

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2012
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson brought the meeting to order at 8:00 am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 16 of 39 clubs present. The March 6, 2012 minutes were approved by Hawg Hunters and Borderline. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Chris Wilson**

Chris started the meeting by correcting an error in the previous minutes" Ramp Fee Correction - Ramp Free is \$7 per day and free if you stay in state park at Cayuga. The meeting minutes were read and approved by 1st Tim McNicholas and 2nd by Boarder line.

Chris provided staffing updates which included the resignation of the current Youth Director and the appointment Mike Burgess to the position. Tom Prowant will managing the kid's championship this year. There still an open position for a Conservation Director so membership was asked to reach out to their clubs for anyone interested in representing our organization with the state of Pennsylvania.

Flow of information to the members is very important to the health of this organization. The following flow is in place and is working but it success relies on everyone to do their part. The flow is as follows: TBF > Chris Wilson > District Chairman > Club Presidents/Representative >Membership. Keep in mind our web site is always a good source contact information if needed.

There was no High School Fishing update given other than the need for one of our clubs to help run the July 7thBlue Marsh Lake Dual State Championship or PA and NJ. Berks Bassmasters will be contacted by Tim McNicholas to see if they can assist in running the tournament.

Membership Report was looking good and the numbers were 369 members in January and in March we were up to 561 and growing. For today meeting we had 16 out of 39 clubs attending.

Chris touched on what a great event Mr. Bass East was at Lake Anna and reported that the Marina was very grateful for us holding the event at the or location. As we try to offer up new and fun ways to participate and grow the organization Mike Sabbi will be investigating the new TBF Dream Team Event format - 25 boats @ \$200 per boat and a winner goes to a 1 week trip all expensed paid to the championship. Please see the web for more details

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Sabbi**

State Team: 2012

Mike announced this year's state Team: Bill Barlow -Captain - Berr Shaw - Dave Greenleaf - Sam Noel - Rex Magargle - Terry Olmestead - Mike Levis - Mike Eldrige - Jason Shipton - Robert Fry - Bernie Kazar - Bill Showers - Charles Ward -

At the tournament the President will administer the Rules for the TBF to the team and hold the team accountable. Mike indicated that Team Work is Key to finishing in the top spot and encouraged everyone to have fun and share information. The rooms for Potomac trip are booked at Super 8 in Indian Head.

Sponsorships are very important to our organization so be sure to use them when you can and talk them up to other members. For example, Kistler Rods has a 25% discount for our members plus 5% comes back to PABASS – Support our Sponsors! When you do by a membership send a note to say thank you it means a lot to sponsorships and remember to participate on our Facebook page. Use it, like and pass it along. This is a great marketing tool for us to use to support membership and sponsors.

TREASURER REPORT

Chris Wilson

The President reported, on behalf of the Treasurer, the balances in the checking and the money market accounts. The old back account was closed and the last statements from November 2011 to May 2012 will be collected by the Vice Chairman.

The lottery account balance was reported and to-date all Lottery Winner Checks have been mailed.

The Lottery account will be changed to PNC from First Liberty so that the Treasurer can see all transactions taking place. The Treasurer Report was 1st and 2nd and approved.

SECRETARY REPORT

Scott Carlisle

No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bruce Bramer

There are 625 adult members in (109 new members) 39 clubs and 44 Junior FLW members; (Standard 29...Premium 15) so that gives us a total of 653 FLW members. PA Dues Collected: \$24,760.00 thus far in 2012. Invoices – challenge - if you make a mistake please correct it via the computer. No written corrections. TBF web site shows 50 inactive clubs to try to help them come back to PA Bass. Bruce to send list to district Chairs to help to contact those clubs. (Bruce – handed out tickets to attendees for winning a new reel or other 2 gifts.)

YOUTH REPORT

Chris Wilson

Mike Burgess – our new Youth Director provided an update on the National Guard Youth Championship. Which will be held September 9th thru the 11th Lake Lenoir GA – State Championship will be at Shme State Park. For anyone looking into hosting a Reel Kids Contest please reach out for information. Chris indicated that the Youth Budget is in review and new standards would be put in place to contain costs as needed.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Chris Wilson

The Conservation Position is Open and we are looking to fill before the end of the year – Please reach out to membership for interest in the role.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Chris Wilson

The MR Bass East Tournament was a great success at Lake Anna – there were 21 Anglers 15 Co-Anglers which all seem to have a good time. The Marina and the fishing was great for the event 5, 6 and 7 pounders were brought to the scales.

