

**Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2011
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 23 of 39 clubs present. The November 7, 2010 minutes were approved by Susquehanna Co and Leggett's Creek. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted by Lancaster County Hawg Hunters and Leggett's Creek.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

Still looking at filling the Conservation Director.

Policies and Procedures are in the process.

The June meeting will be the nomination for officers. Submit your resume as per the bylaws.

Budget

The following budget amounts are established as a limit to spending for each office. It does not mean that each office will use the whole amount allocated to them.

President	\$6,500.00 (Last year \$8360.00)
Vice President	\$1,200.00
Treasurer	\$1,200.00
Secretary	\$ 750.00
Membership	\$ 500.00
Youth	\$7,500.00 – Youth is required to have a representative at Cup
Website	\$3,600.00 year
Operations	\$6,500.00
Total	\$27,750.00

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

State Team Contract

This has been revised and should be going out to them shortly.

Working on Lowrance book again for this year; we will know more in April when the program is detailed by Lowrance.

Lottery: The first year went very well but we did not do as well this year. Last year we sold 780 and made \$8,000.00. This year we have 650 sold, 172 unsold and 178 that have not even been returned. We may not even make \$4,000.00 this year.

**TREASURER REPORT
Ron Rook**

The Treasurer reported a balances in the checking account and the money market.

SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Wilson

See me about lottery tickets.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Ciarletta

There are 555 adult members in 39 clubs and 24 youth members (10 premium members); so that gives us a total of 565 FLW members; down 82 from last year. There are 2 new clubs: Tamaqua and Outcasts.

YOUTH REPORT

Ray Sharp

National Guard Youth Championship is August 12-13 in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Mike Burgess will be attending.

The State Championship is being held at Presque Isle August 20-21 (Sat/Sun) with registration on Friday the 19th (wings and pizza provided). On Sunday there will be a banquet. The tournament headquarters will be Quality Inn on I-90 (\$84/night).

Reel Kids – two have been done so far with four more scheduled.

Mike Pierro reported that for the Youth Championship at the Cup, there is no money coming from national for travel expense to Hot Springs this year. **MOTION:** Steve Hughes made a motion to provide \$1,000.00 each with a signed commitment that they will attend with a stipulation that the money will be returned if they do not participate; Seconded by Mike Burton. On the question, the President said the money would come from the General Fund. **UNANIMOUS**

CONSERVATION REPORT

Mike Burton

The meeting in reference to the new regulations on the Susquehanna is in April. That is when the final vote should take place.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Fred Lewis

The STD has never had a budget. For 2011, we are looking at adding \$5,000.00 to the budget so that administrative costs can be covered. The costs for the actual running of the tournament will still be covered from 30% of the entry fees so that 70% is paid back to the field. In the past, the anglers have received considerably less than a 70% payback at state events when that same minimum payback total is mandatory at a district event. After considerable discussion among the membership; **MOTION:** Borderline made the motion to have an STD budget amount of \$5,000.00; seconded by Outcasts. **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Bass East: Get your applications in and remember that no angler will be paired with another angler and no angler will be unpaired for both days. Information is posted on the website.

Open tournaments: Submit them so they can be made part of the minutes.

TBF UPDATE

Mike Pierro

Solar Bat is giving a free pair of glasses to each member of the State Team and four or five pairs that we include in the giveaways; both Junior anglers also get a pair. Solar Bat also has the same “book” presentation that Lowrance does. It is mainly showing that the products get used during our events. If a member finds a distributor for them, the Federation would receive a 10% commission on their first order. We purchased 144 pairs to sell for a Youth Fundraiser and they will sell for \$19.95 (our profit is around \$8 a pair).

Lowrance is coming back but what the program is is unknown. We will know more in April. In the past we, receive \$800 to use to purchase product with no discount. There is also no Federation wide discount. The State Team receives a considerable discount but when you receive it is based on when you order it; Lowrance builds “on demand” (they don’t keep product on hand) so if you order during a busy time you will be waiting for it.

Berkley has a substantial discount for Federation members. This is done through the TBF store. At their site, you click on one of the Berkley signs, create an account, and you get the code to put in for the discount.

Ranger Bucks was about \$1,400.00 last year. Yamaha and Evinrude are based on what the membership purchases. This year should remain the same and we will know in April.

Cabela’s is a complete program. Winner of the State Championship receives \$200: must wear a Cabela’s cash patch, decal on windshield and be registered in the program (signup at www.cabelas.com/anglerscash). There is also additional cash at the Divisional and National tournaments. Another part of the program is cash back to the Federation for having events at a Cabela’s store (\$100 each with a maximum of \$200) along with gift cards for a total of \$250 based on the size of our Federation (they will go into our raffles). Additional information and will be forward it to the Secretary so that it can be posted. After reading through this information, it was **UNANIMOUS** that the President signs on with Cabela’s.

Plano – no information yet.

TBF is getting heavily involved in High School fishing teams. As this evolves, more information will be reported.

OLD BUSINESS

The last meeting we said we will purchase D&O insurance. D&O will be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

The District 5 start-up is now underway.

Starting a paper club in PA for members at large.

Lottery tickets for next year; **MOTION**: Borderline made a motion to do the lottery fundraiser for 2012 and to move the daily payout from \$20 to \$25; seconded by Brandywine. 22 For, 1 Opposed – **MOTION PASSES**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Berks Bassmasters will be participating in a project with the USO. If anyone else is interested, contact the President for more information; date of the event is 11/11/11.

Child Wish: Bob Stiver reported that he needs boats to help make this work. May 21-22 from 9-4 at Aitch at Raystown. Contact Bob if you are interested 814-943-4504

ADJOURNED by motion at 11:31; Leggetts Creek and Lunker Landers

ATTENDANCE

CLUB	NOV 09	JUN 10	AUG 10	NOV 10	MAR 11
Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers	X	X	X	X	X
Bass Buddies	X			X	X
Bassmasters of Crawford County	X		X		X
Berks Bassmasters		X	X	X	
Berwick Bass					
Blair Bassmasters				X	
Blue Mountain Bassmasters				X	
Borderline Bassmasters	X	X		X	X
Brandywine Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	X
Broad Top Bass Association		X			X
Bux-Mont Bass Masters	X	X			
Chester County Bass Masters	X		X	X	X
Freedom Valley Bassmasters					
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters	X		X	X	
Hunters Run Bassmasters	X	X		X	X
Independent Bassmasters	X	X		X	X
Kickin Bass Baits Pro Team					
Lancaster County Bassmasters	X	X			X

Lancaster County Hawg Hunters	X	X	X	X	X
Lebanon County Bass Anglers	X	X	X	X	X
Leggett's Creek Bassmasters	X	X	X	X	X
Lunker Landers Bass Club	X	X	X	X	X
North West Bassers	X	X	X	X	X
Northeastern Bassmasters					
Outcasts					X
Pro-Line Bassmasters	X				
River Hill Bass Masters		X	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	X
Tamaqua Bass Club					
The Bass Hounds					
The Extreme Anglers					
Tri-County Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	X
Tyrone Bassmasters	X				X
Washberry Bass Club	X	X	X	X	X
Wayne County Bassmasters		X		X	
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