

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

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:01 am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 23 of 41 clubs present. The June 5, 2011 minutes were approved by Bux-mont and Hawg Hunters. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

Mike reported that the Mid-Atlantic went very well with PA finishing in third place. Representing PA at the National Championship will be Steve Hughes and Brent McNeal. There was an issue with a couple people who were not present for the required pictures and as a result, payments to those two individuals have been on hold until this meeting. After the anglers involved presented their side a vote was taken. For the angler the vote was 18 For – 2 Against – 3 Abstained; for the co-angler the vote was 19 For – 1 Against – 3 Abstained. As a result the payments will be forwarded to these individuals and the wording of the Divisional Contract will be worked on by the incoming President and Vice President. The next issue was in reference to the members who withdrew from the Mid-Atlantic. Buxmont made a **MOTION** that the two members who withdrew must pay for the shirt and it was seconded by Allegheny County. This vote was **Unanimous**. It was also mentioned that Joe Paholec stepped in at the last minute to fish for the team and as a result he did not receive a team shirt. Getting him a shirt was tabled until we see what the cost is and whether or not he would like to have it.

We have an exclusive deal with Lowrance. For that we receive \$500 that we are going to use to purchase an HDS5. Mike still has not received it and will forward when he gets it. Reminder that team members receives the Lowrance discount until April 1, 2012. After that date the 2013 Divisional Team Members start receiving their discount.

In June the nominations for officers was held and Mike did receive the appropriate paperwork from all the nominees so there will be an election at the end of the meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

State Team

The Mid-Atlantic was covered under the President's Report

**TREASURER REPORT
Ron Rook**

The Treasurer reported on the account balance.

**SECRETARY REPORT
Chris Wilson**

Please return sold tickets. If you don't have them, please see me and I will give you my address.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Dave Ciarletta**

There are 615 adult members (up from 606 reported last meeting) in 41 clubs and 43 youth members (17 premium members); so that gives us a total of 632 FLW members.

When a member turns 18 during the year, they do not owe State Dues until the following year.

YOUTH REPORT

Mike Pierro

None.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Mike Pierro

None.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Fred Lewis

Ranger Bucks – we get an allotment from Ranger. That money is then broken up into three tournaments and we try to pay three places. You have to own a Ranger, fish the tournament in that boat as an owner, the Ranger Cup sticker must be on that boat, the Ranger Cup logo must be on your shirt and you must provide us with a picture that we can send in TBF.

A reminder that Lunger pots are separate from the event; this is not a State function.

TBF UPDATE

Mike Pierro

FLW dues are now paid with your State/National dues. This total is \$90 (\$40 State, \$35 FLW and \$15 TBF). If you have an expiration date that is different later than January 1, 2012, it will be extended.

Solar Bat signed another contract with us. State Team members receive a pair of glasses and so do the two youth qualifiers. If you wear prescription glasses, you can get them through Solar Bat at a 30% discount

TBF is looking at a new tournament format because participation nationally is at 25% and they want to try and target the other 75%. They are looking at a team format and there will be more information to come.

OLD BUSINESS

Championship spots for the Tournament Directors – Buxmont made a MOTION that the District Tournament Director and the Assistant District Tournament director gain free entry into the Championship only if they run all of their tournaments and do participate in them. An additional idea was suggested that the District use their slots but the issue of it being free affects the State because this is a State Tournament. Motion tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported at the June meeting that the software supplier for the new scale system has said that if the State owned the software it could utilize it under a single license for all of the districts and clubs within the state. The cost is \$500 and there is a \$200 option that will allow the program to be updated unlimited for life. Dave Ciarletta proposed that the state pay for this item. At this meeting, the actual cost was reported as being \$500 for the program, \$300 for the customization and there is \$250 maintenance fee. Dave made the MOTION to purchase the software for the weigh-in system (which will be duplicated for all of the districts) and the maintenance agreement. It was seconded by Buxmont. On the discussion, it was decided that since the State is paying for it then the State is the owner of the software. Vote: 21 For – 0 Against – 2 Abstain: **MOTION CARRIED**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mike Sabbi mentioned the Wounded Warrior Project.
- Taking disabled veterans fishing on Raystown sometime next September
- May 19-20 is Child Wish at Raystown out of the Aotch Launch
- Cabela's Program
- Berks Bassmasters will be doing fund raising with the Liberty USO for phone cards for the troops in Afganistan.
- Elections were unopposed and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNED by motion at 11:50; Hawg Hunters and Lunker Landers

November Attendance will be updated shortly

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	