

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2009
Minutes**

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:03am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 29 of 50 clubs present. Borderline Bassmasters then made a motion to accept the February 9, 2009 minutes; seconded by Leggett's Creek; passed 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 a real need for this position. Mike Burton is filling in for the time being but we need an official director. A question then arose about a highway clean up program as to how to report it. There is a form on the web that you can use to report conservation activities and for now they can be forwarded to the President.

Policies and Procedures

Polices and Procedures Panel; at the last meeting three people said they would do it. Unfortunately we will not get started on this until after The Cup is over.

Web Site

At the meetings this spring, the TBF is trying to gather a number of Federations together to share in a website. We are waiting for additional information on this. One major goal established for this year for our website was the picture gallery - Scott Laukauff going to run the picture gallery.

More information will be coming from Scott for the next meeting on how and where to send pictures.

There are some issues as to the cost of the site. If there are any other concerns that the membership may have, email them to the President

National Sponsors

This is not a real good year for our sponsors. Genmar is in Chapter 11 so even Ranger bucks are down for this year. We have received about \$1300.00 so we will be paying 2 places.

There are no solid contracts except for Lowrance, Solar Bat and Plano (State Sponsor).

Lowrance – there is no Federation discount; only a State Team discount. Information has to come from President and it does take awhile to receive product. No more 500 series units; it is now all HDS. For the Federation as a whole, we did receive \$1200 in product.

Castrol is still with us. We are giving away 36 cases throughout the year. The maximum angler of the year award though is down from \$500 to \$100. Rumors are that we will not receive outboard oil next year but motor oil.

Solar Bat – team glasses are in, the kids get a pair plus we have 2 additional pair for raffles. If you send these back to him with a prescription, he will discount it 70%. He is also looking to expand into offices that carry

glasses so if you can provide a contact to the President, he will forward it to Solar Bat and the Federation will receive discount merchandise for it.

Now for the good news.....BERKLEY is back. They are giving a 30% discount on all of their major brands; Berkley, Stren, Berkley lines, Fenwick, Abu Garcia. This will be done through the Club Presidents as long as they are registered with the TBF and FLW along with their email address so it can be validated. Maximum of \$2500 per order – you can order more than once.

TBF has put together what is called an email blast. This is the way that the sponsors are going to end up going. If you have problem with this, it will curtail what we are going to receive in the future.

The President opened up the discussion at this time.

Who will use it? Answer: Only the TBF or FLW will be using the email blast. The information will not be sold to other companies.

What will be sent? Answer: Announcements from TBF/FLW.

If we had this when Fantasy Fishing started and sent out the information, we would have received \$1 per person.

MOTION: Leggett's Creek to use the email blast for members of the TBF/FLW was seconded by Independent Bassmasters. Vote was 28 For, 0 Against, 1 Absatin –**MOTION PASSES**

As a side note: Mr Bass East raised \$700 in raffles from the sponsor products that we were given.

State Sponsors

RJ Marine is still working with us. The program is really good for us.

TGIF – unknown what is happening with this. We have not heard anything back.

Plano – they called us and are still providing product for our giveaways.

A lot of effort went into putting together sponsorship packages and sending them out but it seems that everyone has lost their money in the mean time. We will continue to utilize them in the future.

Shirts and Jackets – a number of people have changed so we need to get some clothing for our people. We will be getting these items.

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

The Junior Championship Youth Event is at Kittaning on the river a few locks up from where the pros are fishing. Usually the FLW provide all of the boats for this (50 boats) but not this year. They need local people to help. Need 50 boats for Friday, July 31st. The only requirement is 150hp and that it is a bass boat. As of now we

have 24. You do get help with gas (\$100) and oil (gallon or so) along with a shirt and hat. This is just for Friday. On Saturday only the top 6 fish in a wrapped boat with a pro. Those people on the Divisional Team – the tournament site is only an hour away so you can help the kids on Friday and then go pre-fish.

Workers: 8-10 boat yard workers/drivers. Camera boats 5-7 have to be Stratos or Ranger and can not have Mercury Motor – at least a 200hp since the pros are running 250's. Unknown what you will receive but you will get gas and oil help.

Youth Booth: Ray will be running this. We need some kids (4-6 per day) lined up to help kids compete. We get \$250 for youth. This will be divided between the youth clubs that participate.

Federation Booth: we need 2 people a day to talk about Federation. How to join, who to talk to, what we do etc. Bob and Steve have volunteered to go down. We could use some relief for them.

We need to get contact information on whom to call for new members. The DC's will be contacted for this information so please get it together for the end of June.

For the Sport Show, we asked for 4000 tickets. Every time someone uses the ticket that we give to him or her, we get \$1 per ticket per day. In Missouri, they made \$2500.

Fantasy Fishing

We are going to go at this next year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tammy Johnston

Divisional Team Report

All contracts are in except for one. Clothing has to now go through the TBF not Ranger. Still waiting to here additional information on how many items are going to be supplied. May hear more by June or July.

We received 1 of 4 \$1200 sponsorship packages from Lowrance. The only one higher is a \$5000 package and only one of those are given out. Pictures are what did it for us but we need more with the sponsors present not just our members. Get in front of signs, where the product, hold the product etc.

Fundraisers

At the Cup, put together a package and do a raffle.

Daily Number Tickets – 1000 to be sold at \$20 each and 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

Total Payout - \$10,055.00

Printing - \$235.00

PROFIT - \$9710.00 less mailing of the checks to the winners.

