

# **Pennsylvania Bass Federation, Inc.**

## **June 8, 2008 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting called to order at 8:20 AM
- Quorum established – 30 of 41 clubs present:
  - Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers
  - Bass Buddies
  - Bassmasters of Crawford County
  - Berks Bassmasters
  - Berwick Bass
  - Blair Bassmasters
  - Blue Mountain Bassmasters
  - Borderline Bassmasters
  - Bux-Mont Bassmasters
  - Chester County Bass Masters
  - Clarion County Bass Masters
  - Delaware River Bassmasters
  - Hawg Hunter Bassmasters
  - Hunters Run Bassmasters
  - Independent Bass Masters
  - Lancaster County Hawg Hunters
  - Lebanon County Bass Anglers
  - Lunker Landers Bass Club
  - Mountain Valley Bassmasters
  - North West Bassers
  - River Hills Bass Masters
  - River Rats Bassmasters
  - Schuylkill County Bass Anglers
  - Shy Beaver
  - Standing Stone Bass Masters
  - Susquehanna Valley Bass Club
  - Tri-County Bass Masters
  - Tyrone Bassmasters
  - Washberry Bass Club
  - Wayne County Bassmasters
- Minutes from February BOD meeting approved unanimously
- Agenda approved unanimously
- President's Report – Mike Pierro
  - There are no more legal updates needed. The law suit has been settled.
  - Lake Wiley, championship: Tom and Mike represented the state in fine fashion. Our congratulations to both.

- Mid Atlantic - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September on Lake Erie, we are the host. Need volunteers to help run the tournament. Watch the message boards for information.
- FLW championship could possibly be in Pittsburgh in 2009.
- Have not had the time to get to policies and procedures.
- Spring FLW: Presidents Meetings at Lake Wiley
- Regional chairman elected – Mike Dunkerly
- Sponsors:
  - National:
    - Ranger – team shirts free, sponsor bucks, ranger bucks
    - Buy a new boat from stock by end of June, cover, gas or wal-mart card, ranger bucks, shirt, extra TBF discount. Make sure to fill out the TBF form at your Ranger dealership.
    - Lowrance – state will get merchandise certificate again. Discounts for team members and general membership are available on many products and expanded accessories.
    - Evinrude – incentives, federation pricing, 2 yr extended warranty, re-power gets 2 year plus rigging credit
    - Yamaha – currently restructuring, Yamaha bucks
    - Castrol – great sponsor for us, lots of oil, maximum performance award
  - State:
    - Tackle Thong
    - Susquehanna Tackle
    - RJ Marine
    - Plano
    - Solar Bat
    - CBAA support
      - Motion to contact CBAA and offer discount rate to keep ad on web site by Mountain Valley
      - Second by Bux-Mont
      - Unanimous show of hands in favor
- We will be creating a sponsor page on our web site to put up current deals for members.
- Fantasy fishing on FLW site, giving LOTS of money away. Sign up, have fun, and possibly win some free money. BIG bucks are available!
- Reel Kids:
  - PLEASE fill out and return forms along with a couple of pictures. Without these forms the sponsors have no idea how

many people their product is exposed to. There is no reason for them to continue the program without feedback.

- Conservation Awards suspended. Due to no feedback, money is drying up. AGAIN: Sponsors want something in return for their dollars. They are not asking much of us for large contributions. Remember that when sponsors *give* away something, they want publicity in return. We must provide the information for that publicity or sponsors will stop giving anything to us.
- TBF lost \$189,000 due to expired FLW memberships.
- We lost about \$200 due to expired or late registrations that could have gone to support the youth and conservation programs.
- Divisional was voted to run on the old format for next year to allow co-anglers to have a shot at “Living the Dream”.
- Collegiate Clubs: Penn State in summer break. We will look to sign them up in the fall.
- Ads on the web site:
  - Visit Pittsburgh probably will not re-sign with us but are being contacted.
- Vice Presidents Report – Tammy Johnston
  - Fund Raisers – cruise, interior cabin \$429/person for 6 nights, everything but alcohol included.
  - Contracts for divisional team are all complete.
  - Some clothing from Ranger has already been received.
    - Clothing distributed to divisional team present:
      - Perry Haas
      - Larry Fair
      - Steve Allard
      - Steve Call
      - Mark Hughes
      - Bob Gilpin
      - Richard Wright
      - Brent McNeal
      - Chuck Ward
      - Tom Belinda – Scott Laukhuff
      - Ron Grove
      - Joe Booker – Steve Koch
      - Dan Gray – Don Kneff
- Treasurer's report: Pierro for Rook
  - Balances given.
  - State is hopefully in break even shape for this year.
- Break

