

**Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2011
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:02 am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 23 of 38 clubs present. The November 2011 minutes were approved by Bux-Mont and BorderLine. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Chris Wilson**

- Steve and Brent are going to championship!
- Chris headed down to Arkansas for TBF meeting.
- Mike is working on Lowrance sponsorships
- Sponsorship work at meeting is very important this year at the meeting.
- Chris asked for permission – from membership for approval to sign off on contract(s)
- Tim McNicholas motioned and was approved
- Lowrance 2012 and 2013 to be discussed
- TBF – update – Conference Call 2 calls
- March 5 and March 8th 2 hours – for additional information
- Chris is investigating how to do a free Conference calls
- 3 district chairmen present today
- Chris will communicate with District Chairmen and president so that information flows down to presidents and membership. – 7 District Chairman will distribute to Presidents and so forth.
- Berkeley – Discount deal – Last year – Discount restrictive - less products it's all Qtrly now.
- Access code – on TBF store promotions limited products and limited time periods
- TBF – Pure fishing store front code – login e-mail and use code
- April first code will expire – then they will post a new one. Qtrly – updates
- Our next State Meeting is June 3rd New location to be sent out by Chris.
- New Letterhead. – Made up by Kim Urban / Mike Sabbi – Letterhead – has listed all our sponsors at the bottom.

- Lots of calls and effort from Mike and Chris to support the State Championship Team
 - High School Fishing Related. Kate McGargle took it over but High Schools not supporting Transportation. KY – High School fishing is a sanctioned sport in KY. North Penn may be available and a Bux-Mont Bassmasters member is looking into it.
 - Eastern High School – has had a program for a while the transportation ok but on the water there are issues.
 - Chris asked 3 members to step up and lead the effort. Greg Smith, Tom Proens, Brice Method
 - Ranger Bucks – We got the sponsorship is back – Chris got a lot back - \$1,400 back to be used.
 - Membership January - 369 – 561 now. Membership growth impresses the Sponsors
 - Renewals are important – because sponsorship is looked at. Clubs should all be told to get in early so process has time to work.
 - Mr. Bass East and West 1st \$225 Ranger Bucks - 2nd \$175 Ranger Bucks- 3rd \$75 Ranger Bucks
 - Rangers Cup logo on boat and shirt and fish from that boat every day.
 - Payout \$300, \$150 \$100 Championship Ranger Bucks.
 - Pictures are important be sure to get your pictures with the boats completed as soon as possible
 - TBF approved ranger bucks
 - Motor Guide Special \$15 to \$100 off
 - Coropolis, PA – Member wants to join in District 5 Scott to forward for Chris Get Lead
 - If you want a copy cw bass@hotmail.com - Black bass report from Chris for President Report.
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Sabbi

- William McDonough – won Fantasy Fishing Free East and West Tournament – \$200
- 2nd Kerri Spitler – Free entries to state championship - Application to be sent with prize letter.
- 3rd place Travis Spitler – Membership dues get paid for and we will send him \$40. Toward membership

- 4th Tom Dellinger – Stars & Stripes – Mask for a winner and bag with it \$85 Value... Ray will deliver
- 5th Darin Hett – 16153 point he gets 6 Crank baits – from Raw Bradshaw
- Jess Salmon – wins 3 spools of Gamma line.
- Mike has been Sponsorship Shopping for 3 months
- Susquehanna \$360 logo on Team shirt Gift certificated for Mr. bass and Championship
- Lowrance package - Gold Package - \$1,000 in free product can be earned through product – We need to submit package – Reel Kids – If you win the state Championship with Bonus – HDS with Structure scan you will get a radio and other products on top of that. We typically get \$800 – per year – Virginia gets \$5,000. VA has 18 sponsors we have 7 sponsors.
- Marketing Pitches – Photos – Kids and Tournaments and all events – MinnKota sponsorship
- Photographic – sponsorship market. We need to leverage opportunities.
- Solar Bat – Divisional Team – get glasses and has glasses for sale and can be used as fundraiser – Berks county selling glasses and map of blue marsh. 15.99 You can sell for more – club logo available.
- In Youth supply we have 100 plus pair of glasses. – 20.00 - This funds the youth budget
- MinnKota - program
- Banners are available for the Events – if you can take photos that will be great.
- Hummingbird and Lowrance deals in the works
- Ardent Reels
- Rod Companies – Kistler Rods
- States Sponsor – web site page – links to be added on web site.
- Venom – Shirt Logo – VIP pricing – at cost – for our team and kids team.
- Ally Tungsten – wants to buy logo space – for shirts Kids get bag and weights
- Save Face – Angler of the Year and Co Angler will get a mask the kids going to the championship will get one as well.
- Kick'n bass bait – Bill Showers is on the divisional team 10 spinnerbaits, etc. for Divi. Tourn.

