

**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 5th, 2016  
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson brought the meeting to order at 8:10 am and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 24 out of 39 clubs present. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted by Hog Hunters and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leggett's Creeks.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Chris Wilson**

Chris began with an update about agenda: updates and the minutes were accepted and we had a moment of silence for District 7 in honor of a member who had passed. Motion to approve previous minutes completed by BuxMont and NEPA.

Road to the National Championship continues to ramp up. Team Regionals this year will be Angler / Co Angler format with the top 10% qualifying for national championship and the top 40% qualifying for the State Championship. The perks are in the State Championship so you want to fish this tournament: Entry fee paid for, Rooms are paid for and \$250 / \$150 for gas and food. We want to reach our goal to get 50 boats so that 2 Anglers and 2 Co Anglers advance to the National Championship. Also remember this year is a double qualifying year for the State Championship 2016 and 2017. There is a flow chart that was sent out mapping the road to the championship – Chris will resend so chairmen can share it with membership – Chart will be added to the web site for all to access.

The Mr. Bass last chance will be at Lake Wallenpaupack this year and will be the last time we will do it. Saturday is 9 to 3 and Sunday is safe light to 1:00pm: \$100 /\$70 to enter. The State Championship will be in June next year. Please note that District 1 and District 5 have until 9/15 to provide locations for the 2017 Team Regional. 2017-2018 planning is progress for tournaments so Districts please schedule tournaments early to get the word out so that maybe you are ready for November meeting.

Communication is very important to the functionality of this organization. We need to have e-mails for all members. District Chairmen please pass along any information requested by Chris to your clubs. Also as a reminder, the 2016 November meeting has been moved back a week because of the Penn State game schedule.

The lottery updates are sent to winners and District Chairmen. Bob Miller sends out checks within 5 to 7 days after notification. Please as a reminder, make sure you can read the tickets information before you finish the sale. If you cannot read neither can we and it makes it very difficult to process the winners. The zip and area code are very important for mailing information

We are still in the process of updating some much needed tournament gear for the organization such as the new Canopies. We will pick these up shortly and decide on sponsorship names that will be placed on them.

Discussions about dues still come up from time to time but they have not changed from \$40.00. They are \$50.00 if they are late so you are encouraged to take care of them as soon as possible. A discussion on the Jr membership dues. A Motion was made by Clarion County Bassmasters that anyone under 18 years old the \$40 fee is waived. – 2<sup>nd</sup> hog hunters. New motion - there are no state dues of \$40 for anyone 18 who is joining an adult club. FLW and TBF dues stay the say. Anyone under 18 is free – membership voted and was passed unanimously.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mike Sabbi**

Mike updated the membership on how the high school championship was funded and outlines the ways we collect money for the event via the sales of PA BASS Shirts, hats and Hoodies. These are nice fund raising items for all to enjoy so please see Mike if you'd like to purchase single items or put in larger orders. Mike needs boats for the high School tournament so please see if you can set aside a day for this event on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> for Quad State HS tournament; last year we had 37 boats participate which made the event a great success.

Mike provided a run down on PA Bass Sponsorships and the relationship between the SAF and TBF memberships. Please take a moment and thank the sponsors when you purchase something from them and mention PA Bass. This really helps build the relationships with the vendors and sets us up for success next year.

We pulled off a big win this year! We won the Lowrance video contest and we will receive \$1,500 in products which is their gold package. These will be used for the Team and Membership raffles etc. Our relationships are going well with Save Face Masks and Solar Bat. The Solar Bat contract is up and we will renew it for the divisional team for up to 25% discounts for membership. Mike is working with Costa to see if we can get a deal with them in the future. Plano stepped up again this year and provided 13 tackle bags for the Our Wish Program. I-Rod has recently donated 2 rods to us for use and Frabill and Plano orders will be placed in October so please contact Mike for any needs there. Their Rain Suits and Tackle bags are the best in the business. We are very fortunate to have Gamma as our continued sponsor. They provide line and hats for our events and provided over 100 kids a sample line spool at the High School events. Their products are really great and they really support our organization and the sport.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

The Treasurer report is available upon request. Please do not share PA BASS financials outside club meetings.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

**Scott Carlisle**

Reminder for volunteers for Wounded Warriors event in September 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout last year but the more boats the more time the vets get on the water. Sunday is the boat parade for with Flags. Sunday is also on 9/11 this year.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Josh Hoshour**

649 adult PA Bass members as of March - total 28 clubs and 2 new clubs; there are 19 Jr members. January 1st 35 people paid late fee of \$10 – system will be put in place with post mark going forward. Be sure to get your dues in and make sure all information is accurate.