- Secretary/Membership – Dave Ciarletta
  - 634 Adult processed members
  - 52 youth members including 12 premium members which we receive TBF dollars back for.
  - Club administrators need to keep FLW expiration dates up to date. Please keep *all* data for members current. Email addresses and phone numbers are largely absent. Communication is being sent out via the TBF site by email.
- Conservation – Bill Reichert
  - PA Fish & Boat Commission meeting: “resource first policy” seems like a good direction but wording is bothersome and could be used to push agendas. Commission has received multiple negative feed back calls on this issue.
  - Susquehanna small mouth study is underway with USGS.
  - YBACS – July 12-17 – Stone Valley – 20 youth will attend.
  - Large scale lake habitat projects: PAF&BC
    - Pymatuning Lake, Crawford County, July 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Hammond Lake, Tioga County, September 8<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Nockamixon Lake, Bucks County, September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>
    - F. J. Sayers Reservoir, Centre County, January 5<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Youth – Tammy Johnston
  - Tammy will transition out of the position.
  - Two people have already volunteered to fill the position and evaluations are taking place.
  - State Tournament: Erie Bay, weekend before Labor Day 8-22, 23. Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Reel Kids: Finals at Cabela's Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Sheets coupons, clothing available. Youth fundraising is doing well but still needs your help to not impact the general budget.
- Tournament – Bob Kline
  - Mr Bass: 50 boats, 99 fishermen \$10,455 payout total. Anglers: \$6970 Co-Anglers: \$3485
  - Two test east regional combined district tournaments have been run so far: April - 47 boats, May - 38 boats. The test format is showing increased numbers per tournament.
  - Team Regional tournaments: West 6, Central 6, East 18 teams – 30 teams
  - Total from tournaments is about \$6000 towards division team.

- Reminder that the team regional tournaments are still the old boater/rider format, 4 hours fishing waters and trolling motor control for the rider.
  - Possible tournament changes sheets handed out to be taken back to districts for discussions and further suggestions.
  - Tournament format changes to be proposed at the August meeting. All clubs are urged to show up to vote on changes.
  - Frank Boncore taking 10 cases of oil for east regional
  - Lee Yingling 5 cases for central
  - Boaters are reminded they *must* provide seats for riders and the boat *must* be in good repair including kill switches, safety equipment and live wells etc.! There have been issues lately and we will be disqualifying boaters if we get protests at the tournaments.
  - Motion is made to donate remainder of chatter baits to youth and charity fund raiser by Borderline. The state has already recouped the investment.
    - Seconded by Washberry
    - Unanimous in favor
- TBF: Pierro for Dunkerly
  - School program: High School clubs started, not tied to TBF or any other organization. Contact Mark Ginnert, TBF youth director for information.
  - National Conservation Director has been hired.
  - College Program progressing
- Unfinished Business
  - Projector purchase: eventually we would like to purchase one, not ready yet.
  - Web Site: We need to use it more. Photo pages coming soon. Contact Dave Ciarletta at [pabassmembership@gmail.com](mailto:pabassmembership@gmail.com) for information on using district pages. Use the message boards for trading and disseminating information.
  - Clubs and people in bad standing policy have not been worked on to date due to time constraints. This remains on the slate and will resurface on the next agenda for an update.
- New Business
  - Change FYE to October 31. Why? To have membership up to date and have everything in order before 12/31 TBF cutoff. Look for vote in August.
  - Pay FLW dues through the next fishing year when signing up for state membership. Vote in August.
  - Open tournament charges for divisional team benefit discussion.
  - Secretary and membership should be split for the election in 2009. This idea will be revisited.