- TBF – Dream Team – 200 per team and you need 25 team – win championship you get a free trip and maybe a boat. Ranger boat a with Evenrude
- FLW giveaway motor guide Evenrude and Mercury - web site members.
- Cabela's Anglers Cash Bill Barlow won – Oneida – 3 guys with angler Cash – Sign up necessary each year! Be in program – Picture logo and boat – Cabela's - Highest weight Co-angler or Angler.
- If you buy a boat at Cabela's you can get an extra \$500
- Boat USA – Cash program available. – check it out.
- Contracts have all been returned to Mike for the divisional Team.
- TBF – Mid Atlantic – Nation's Capitol.
- New Jersey – program sponsored adverting. Own Magazine. 5k.

TREASURER REPORT
Chris Wilson Reporting for Fred Lewis

- 2012 budget – Chris wants to balance out money for a zero budget any
- \$40 dues goes into the treasury by individual will be broken out by
- Operation, youth, and conservation and miscellaneous: so for example: \$17. 50 for Operations
- \$12.00 for Youth, \$9.50 for conservation and \$1.00 for miscellaneous. =\$40.00 represents each member. We have 561.00 members.
- Operations: \$9, 817.00 Youth: \$6,732.00 Conservation: \$ 5,329.00 and 561.00 for Mics. Dollars of money brought in. Spending will be tracked accordingly by area. Each area will be accountable for it.
- Ledger will be keeping and updated on the budget and Fred will track and report out on spend.
- Chris asked membership – if this was ok.
- Ray Bradshaw – tourney and timing between the meetings - steering committee for tournaments. Chris said 11 people elected to help make the call on those situations.

- Raffle budget - ? How does that work – district Chairmen will be notified and they will communication.
 - Lottery 450 tickets. X 20 not all sold –so fund would be short if all the number hit.
 - We did not sell enough tickets to cover the program - we need to sell more next year to ensure coverage. However the ways the numbers work we should be ok.
 - Money made the will be shared with the members –
 - Our dues have been 40.00 for 8 to 10 years.
 - Lottery discussion with Q &A
 - **Lancaster County bass accepted and Brandywine 2nd – Treasury report accepted.**
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SECRETARY REPORT
Scott Carlisle

No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Bruce Bramer

- 561 active paid Members TBF 24 are youth
- **70 new members this year!**
- TBF web site used to update membership – active and inactive members.
- 200 members are not account for. – Audit underway to these members and see if we can pull these 200 people back into the main membership.
- 7 Adults – need to be processed so we are up to date.
- Invoice – problems call Bruce to make it less work for everyone.
- Tim McNicholas – Pocono Mt Bassmasters? Bruce will reach out to them.
- 53 inactive clubs – not sign back up yet.
- Greg Smith – Bux-Mont – Is there a “not good standing list”. Membership director contact – Discussion –about what to do about these folks
- We have 38 active clubs

- 23 clubs present at State meeting out of 38 active clubs.
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YOUTH REPORT

Bob Kline

- Plaques – for National Guard Jr. Championships. Handed out.
 - [Shikellamy](#) PA State Park – 2012 Championship 8/17 and 18th Pre TX meeting on 8/16
 - Econolodge in Shamokin Dam on Susquehanna – 30 rooms blocked.
 - Donate banquet room for meal and meeting
 - Awards banquet close to ramp
 - Youth Programs participation is going down – Adult Participation is the challenge.
 - Kids on any roster will be on the state championship for free.
 - TV Crew PA outdoor show will be present for event.
 - Youth Club Interest – we can get more involved.
 - Reel Kids Casting 3 events Berks, Altoona and Bux-Mont. 236 kids processed.
 - Flee Market – District 3.
 - Fundraisers – District Tournaments
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CONSERVATION REPORT

None. – We still are looking for a Conservation Officer.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Chris Wilson

Mr. Bass East: April 20 and 21st.