## **YOUTH REPORT**

### **Greg Smith**

The Rooms for SAF are set up and for the State JR Championships ages 11 to 15 we have rooms set up as well. The ages are 11 to 15 to for fish for a Championship with a \$5,000 scholarship. Greg worked a Reel Kids Program at the Sands Casino with a good turnout. Lynn Post and Greg were interviewed on TV for the local news station on Channel 2. The Wellsville Reel Kids event went well too which all leads to the Reel Kids Casting Championship Labor Day and 7/9. No further equipment is needed for this event.

## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

### **John Henning**

John started with an overview with Joe Love. The Catch and Release policy overview is still going on. The Potomac River is main focus but the Flats maybe effected but is TBD. The entire Chicamuxen Creek may be shut down altogether next year. Slot limit will be soon so be sure to be familiar with all the rules and regulations for tournaments. The culling rules are changing so be sure you update your methods – The Ardent culling tags work well. The metal loop is big enough to pass through the gill. Please always practice good fish care. Keep them well aerated and cool in the live wells and put a lot of water in the bag as you transport your fish. Use the oxygen cubes at tanks or use the mesh inserts and completely submerge the fish in the tubs. Please make sure all your boat equipment are functional. Chris walked Mr. Love through our weighing process at the Potomac River and he was very impressed our set up for Tournament fish care.

## **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**New – Tournament Director – Fred Lewis = [Tournaments@PABass.com](mailto:Tournaments@PABass.com)**

Bruce Bramer resigned as tournament director and Fred Lewis will take over effective immediately. The season kick off Mr. Bass was a great success with over a 1000 pounds of bass. The 316 fish were brought to the scales healthy and all were release except 4. The average fish weight was 3 pounds so that indicates a health fish population. The storm came on day two so conditions were tough but everyone did really well on managing their boats when the storm hit and stayed safe. For the Mr. Bass Kick off Kevon Gross won with 36 pounds on the Angler side and Brian Setlock had 27 pounds and Lunker on both days on the Co-Angler side.

Fred indicated that for the upcoming Regionals we have 21 teams signed up thus far. For Region 2 there are 7 clubs and the 18<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date. Ranger bucks will be available for Region 1 and 2. Ranger rules apply and it's up to you to follow the rules. There are 3 Ranger Bucks winners for MR Bass and they need to send in their materials ASAP to Chris to qualify.

The Region 1 meeting will be at the Holiday Inn with all Team Captains. Please be sure all Team Captains bring the \$120 cash for Lunker money with them to the meeting. Check in time is 5 to 6 pm. The Launch fee each day will be \$7 per day; Co angler day one Angler day 2. There will be No locking out of the lake. Please stay out of Private areas and swimming areas. All New York rules apply. Please look at the Web Site updates as we are looking for about 3 flights as of now. Times for TX are 5:45 – 2:30 15 min between flights 2:15 day 2.

The Best Western out of Ticonderoga is the headquarters lodging for the NCSF; use BASS FEDERATION NC for reservations.

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

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

Our Wish on Raystown was another big hit. The event next year will be May 20-21, 2017 next year.

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

A new record of an 18.42 Snakehead was caught on the Potomac River. Please remember to kill the snakeheads to help prevent further expansion. For the Mid Atlantic people please stick around at the end of the meeting for your updates. There will be a Presidents meeting that Chris will attend in Alabama on August 4-7<sup>th</sup>.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

2017 lottery tickets will be handed out in November. The Alleghany Bass Masters were the winners for the most tickets sold and will receive \$500. Congratulations!

Matching Funds by the state – Dues for conservation or youth activity - the state will match that money. \$2 minimum out of every district tournament application is to be set aside to help with youth and conservation activities.

Electronic payment is being evaluated for our membership for events and dues etc.

Tom Prowant closed with a discussion on the High School Fishing which touched on the subject of 4 year full scholarships The big ten schools have them now for fishing. PIAA is a trying to get a foot hold but out of 25 athletic directors none had interest. Colleges look at the “fishing group” as a club not an organization. Chris asked the membership to keep pushing as the youth is our future of the sport.

**Meeting adjourn Fred & North East.1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd @ 11:30**  
**Recording STE-032**