Creek.

2009 Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations were posted to the website and as of today there were only 132 hits recorded. Once the rules are voted on and approved, they will be posted in the Tournament section.

The angler fishes from the front deck, the co-angler fishes from the rear deck. Once a fish is hooked either angler can move to where they need to be in order to land it. Only exception to this rule is by the Tournament Director. **MOTION** by Northwestern; **SECOND** Leggett's Creek. 26 For, 1 Oppose, 0 Abstain. **MOTION PASSED**

The angler has complete control of the boat and decides where to fish. **MOTION** by Brandywine; **SECOND** by Leggett's Creek. 20 For, 3 Oppose, 3 Abstain, 1 no vote.

There will be section added to the rules governing the Team Regional Tournament in reference to format and choice of fishing location. It will spell out that the Team Regional is an Angler/Rider format where the each person gets to fish ½ of off the day where they want and from the front deck while in control of the trolling motor.

TBF Update Mike Pierro

A letter from TBF in reference to The Cup listed the following needs:

1. 10 or more camera boat drivers that know the river. Some will use their boats and some will use FLW boats. The boat has to be a Ranger and has to be big enough to keep up; 225hp at least

2. 10 Chevy truck drivers
3. 4-6 boat yard helpers
4. 4-6 outdoor helpers
5. 2 to work the TBF booth where the PA Federation will have a spot
6. A youth club to assist with the Youth booth. 3 days at least
7. 4 camera boats for the NGJWC as well as some other volunteers for the event that are not dedicated to the Cup.

All of this information is preliminary and may change. Keep an eye on the website for updates.

*** If you want to be considered for a position that requires a boat, I will need to know year and type of boat and motor and HP. You will be expected to keep up the tournament anglers, that will require no less than 200 HP and prefer 225/250 hp

PA Federation Fantasy Fishing Site is being given to us to take care of. The information is going to be sent to Mike Sabbi to take care of. For every person who signs up, the Federation gets \$2.

OLD BUSINESS

Clubs in bad standing and bad standing committee has no been done yet.

District 7 scale has been paid for.

New Business

Child Wish Event – The first event will be June 6th and 7th on Raystown. We are looking at having 12 or more kids and will need some boaters. The park has waived all of their fees and gave the use of the pavilion.

District 3 is having their 7th annual flea market in Wellsville on March 14-15. There are a few tables left so contact Mike Sabbi or Bob Kline by phone or email if you need one. While you are there, Tri-County will also be running a raffle for a \$500 Visa gift card and (5) \$50 Visa gift cards. The cost is \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.

Good of the Order

Centre Sportsman TV Show for information see the website at www.centresportsman.com

The Following Open Tournaments have been submitted to the website:

BASS BUDDIES

BOB RETTIG MEMORIAL CRAPPIE TX - LAKE ARTHUR MORAIN STATE PARK – 05/17

BASSMASTERS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

SPRING CLASSIC BUDDY TOURNAMENT – PYMATUNING – 05/03

BERKS BASSMASTERS

TUESDAY OPEN TOURNAMENT - BLUE MARSH LAKE – 06/16 TO 09/29

SPRING BUDDY - BLUE MARSH LAKE – 04/11

FALL BUDDY - BLUE MARSH LAKE – 10/11

BRANDYWINE BASSMASTERS

CABIN FEVER - MARSH CREEK – 03/29

BUX-MONT BASSMASTER

POCOMOKE RIVER TOURNAMENT - POCOMOKE CITY MD – 10/16-17

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TOURNAMENT – SCHUYLKILL – 03/29

BLUE MARSH TOURNAMENT - BLUE MARSH LAKE – 04/05

NORTHEAST RIVER TOURNAMENT - NORTHEAST RIVER MD – 04/26

DELAWARE RIVER TOURNAMENT - DELAWARE RIVER NESHAMINY PA – 05/03

POTOMAC RIVER TOURNAMENT - POTOMAC RIVER SMALLWOOD MD – 05/30-31

SASSAFRAS RIVER TOURNAMENT - SASSAFRAS RIVER MD – 06/14

HARVEY'S LAKE TOURNAMENT - HARVEY'S LAKE PA STATE RAMP – 07/12

POTOMAC RIVER TOURNAMENT - POTOMAC RIVER SMALLWOOD SP MD – 07/25-26

DELAWARE RIVER TOURNAMENT - DELAWARE RIVER NESHAMINY PA – 08/09

BELTSVILLE LAKE TOURNAMENT - BELTSVILLE PA STATE PARK – 08/30

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TOURNAMENT - SCHUYLKILL RIVER PA – 09/13