- Application process begun
- Sturgeon Creek will be hosting the event.

Mr. Bass West June 30 and 1st

- Niagara Ramp – should use West end Marina.

Championship – Cayuga Lake in New York – October 5th and 6th...

- Meeting on Thursday night and is mandatory
- 20 ramp fee per day
- Cayuga camp sites are open until Oct 27th.
- Reverse America .com Cabins for rent
- Holiday Inn close to the ramp as well
- Fee may be waived if you stay in the campground.
- State park launch fee may be free – but it is still not confirmed.

WEB SITE REPORT

Dave Ciarletta

- Update the web site as of today.
- Web site maintenance costs are \$3,600 per year. \$900 a qtr.
- Tournament Section – should be added to main site.
- Web site – consensus needs to gather to understand what needs to be done.
- Tim – motion- Scott, Dave and Brian to evaluate the site and improvements. Mike Sabbi second it. And voted unanimous
- Important links - Sponsorship – Tournaments info
- PA Bass – Sponsorship.
- Message board (need to get a good one)
- We need to investigate how to cut price in the web site.
- Survey monkey – Scott to create and send our survey to gather feedback on new process

OLD BUSINESS

- Bux-Mont made a motion that the District Tournament Director and the Assistant Tournament Director would get a free entry into the Championship for running TX if they

ran the Tournaments and did not fish.- There would be 14 people \$2,100 for all districts to participate.

- End of discussion it was motioned that we do not allow this and that this particular subject not be brought up again since a vote would be recorded. Greg first - Dave seconded, those in favor 0 - 22 opposed - 1 abstain.
- OLD business Liberty Berks Bassmasters fundraiser – it did happen and we raised money. It was for phone card for deployed troops.
- Bob- Kids for National Gaud Championship. Made a motion to donation money to his fund 0 Chris countered to see if there was a way to raise money for it but if they could not.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wounded Warrior project – Convention Center Sunday to Wednesday – Parade on Sunday with flags - Monday and Tuesday took vets fishing - We are one activity – needed 5 to 6 boats tops. Mike will get more details. Surrounds September 11th.
- Raytown – Our wish – Kids- May 19 and 20th Raystown – 15 kids we need 20 boats. Corp – Aitch Ramp for free – FLW Trailer – Mike hats and Tee shirts – Cabela’s supply the rods and reels. - Shy Beaver made a real nice donation.
- Make a Motion – by Ray Bradshaw – to try and get tee shirts and hat for Our Wish program.
- Unanimous vote – to allow Mike use his judgment to secure stuff for the Our Wish kids.
- Meeting Room Discussion as rate jumped up to \$300. We would like our rate back or other suggestions on location for a more affordable rate. Mike Sabbi - Wellsville fire hall.
- EIN Number Tax ID number - you must fill out a zero tax form
- Bass Fed – files awe are 1 901C no profit.
- 3 years you must file - \$400 to \$100 – status – change the name of the club and just get a new one.
- 990N file your form online so you stay current.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- \$200 rod 149 plus 25% - 112 and 15 shipping rod. The Pa Bass Federation. – Mike picked the number – Vince Deboshur – won!
- Raffles
- June 3rd location TBD.

ADJOURNED by motion at 12:00; Tim McNicholas and Bux-Mont

ATTENDANCE

CLUB	JUN 10	AUG 10	NOV 10	MAR 11	JUN 11	NOV 11
Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers	X	X	X	X	X	
Bass Buddies			X	X		
Bassmasters of Crawford County		X		X		
Berks Bassmasters	X	X	X		X	
Berwick Bass						
Blair Bassmasters			X			
Blue Mountain Bassmasters			X		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	X	

Chester County Bass Masters		X	X	X	X	
Freedom Valley BM					X	
Delaware River Bassmasters		X				
Hawghunters of Allentown			X			
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters		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						
River Hill Bass Masters	X	X				
River Rats Bassmasters						
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	
The Extreme Anglers						
Tri-County Bass Masters	X	X	X	X	X	
Tyrone Bassmasters				X		
Washberry Bass Club	X	X	X	X	X	
Wayne County Bassmasters	X		X		X	
	23	17	23	24	24	

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<http://www.pabass.com/tournaments/club-opens.aspx>