

**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 7th 2015  
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 23 out of 40 clubs present. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Chris Wilson**

Chris began with an update about the successful Northeast Outdoor Show we participated in. Special thanks to Capital City Bass Masters who put 460 kids through Casting Kids program. The great turnout also aided in collecting donations to help offset high school championship cost. The sales of shirts, sweatshirts and hats made us about \$1,300. Thanks for all the volunteers that made this event a success. We will be doing this event for the entire 9 days in February of 2016 and volunteers are needed.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is the when applications will begin to be accepted by State and District Tournament Directors. On the applications there will be a Checkbox in reference to the State Championship. Once the box is checked, the anglers are not competing for the State Championship just for cash prizes and that declaration has to be made at the very first event the member competes in. Any extenuating circumstances that arise will always be considered in service to our members.

The November meeting is elections for Officers. As always, all seats are available; anyone interested must submit a resume by September 1, 2015 to their District Chairman. If any are received, the District Chairman will meet on or before October 1, 2015 to verify eligibility and make a ballot. The ballot will then be posted no later than October 17, 2015. Director positions are appointed by the President. Chris said if he remains as President, there will be another Youth position created in 2016 as we are splitting the state into two parts to better support our efforts and there will be new Conservation and the Membership Directors.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Mike Sabbi**

Mike began with a run down on sponsorship updates. The divisional team rewards continue to build with a new Kistler rod deal for 25% off orders for the team. Venom, Gamma line, Save Face, and Ally tungsten still are offering pro-staff pricing to the divisional team members

Best practices for working with and maintaining sponsorships is to thank them every time you purchase from them, utilize social media to promote them such as Facebook and to tell your friends; sponsors really focus on this. Susquehanna Fishing Tackle is one of our biggest supporters so be sure to talk about them and our relationship with them. They have two main events; the Cabin Fever Sale and the Open House sale. PA Bass will be supporting these events so if you can help, contact Mike.

New sponsors are always welcome. Mike is working on a new company for hooks and will be getting 30% off for divisional team. If you have not checked out Boat US yet you should. We get 50% off a membership with the password that mike can provide you with. The Cabela's program continues to go well and we have our 2 annual events scheduled to get our \$200 gift cards. Power Pole set us up with a great 30% off power pole package and has new rebates so be sure to review them soon. Our relationship with Solar Bat continues to go well as they provide a great discount - Tim McNicholas provided a testimonial for the prescription package they do. See Mike for all discount codes.

In closing, Mike indicated that we kept all our sponsors from last year so great job everyone supporting our sponsors.

**TREASURER REPORT**  
**Robert Miller**

The Treasurer reported the balances as of June 7th 2015. The report was 1<sup>st</sup> by Chris Graff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim McNicholas. Please do not publish the PA Bass Federation money amounts anywhere or share with anyone outside the Federation.

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

No Report – reminder for volunteers for Wounded Warriors event in September

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Chris Wilson**

There are 588 adult PA Bass members as of June total 37 clubs and 2 new clubs. We had 87 new members this year along with 22 Junior and 8 new junior members.

**YOUTH REPORT**  
**Greg Smith**

Greg asked the membership for more volunteers for the events so we can get more kids in the boats and general help with the events. The Jr's are set for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for State Championship out of Anchor we need kids 11 to 15 years of age to participate. Any questions on the programs just reach out to Greg. Solar Bat sunglasses sales are going well and Greg has sold a lot of our inventory. Mike has bought some new banners for these events to keep sponsorships looking fresh and he also said that Kids jerseys can be bought for \$35 via E3 shirts as needed. The Comfort Inn for Jr. TBF HS Championship is set up with a block of rooms for \$79.99 a night per room.

**CONSERVATION REPORT**  
**Chris Wilson**

The search for a release Boat continues and Chris is looking into a new boat directly from the manufacture but we are still open for any additional deals to be found by members. The LOWEs boat company may be able to help us with a 3 tank configuration on a 24 foot pontoon. A 90hp minimum motor was recommended. We are looking at about 30K for this kind of set up.

**TOURNAMENT REPORT**  
**Bruce Bramer**

Chris provided the updates for Bruce for this meeting. The Team Regional by District 3 is coming up shortly so Chris reminded everyone to book hotels ASAP for the June 1<sup>st</sup> cut off. The second Team regional will be hosted by District 6. The Mr Bass Last Chance tournament will be on Lake Erie and will follow the Mid Atlantic Tournament. The State Championship this year will be held on Raystown Lake. Chris reminded everyone of the September 18<sup>th</sup> cutoff; you will be left out.

The state of Maryland asked us to go to a 3 fish limit at Elk Neck per angler for the Team event this year to help fish conservation; we agreed. In the past we've had problems with broken boats so make sure everything is working especially the live wells. In reference to the Team Regional at Erie, check the

website and message board for that information. There will be Ranger bucks available for both Regional Tournaments so make sure you have your information with you and follow the program guidelines as outlined. A reminder that the District Chairman of all the districts in the event decides what the payouts will be for Regional TX. Plan on discussing the Regional format as well as the time frame for the other State Tournaments in November.

**TBF UPDATE**  
**Chris Wilson**

Chris and Greg will attend the President Counsel meeting in August at the Forrest Wood Cup event for updates. A short update on the TBF National Championship Trip was given about the tournament at Grand Lake. The fishing was tough with 20mph winds for the entire trip but a great team effort and great event. Ranger provided 83 fully rigged boats for the event and all anglers were well taken care of.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**Chris Wilson**

The Our Wish event this year was a great success and a big thank you to all that helped out. The FLW magazine did an article about the event to raise awareness. More opportunities are available if you would like to participate. It's in May every year so everyone is encouraged to plan ahead to attend.

The Lottery was a big hit again this year and the 100 ticket mark for the \$500 check goes to BuxMont Bassmasters this year. We want to keep the lottery operation simple and easy to run so we went to a quarterly payout to simplify the program but it had its challenges for sales. We may go to a bi weekly payout but we will discuss in November. Remember every member must sell/buy 1 ticket to support the organization. Chris also discussed the need for new quality Canopies for our events. We've lost 3 to storms this past season. Canopies start at \$500 and up. Chris wants to buy and replace up to \$2,400 worth of new ones but would like the BOD approval before doing so. The BOD voted and approved the purchase of 3 canopies as needed. – Motions made by Tim McNicholas and seconded by Tim McNair- Vote was UNANIMOUS.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Chris Wilson**

Chris asked the membership to volunteer to help Lynn get three additional boats for the Jr's tournament to be held on Lake Wallenpaupack on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It's a great day on the water and the ramp fees are free.

Please remember that the Wounded Worrier event is in September. Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> is the flag parade and the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> is take a vet fishing days. Chris also commented on the Mid Atlantic tournament setup this year. If you are a co-angler be sure you use the front of the boat for half the day as you will benefit yourself and your team.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chris started the membership raffle and Mike thanked all of the membership for the Fundraiser that was held for his Dad. It raised \$2,200 for him. The organization "Good Works" will be building Mikes Dad a new home with \$43,000 raised by the organization and thanks to everyone who contributed.

**Meeting adjourn @ 12:00**