

**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 2, 2013  
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson brought the meeting to order at 8:00 am and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 22 of 40 clubs present. The March 3, 2013 minutes were read and then approved by 1<sup>st</sup> by Allegheny and 2nd by River Hill. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Chris Wilson**

Communication is very important to us and we will do our best to respond to you within 24 to 48 hours unless there is something wrong. Please feel free to send a reminder if it takes a little extra time for us to get back to you. Also as a reminder, the 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 its success relies on everyone to do their part. The flow is as follows: TBF > Chris Wilson > District Chairman > Club Presidents > Membership. Keep in mind our web site is always a good source of contact information if needed.

Ranger Cup Winners at Mr. Bass East. – Announcement and everything has been submitted let us know if you didn't get something

Hotel deals for Mr. Bass East. – Savings is spread around to save the organization and its members – heads in Beds for every night we book with members the tournament team room may get a comp etc. We had and situation where we are \$67.50 for a room is a really good rate so keep that in mind for next year. We did sell out all the rooms which is a good thing and we will do our best to get rooms and dates sent out as soon as we can. We send 15 Boater and 15 Riders to the classic. - Mr. Bass is prorated so if you finish in the top 4 you may be in, if you are between 5 and 8 position it depends on the prorated calculation from Mr. Bass West. At that point, we allow 2 weeks to allow you to decide on whether or not you are going to fish the event. Our Regional tournaments this year have been scheduled. Eastern Regional is being run by State TX Committee due to a logistics issue.

Lottery – Chris printing tickets and distributions will begin once received – The challenge to all the clubs will to overcome Allegheny as they are the winners from last year! Positive feedback was presented from several clubs about how great the program is.

Officers – District Chairman accept all nomination and send them on to. Ballots, if needed, will be posted by October 19 and the election is the first order of business at November meeting.

E&O insurance – We are not Renewing on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Incorporation precludes a lot of concerns that were previously raised. – According to the agent, general liability will cover most situations. Chris asked the membership if the cancellation was OK and all agreed

State Championship and Divisional in the works – The State picks the date and location of the Championship; reminder that we do not work down the list in order to keep it a true championship. 2014 will be in state of PA – 2015 division will be as well. (Presque Isle Bay) 2016 may also be a PA destination as well but TBD.

Membership Discussions – There was an invoice issue right before Mr Bass and it was corrected that may have caused a few issues with the processing of the renewals. All of this was resolved.

We need to have a Treasurer appointed so that Membership and Treasurer are two separate positions. Please let us know if you would like to apply for the position.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**Mike Sabbi**

Mike reviewed all the great support we are getting from our sponsors for the membership and divisional team: Plano came through with 39 tackle systems and 4 Frabill jackets and bibs. Shirts were reordered to add logos and color changes. E3 is in a back log but will be on track shortly. Divisional Captains got to pick colors of the new shirts. They are Blue/Black and Yellow/Black. Orders will be coming in for regional tournaments and Mr. Bass West. The update on Jackets is that we ordered 17 Jackets and only 14 came in so corrections are underway and Mike will be looking for a new vendor for jackets.

Divisional Team funding was estimated at \$20,000: \$13,000 payout from Championship, 32 shirts at \$1,649.68, 17 Jackets \$1,785, and Rooms \$3,570 for a total of \$20,004.68. We had two sponsors help out; Marine Plus providing \$160 and Ally Tungsten \$160 which came off the cost of the shirts. So with the money taken out for the Kids materials our final total was \$19,824.72.

Solar Bat has sent us a new contract and its being reviewed for renewal by Mike and Chris. The Lowrance Package is done for Divisional Team and is ready to go – Lori at TBF is the contact for purchases. The Bass Commander Video has us in the running for the top prize in their ad campaign. We need to really thank the sponsors: Plano Frabill, Gamma, Kickin Bass Baits! If you want a Minn Kota product – please order soon. Mike closed out his report by letting the membership know we have over \$400 in raffle prizes available for coming to the meeting today – It pays to make the trip!

**TREASURER REPORT**  
**Chris Wilson**

The President reported on behalf of the Treasurer the balances in the checking account as of April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer Report was 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted 1<sup>st</sup>. Lancaster County 2<sup>nd</sup> Hog Hunters.

**SECRETARY REPORT**  
**Scott Carlisle**

Not at meeting

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Bruce Bramer**

There are 700 adult members in as of June. This has returned membership to its original numbers from back when we joined the TBF. At the club level please ensure that applications are turned around and sent as soon as you get invoices ready as TBF processes invoices as received but that takes time. Also please submit only complete information.

## **YOUTH REPORT**

### **Mike Burgess**

National Guard World Championship set for August 15 thru 17 for the Oil City Louisiana There was some discussion about the tournament format but it will stay the same for this year.

## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

### **Chris Wilson**

The Conservation Position is Open and we are looking to fill it. There has been some interest in the position by several people and it will hopefully be filled after the election. North East – Lake Lenola – Environments issues and we will watch for any news of fracking affecting the fish and the Susquehanna. The regulation changes on the Susquehanna are keeping some clubs from operating normally. Mike Sabbi spoke briefly about a DNR meeting he attend and spoke about spawning concerns. Chris spoke about the economics that effect local areas and how we can help areas see what kind of positive impact there is financially – This will also help with our sponsorships.