NORTHEAST TOURNAMENT - NORTHEAST RIVER MD – 09/13

CHESTER COUNTY BASS MASTERS

NORTHEAST OPEN INVITATIONAL 1 - NORTHEAST RIVER, ANCHOR MARINA – 04/11

GUNPOWDER OPEN INVITATIONAL 1 - GUNPOWDER RIVER, DUNDEE MARINA – 05/09

NANTICOKE OPEN INVITATIONAL 1 - NANTICOKE RIVER, SEAFORD TOWN RAMP – 05/30

NORTHEAST OPEN INVITATIONAL 2 - NORTHEAST RIVER, ANCHOR MARINA – 06/13

POTOMAC OPEN INVITATIONAL - POTOMAC RIVER, FORT WASHINGTON MARINA – 07/18

SASSAFRAS OPEN INVITATIONAL 1 - SASSAFRAS RIVER, DUFFY'S MARINA – 08/08

NANTICOKE OPEN INVITATIONAL 2 - NANTICOKE RIVER, SEAFORD TOWN RAMP – 08/29

SASSAFRAS OPEN INVITATIONAL 2 - SASSAFRAS RIVER, DUFFY'S MARINA – 09/19

GUNPOWDER OPEN INVITATIONAL 2 - GUNPOWDER RIVER, DUNDEE MARINA – 09/26

CLASSIC OPEN INVITATIONAL - NORTHEAST RIVER, ANCHOR MARINA – 10/24-25

CLARION COUNTY BASSMASTERS

KAHLE LAKE OPEN - KAHLE LAKE, CLARION CO LAUNCH – 04/05

PYMATUNING OPEN - PYMATUNING LAKE, LINESVILLE LAUNCH – 04/19

PYMATUNING OPEN - PYMATUNING LAKE, MANNING LAUNCH – 04/26

PYMATUNING OPEN - PYMATUNING LAKE, JAMESTOWN LAUNCH – 05/24

ERIE BAY OPEN - ERIE, PRESQUE ISLE LAGOON LAUNCH – 06/14

LAKE WILHELM OPEN - LAKE WILHELM, SANDY LAKE # 4 LAUNCH – 07/19

ERIE BAY OPEN - ERIE, PRESQUE ISLE LAGOON LAUNCH – 07/26

CONNEAUT LAKE OPEN - CONNEAUT LAKE PARK FISH COMM LAUNCH – 08/ 16

KAHLE LAKE OPEN KIDS TX - KAHLE LAKE CLARION CO FISH COMM. LAUNCH – 08/29

EDINBORO LAKE OPEN - EDINBORO, PA FISH COMMISSION LAUNCH – 09/13

CLARION DAM OPEN - CLARION, PA MILL CREEK LAUNCH – 09/27

ALLEGHENY RIVER OPEN - ALLEGHENY RIVER, EAST BRADY LAUNCH – 10/11

ERIE PRESQUE ISLE BAY OPEN - MARINE LAUNCH, ERIE – 08/30

HAWGHUNTER BASS MASTERS OF ALLENTOWN

MARSH CREEK LAKE – DOWNINGTOWN WEST LAUNCH – 04/05

SASSAFRAS RIVER - GEORGETOWN, MD - DUFFY'S CREEK MARINA – 05/03

LAKE NOCKAMIXON - QUAKERTOWN, PA – WEIGH-IN LOCATION- TOHICAN RAMP – 06/14

LAKE CHAMPLAIN – TICONDEROGA - FORT TICON FERRY BOAT LAUNCH – 07/18-19

GREENWOOD LAKE - GREENWOOD LAKE, NY - DEFEO'S MARINA – 08/08-09

NORTHEAST RIVER - NORTH EAST, MD - ANCHOR MARINA – 08/23

ONEIDA LAKE - BREWERTON, NY - ONEIDA SHORES PARK LAUNCH – 09/19-20

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD - TYDINGS PARK LAUNCH – 10/18

DISTRICT SEVEN

LAKE ONEIDA OPEN - ONEIDA SHORES STATE PARK – 08/29

HAWGHUNTERS

BUDDY TOURNEY - BELTSVILLE LAKE, PINE RUN LAUNCH – 04/12
BUDDY TOURNEY - NOCKAMIXON LAKE – 06/21
BUDDY TOURNAMENT - NOCKAMIXON LAKE – 07/12
BUDDY TOURNAMENT - NOCKAMIXON LAKE – 08/16
BUDDY TOURNAMENT - NOCKAMIXON LAKE – 09/13
BUDDY TOURNAMENT - BELTSVILLE LAKE – 10/11