Chris reminded everyone how participation in Tournaments such as Mr. Bass and Regional and District Tournaments is important because they help to fund the State Team. Please start thinking about recommendations for MR Bass next year. Turn out to these events and payouts were discussed and everyone was reminded of our payback is 70% to anglers and the 30% goes to fund Divisional.

Here are some tips to look good and earn more money at tournaments – consider buying a PABASS Tournament Shirt that are available to all members. These shirt are already set up for you to participate in programs such as Cabela's Cash and Ranger Bucks– Please be sure to sign up for these programs and contact Mike Sabbi for your shirt orders.

MR Bass West – 10 people (7 boater 3 riders) It was noted that East and West TX were set up to drive more participation but the west event has continuously declined. Do we need to have 2 Mr. Bass Tx? Chris said that currently 3 Anglers and 1 Co-Angler will go to the Championship. All state rules apply to Mr. Bass tournaments but a vote was needed to allow the Mr. Bass West Tournament to happen because with such a low turnout members from the same club may have to be paired. A vote was taken and all present 16 clubs agreed to allow the Mr. Bass West tournament to go on as planned.

As a Reminder on how the number of Anglers and Co-Anglers are selected Chris explained that the rule is 15/15 go to championship and the numbers that go to the championship is prorated based on participation in each Mr. East and West.

Regional Tournaments success depends on clear communications so please be sure that web information is posted in a timely manner about your tournaments so that people wanting to fish the Tournament can make plans. Also it was indicated that Multiple State Teams (6 man teams) are ok.

Championship is OCT 5th and 6th Cayuga State Park \$7 ramp fee. Web site will have information as it becomes available

TBF UPDATE

Chris Wilson

Chris attended the 4 days of meetings at Annual conference and it was great to note that one angler from PA went to the BFL Championship. At the meeting, it was stressed how important it was for the Membership to ensure that e-mail addresses are correct and up to date at all times.

Renewals start in December and it is important to get them in as soon as possible as club Insurance coverage begins when membership is processed. Until that time you do not have insurance – December is the best time to submit your registration to ensure coverage is in place for spring tournaments.

Planning ahead: 2015 the Mid Atlantic Tournament will be hosted in PA – We need to start to organize our ideas around the tournament. This is very important to the image of our organizations and our responsibility to make sure the event is well run and publicized.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike, Bob and Rex reviewed the Our Wish Foundation Event Tournament – Nice job to District 4 for hosting the event and their incredible participation. The program takes 7 to 15 year old children fishing at an event at Raystown Lake. Special needs children from Central PA and Philadelphia all take part in an entire weekend fishing event. Our Wish Foundation of Central PA is typically the 3rd weekend in May every year. Please keep this date in mind as the event needs as many boats as possible to fill with kids and fun!

Pa Bass Federation meeting location, Chris is asking the membership to help find a more affordable and accommodating location for around \$150 for a meeting room and affordable hotel room rates for 2013.

PABASS.com – Web site program underway to either fix or replace the web site - Current site costs per quarter is \$900 or \$3,600 per year. The TBF will host, build and help maintain our site for \$500 an year. Web site committee to move forward with transition by 7/15. It was noted that sponsorships are very important to have on the each page to improve our relationships. PA BASS will control all aspects of the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

The President will be sending tournament information to District Chairman's to distribute as needed. Extensive research and development has gone into a proposal to the membership in the near future to have our championship free for qualifiers – details to follow in the November. Chris renewed the E&O Insurance for this year and will shop it at next renewal.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Raffle 2013 – Clubs may request the number of tickets they want and the club that sells the most tickets will win \$500. Participation is the key to success. It was a unanimous decision by the Board that everyone will be responsible to sell one ticket. The President announced that Bruce Bramer will be administering the program for 2013.

Next meeting will be held on November 4th same location. Our Banquet will be held and more sponsors gifts to be raffled.

Attendee Raffle

The following prizes were awarded – Ardent Spinning reel – Ardent Flipping reel – (David Greenleaf winner) and a Save Face mask. Want to win? Be sure to attend November's meeting.

Mike Sabbi handed out AOY awards - AOY Adult - Save Face Awarded AOY Youth - Save Face Awarded

Motion to adjourn 1st Tim McNicholas – and 2nd @ 12:00