## **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

### **Bruce Bramer**

Lottery Tickets are working well. \$4,000 paid out already this year. Please ensure the cards are completely filled out and easy to read. When we sell every ticket, this program really does help the entire membership. Mr. Bass East was a great time for all. There were 50 Anglers and 30 Co- Anglers that participated. Dan Gray Angler side 31.91 pounds, Jessie Salmon came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 31.04 and Ron Wolf 3<sup>rd</sup> with 28.95 and on the Co Anglers side Jamie Hughes 25.82, David Adam 21.55 and Dave Wilt 21.92 for the 2 day tournament. There was a great pay out this year, \$9,030 pay out for the day! \$3,500 to 1<sup>st</sup> place.

There were a few issues that came up since last meeting such as at Smallwood State Park with the permits. Everything was set to go and then we found out there were two large tournaments at the same time. The paperwork was presented and a solution was found. As a reminder the tournament staff also pays to fish as well as run the tournament. As a boater you should know we do not have a tow services and you are responsible to have a backup plan – Boat USA towing package is worth the money so it's there when you need it. You can board another boat but you cannot fish for the rest of the day. Please remember for Oneida – there is no rescue boat – so have a backup plan.

Mr. Bass West – Applications are now being accepted – Lake Eire – Please consider the trip and the Tournament. – You can qualify for the Championship. July is a great time to fish.

Eastern Regional – Will be posted on the site as soon as possible – there are 17 teams so far. List was read to the group. Team Captains meeting very important so come prepared and with Luncker money for both days. Apps can be accepted till June 14<sup>th</sup>. – Texting system was talked about and under investigation for use...

The Championship process was discussed.

As a reminder - TBF – indicated that you can join as many TBF organizations as you want but you can only have 1 mother club. You must make it clear however you must make it clear the path you will take to get to the championship.

Fish Care – If you have a bleeding fish you can use any soda with citric acid in it like Mountain Dew and pour it on the cut gill and it will stop bleeding – also if it is hot out just run your live wells all day

and this will keep oxygen flowing. Also leave 12 to 15 inches of line on a hook that you deep hook so that the hook will not rotate while in bass digestive track.

Mr. Bass West is on July 19 and 20th

### **TBF UPDATE Chris Wilson**

TBF news – Very Busy meeting – Kids Travel for 2 day event – 1 and done possibly. – Expenses – hotel discussion – Looking at establishing new age groups and expanding the event to two days –but timing is an issue with discussions - Youth indicated they wanted to keep pursuing for at least a two days of fishing. Additional information will be published in a newsletter shortly for other TBF meeting updates.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Our Wish Tournament - Youth: Rex from Our Wish Foundation – Tournament – Central PA Sponsor Outdoor Hunting and Fishing events for terminally ill kids in PA. This year's event was on Raystown Lake and we had 12 families in and it's all free to the family. Boats are the biggest challenge beside the hotel cost. We have lots of great volunteers but still need boats to make sure we have all the families fishing the entire day. There is a Hunting side to the organization as well. Mike and team were able to work with Cabela's to get life jackets for all the families for the events. Cabela's really stepped up to help out our organization. Cabela's also supports our Casting Kids program as well. Mike was able to get Solar Bat sun glasses as well this year which the Kids loved them. The event is the weekend after mother's day ever year so plan ahead if you can.

There was a motion to find out what their expenses were and entertain the idea of helping them in some way. This will be tabled until November.

Youth Funding - If you have a youth event that you would like to discuss please feel free to discuss at the meetings. Districts have youth funds that can be used for Youth. \$1.00 per District Tournament app fee goes to Youth and the other to Conservation. The State has also been allocating \$1.00 from everyone's dues as an "other" expense column – Chris spoke about a matching program with a \$50 limit for Youth to help at Club and District level – program is being evaluated. Chris will finalize and put it to a vote for November meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was presented by Washberry Club to provide the 2 kids that go to the National Championship to give them \$500 a few weeks in advance to go and then they get an additional \$500 after they get back if they present their receipts; 2nd by Allegheny. There was a lengthy discussion about past programs with contracts with youth. It was voted on and passed **UNANIMOUS**. Chris said there will a contract put in place. There were some concerns raised about the flow of information for the Youth National Championship. Chris is going to sends some e-mails and confirms

TBF – Youth tournament - on the North East. Mike is going to need boat and it will be located at Elk Neck State park.

Mike Sabbi, selling raffle tickets to support a member of his club and has cancer.

There was a discussion stated by Washberry about why we fish major events outside the state of Pennsylvania. The past reasons of locations, cost and license were reviewed. How the state makes decisions was reviewed and the order of communications was reviewed..

Next November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 8AM – Election Meeting and we will have a larger product giveaway!

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Raffle conducted – attending members made out well with great prizes provided by our sponsors.

**Motion to adjourn 1st Tim McNicholas – and 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:00**