With 600 members in the Federation, selling 1000 calendars should not be a problem. Distribute them at the August meeting and turn them in at the November meeting.

One concern raised was getting the money out to the winner in a timely manner. The other concern is getting the tickets out and back.

MOTION: Bux-Mont Bassmasters motioned to go forward with the fundraiser. Seconded by Leggett's Creek. 27 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain – **MOTION PASSES**

TREASURER REPORT

Ron Rook

Ron reported a balance in the checking account of \$1,050.45 and a balance of \$47,163.66 in the money market account.

SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Wilson

Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Ciarletta

There are 645 adult members: 95 are new. This brings us to where we were last year.

There are 50 youth members: only 14 are premium.

YOUTH REPORT

Ray Sharp

Reel Kids

Thank you to all who have been helping out. We have had a lot of participation and it is working out well.

The TBF/FLW Reel Kids Casting State Championship sponsored and hosted by Cabella's will be September 6th. Event sign up is 11:00-11:30 with the event starting at 11:30. 1st Place is \$200 cash.

Child Wish at Raystown was a complete success with 15 kids and parents participating and is finishing up today.

State Youth Tournament

Matt Hartman and Ian Miller will be competing.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Nothing to report.

10 Minute Break

TOURNAMENT REPORT **Bob Kline**

State Tournaments

The new 2009 tournament application is on the website.

Eastern Mr. BASS

The Eastern Mr. Bass was held May 15-16 on the Northeast River out of Anchor Marine with 26 boats in the field. There was a total of \$9100 in entry fees, \$6440 paid out in winnings and \$1994.09 in expenses. To offset what wasn't set aside for the Regional Team, 4 raffles were run using the products we get from our sponsors: \$703 was collected.

Matt Lovallo and Dave Kozlansky were the 1st place angler and co-angler respectively. The rest of the winners will be posted on the website shortly. Based on participation numbers, 9 anglers and 8 co-anglers will receive berths to the Classic.

Take notice that the boaters who won money were required to show their insurance documentation prior to being paid. This is supposed to be in your boat at all times.

Western Mr. Bass

The cut-off for applications is June 27. The tournament is July 10-11 on Lake Erie. Based on participation numbers, 6 anglers and 7 co-anglers will receive berths to the Classic.

Team Regionals

The cut-off is June 12.

Eastern Team Regional – June 26-27 on Lake Oneida out of Oneida Shores State Park.

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

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

*** On the applications, it asks if you are able to bring a boat. If you check yes and you end up fishing as a boater, YOU HAVE TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE.

TBF Update Mike Pierro

Original contract with the TBF was for 5 years. This is the 3rd year.

If you have questions, use the website. A member had a question, contacted TBF through the site and got an answer in 2 hours.

As the President, I am 100% behind the TBF/FLW.

Reminder that the membership level you have to sign up for is competitor. This is the way it is right now. They are looking a tier system for the future – more information to come.

The TBF store idea is for discount overstock items from sponsors – more information to come.

Next Divisional Tournament is in Maryland.

OLD BUSINESS

In the fall we will have Policies and Procedures. Clubs in bad standing will be covered in it.

We have fantastic clubs doing fantastic things. We have not had an argument or protest since the split. There have been inquiries made by some of those people, particular from those who sued us in the past, about joining. This will not happen.

New Business

Daily number raffle tickets will be at the August meeting.

Good of the Order

TV Commercial for Jaffa Sports Show included a clip on the Reel Kids Casting Event

There was a Reel Kids event at Calvary Baptist Church in Souderton. 125 kids participated with more than 300 spectators. Jimmy Houston was on hand to present a new rod and reel to the 12-15 age group winner. Greg Smith of Bux-Mont Bassmasters.

Scott was asked if he wanted to come down and film the JR State Championship on Aug 14-15. He will get with his producer.

The Following Open Tournaments have been submitted to the website:

BORDERLINE BASSMASTERS – Open Buddy – July 9 and October 10 - Pinchot

50/50 drawing – Ray Bradshaw \$86.00

Motion to Adjourn –

ADJOURNED at 10:38am

ATTENDANCE

CLUB	NOV 08	FEB 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	NOV 09
Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers	X		X		
Bass Buddies	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		
Brandywine Bass Masters	X	X	X		
Broad Top Bass Association	X				
Bux-Mont Bass Masters		X	X		
Chester County Bass Masters	X	X	X		
Clarion County Bass Masters	X	X	X		
Crawford County		X			
Delaware River Bassmasters			X		

Happy Hookers		X	X		
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters	X	X	X		
Hunters Run Bassmasters	X	X	X		
Independent Bassmasters		X	X		
Kaiser Hollow Bass					
Lancaster County Bassmasters	X	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	X	X	X		
North West Bassers	X	X	X		
Northeastern Bassmasters					
Pro-Line Bassmasters	X	X			
River Hill Bass Masters	X		X		
River Rats Bassmasters	X				
Schuykill County Bass Anglers	X	X	X		
Shy Beaver	X	X			
South Central PA Basscasters	X		X		
Standing Stone Bass Masters	X	X	X		
Susquehanna Valley Bass Club	X	X	X		
Tamaqua Bass Club					
Team Keystone	X				
The Extreme Anglers					
Trailer Hook Bass Anglers					
Tri-County Bass Masters	X	X	X		

Tyrone Bassmasters	X	X			
Washberry Bass Club	X	X	X		
Wayne County Bassmasters					
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