- Motion: In recognition of the effort and work required, officers and directors may expense their state membership fee prorated each year for partial service if necessary starting 2008 for service to the organization made by Clarion County
  - Seconded by Hunters Run
  - For: 30
  - Against: 0
  - Abstain: 0
  - State Officers and Directors state membership dues will be returned as expense reimbursement at the end of each year.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> benefit tournament for Ronald Phillips at Northeast Md. in the upper bay at Anchor Marine. Tournament information may be found on line at this link which also provides a link to Ron's page for more information about this brave young man at the caring bridge web site: <http://www.marshcreekbassclub.com/rpbt/id1.html> Please support this benefit by fishing, entering some of the raffle drawings, or making direct contributions.
- Motion to allow link on the web site for the benefit tournament made by Hunters Run
  - Seconded by Hawg Hunters
  - Unanimous in favor of support
- Meeting adjourned by motion and voice vote at 12:40

## Open Tournaments:

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Raystown  
2008-03-30

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-04-05

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Pymatuning  
2008-05-24

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Sayers  
2008-06-15

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Youoghiogheny Dam  
2008-07-12 thru 2008-07-13

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Raystown

2008-08-17

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-09-06

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-09-14

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Youoghiogheny Dam  
2008-10-11

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Lake Wilhelm  
2008-10-18

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Lake Wilhelm  
2008-10-19

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Mahoning Creek Lake  
2008-10-25

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Tournament - Youoghiogheny Dam  
2008-11-01 thru 2008-11-02

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Buddy Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-06-29

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Buddy Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-07-20

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Buddy Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-08-24

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek  
2008-06-18

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek  
2008-07-02

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek  
2008-07-16

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek

2008-07-30

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek  
2008-08-13

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Wednesday Lunker Tourny - Yellow Creek  
2008-08-27

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-06-26

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-07-10

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-07-24

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-08-07

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-08-21

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Thursday Lunker Tournament - Keystone Lake  
2008-09-04

Allegheny Mtn Bass Anglers  
Open Buddy Tournament - Yellow Creek  
2008-09-28

Dist 3 River Hills Bass Masters  
Messiah College Spring tournament - Susquehanna Flats  
2008-04-26

District Seven  
District 7 - 2008 Oneida Shores Open Bass Tournament - Lake Oneida (Oneida Shores)  
2008-06-29

HUNTERS RUN  
HR BUDDY TOURNAMENT - SAYERS  
2008-07-19

HUNTERS RUN  
HR BUDDY TOURNAMENT - SAYERS  
2008-09-13

HUNTERS RUN  
HR LINKER - SAYERS



2008-08-07

HUNTERS RUN  
HR LUNKER - SAYERS  
2008-08-14

HUNTERS RUN  
HR LUNKER - SAYERS  
2008-08-21

HUNTERS RUN  
HR LUNKER - SAYERS  
2008-08-28

HUNTERS RUN  
HR BUDDY TOURNAMENT - SAYERS  
2008-07-19

Hunters Run  
Green Mountain Collegiate Open Bass Tournament - Foster Joseph Sayers Dam  
2008-06-14

Mountain Valley Bassmasters  
Open Buddy tournament - Cowanesque Lake  
2008-10-11

Mountain Valley Bassmasters  
Open Buddy Tournament - shikallemys state park  
2008-09-13

Mountain Valley Bassmasters  
Open Buddy tournament - Rose Valley Lake  
2008-07-20

Mountain Valley Bassmasters  
Open buddy tournament - Linden access, williamsport,pa  
2008-04-05

Shy Beaver  
Open Buddy Tournament (Night) - James Creek Launch  
0000-00-00

Shy Beaver  
Open Buddy Tournament - James Creek Launch  
0000-00-00

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Marburg Lunker Tournament - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-06-26

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-07-03

South Central Pa. Basscasters

Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-07-10

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-07-17

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunkers - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-07-24

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-07-31

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-08-07

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-08-14

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-08-21

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Marburg Lunker Tournament - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-08-28

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Marburg Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-09-04

South Central Pa. Basscasters  
Marburg Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-09-11

SouthCentral Pa, Basscasters  
Marburg Thursday Night Lunker - Lake Marburg Hanover Pa.  
2008-06-19

standing stone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-06-18

standingstone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-06-25

standingstone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-07-09

standingstone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-07-23

standingstone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-08-06

standingstone bass masters  
wed night buddy tournament - raystown lake  
2008-08-20

Washberry Bass Club  
Washberry Open Tournament - Susquehanna River, Linden Ramp (Antler\'s)  
2008-03-29