LANCASTER COUNTY HAWG HUNTERS

THUR NIGHT BUDDY TOURN – SUSQUEHANNA RIVER - LONG LEVEL RAMP – 06/18 – 8/13
LONG LEVEL CLUB TOURNAMENT - SUSQUEHANNA RIVER - LONG LEVEL – 03/22
SUSQUEHANNA FLATS CLUB TOURNAMENT - TYDINGS MARINA, HAVRE DE GRACE – 04/19
SUSQUEHANNA FLATS CLUB TOURNAMENT - ANCHOR MARINA – 05/09
MARSH CREEK LAKE CLUB TOURNAMENT - MARSH CREEK STATE PARK – 06/21
POTOMAC RIVER CLUB TOURNAMENT - SMALLWOOD STATE PARK – 07/19
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CLUB TOURNAMENT – SUNBURY – 08/16
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CLUB TOURNAMENT – PEQUEA – 09/27
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CLUB TOURNAMENT - LONG LEVEL – 10/24

LEGGETT'S CREEK BASSMASTERS

PICKEREL TOURNAMENT - LAKE HENRY – 05/30
BASS TOURNAMENT - LAKE CAREY – 07/19
BASS TOURNAMENT - HARVEY'S LAKE – 11/01

LUNKER LANDERS BASS CLUB

BUDDY TOURNAMENT – CAYUGA LAKE, NY – UNION SPRINGS LAUNCH – 07/25

SOUTH CENTRAL PA. BASSCASTERS

LAKE MARBURG – THURSDAY NIGHT LUNKER – 06/18 – 09/17
CLUB TOURNAMENT - POTOMAC RIVER, SMALLWOOD SP – 04/25
CLUB TOURNAMENT - GUNPOWDER SP – 05/16
CLUB TOURNAMENT - TIDINGS, HAVRE-DE-GRACE – 06/13
CLUB TOURNAMENT - LAKE MARBURG HANOVER PA – 07/18
CLUB TOURNAMENT - GOLDSBORO SUSQUEHANNA RIVER – 08/15
CLUB TOURNAMENT - LONG LEVEL SUSQUEHANNA RIVER – 09/19
CLUB TOURNAMENT - PINCHOT LAKE – 10/17

STANDING STONE

WED NITE TOUR. - RAYSTOWN LAKE – 06/17, 07/01, 15, 29, 08/12, 26
CLUB TOUR. - POTOMAC RIVER – 05/02-03
CLUB TOUR. - RAYSTOWN LAKE – 06/14
CLUB TOUR. - RAYSTOWN LAKE – 07/25
CLUB TOUR. - LAKE CHATAQUA – 08/08-09
CLUB TOUR. - RAYSTOWN LAKE – 09/12
CLUB TOUR - CURWENSVILLE LAKE – 09/27
CLUB TOUR. - CANOE CREEK LAKE – 10/04

WASHBERRY BASS CLUB

WASHBERRY OPEN TOURNAMENT - WILLIAMSPORT, ANTLERS LAUNCH – 04/04

50/50 drawing

Motion to Adjourn –

ADJOURNED at 11:35am

ATTENDANCE

| CLUB | NOV 08 | FEB 09 | JUN 09 | AUG 09 | NOV 09 |
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| Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers | X | | | | |
| Bass Buddies | X | | | | |
| Bassmasters of Craford County | X | | | | |
| Berks Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Berwick Bass | | | | | |
| Blair Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Blue Mountain Bassmasters | | | | | |
| Borderline Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Brandywine Bass Masters | X | X | | | |
| Broad Top Bass Association | X | | | | |
| Bux-Mont Bass Masters | | X | | | |
| Chester County Bass Masters | X | X | | | |
| Clarion County Bass Masters | X | X | | | |
| CrawfordCounty | | X | | | |
| Delaware RiverBassmasters | | | | | |
| Happy Hookers | | X | | | |
| Hawg Hunter Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Hunters Run Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Independent Bassmasters | | X | | | |
| Kaiser Hollow Bass | | | | | |
| Lancaster County Bassmasters | X | X | | | |
| Lancaster County Hawg Hunters | X | X | | | |

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