

**Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 2010
Minutes**

President Mike Pierro called the meeting to order at 8:15 am and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. Roll Call was taken and there were 23 of 44 clubs present. The August 1, 2010 minutes were approved by Hawg Hunters of Allentown and Leggett's Creek. The President added one additional item to the agenda and there were no additional comments on the proposed agenda for the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Pierro**

Someone is looking at filling the Conservation Director.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures Panel is established and they will be worked on over the winter.

Budget

The 2011 budget will be presented at the March 2011 meeting.

Mid-Atlantic

The team did very well and finished 4th overall winning \$1300. Rich Nicodemus and Darren Woolmer will be moving onto Kerr Reservoir.

District 5

There are new leads to try and make this operational for 2011. There are still a lot of people with us from the District but we need leadership to make it a functioning district again.

Penn State Fishing Team

Mike Pierro took out two members of this team out fishing on Lake Erie and Penn State won the event over 29 other colleges. The two anglers are invited to the banquet so make them welcome.

Fox Chapel

Fox Chapel is a suburb of Pittsburgh. The high school wants to start a fishing team and league. There is going to be meeting with them in December to discuss what needs to be done and see what type of additional interest there is with the schools around them.

2011 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for 2011 are March 6, June 5 and November 6. The one issue is that June will now be nomination of officers. Let the President know if you intend to run for an Officer or Director position.

Website

A few issues were brought up as far as ease of navigation and having to logon to do certain things. Another suggestion was to increase the size of the scrolling banner to make it easier to read

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tammy Johnston

Fundraisers

There are unsold tickets that you can take and try to sell. Those tickets along with returns that have not been made yet should be forwarded to the Secretary. Email him to obtain the address.

Shirts

Venom is willing to design a State Shirt that will have spots for individualization. They will sell for \$60 and we would make \$5-\$10. They will also do designs for individual clubs and the state will be rebated \$2-\$5. There will be more information coming on the website.

TREASURER REPORT

Mike Pierro for Ron Rook

The President was unable to obtain current balances or an end of the year report. The Steering Committee will have a detailed report for the March meeting.

The D&O Insurance bid is around \$2,240. This protects the organization from legal fees when being sued and will be in place for 2011.

There was a Motion made by Hawg Hunters of Allentown and seconded by Independent Bass masters to open a separate account for the payment of the ticket winners. On discussion, it was decided that the all funds from the ticket sales will be deposited into the Ticket Account. The amount in excess of what is needed to make the payouts and pay expenses throughout the year will be deposited into the General Account via check from the Ticket Account so there is documentation. **Motion Carried** on a vote of 22 For 2 Against and 0 Opposed.

SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Wilson

As reported in August, in November 2009, each District Chairman was asked to please compile and send one email address for each club in their District. As of this date, still only District 2 has done this. Please send the information.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Ciarletta

There are 631 adult members (up from 628 reported in August) and 58 youth members.

Start getting dues in for 2011. The money has to be sent into TBF before December 31.

YOUTH REPORT

Ray Sharp

The Junior State Championship on Lake Erie had 31 anglers compete with 18 boater volunteers. Winners were Fisher Stewart from Junior Elite Basses with 10.10 and Gabe Wessner from Junior Hawg Hunters with 5.64. Lunkers were Stewart a 3.44 and Luke Shone 2.29 both from Junior Elite Basses.

The team standings were as follows:

1. 32.56 Junior Elite Basses
2. 21.61 Junior Bass Busters
3. 13.92 Junior Hawg Hunters
4. 12.41 Shortcasts
5. 9.99 Allegheny Bass Anglers
6. 5.26 Tri-County

Thank you to all of the boaters and volunteers that made this tournament possible; especially Dan Grove who made all of the arrangements for the hotel and banquet.

On September 5 was the Reel Kids Championship at Cabela's; there were 11 participants. Thank you to the helpers and a special thanks to Harold Luther, Cabela's Event Coordinator; this year they donated \$200, rod and reel combos, \$50 tackle bags and Cabela's bags with hats and shirts – each participant probably ended up with about \$150 worth of prizes. So, if you are there and see him walking around, let him know you are from the Federation.

This year Youth has spent \$9520 but we have offset this with the Solar Bat Sunglasses fundraiser. To date we have made \$1,140. It is a good fundraiser for the Federation; the glasses sell for \$20 a pair with \$11 going to the Federation. \$1,000 also came back to Youth when Matt Hartman won the Youth event.

The 2011 National Championship will be at Hot Springs Arkansas in conjunction with The Cup.

The 2011 State Championship will be picked by the West. There was a discussion about having this tournament on a Saturday/Sunday to make it easier getting boats. The issue with Sunday is the travel after the banquet ends at around 9pm with school on Monday. A solution is changing the weekend to take place before school begins. These ideas will be considered by the Youth Directors.

Reel Kids Kits have been given out. Do not forget the pictures and reports. Without them, this program will disappear.

Ray announced that he will not be able to continue in 2011 due to a new job in February out of state.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Mike Burton

It was reported in August that the State may be looking at catch and release only on the Susquehanna River. On October 5, 2010 The Fish and Boat Commission chose to appease politicians rather than practice sound fisheries management by implementing a catch and immediate release regulation on the Susquehanna River. This decision will lead to a ban on tournaments on the river. Fisheries managers have stated repeatedly that no regulation will have any impact on the future young of year classes. Current regulations and a strong catch and release ethic have maintained a strong adult population on the river. Any new regulations will have very little positive effect on future adult populations. Meanwhile water quality and disease issues will get worse while the fishermen, politicians, and fish commissioners argue over what should be done to correct this situation. We need to convince the commissioners to stop playing "politics" and rely on sound fisheries management before "politics" becomes a permanent fisheries management tool. If we don't do something now, these regulations could be applied to Raystown Lake, Three Rivers, and other popular fishing spots. I am asking everyone present today to write a letter

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opposing this regulation (you can get a copy of a letter to use as a guide that contains the addresses of where to send them from Mike Burton). This is our last chance to change this regulation; it currently affects 98 miles on the Susquehanna and 32 miles on the Juniata.

Mike Sabbi suggested PA Bass Federation send a letter opposing this regulation. There was unanimous support for the proposal.

TOURNAMENT REPORT Fred Lewis

This was a great year for tournaments; each one got better and better.

There was a Tournament Directors meeting in October via conference call with all of the DTD's participating. A lot of good ideas were brought to the floor for the future and it was just a good exchange of information overall.

The State Championship at Chataugua went very well with a lot of community support. The Village Casino restaurant closed for us to hold the meeting at no additional charge over the food we provided to the anglers. The entire food bill (drinks were purchased on your own) was paid through the raffle we ran for sponsor product. The Hotel provided free rooms for the tournament staff because a number of the anglers took advantage of the reduced rate that was negotiated for them. The tournament staff did not take any other compensation other than meals and actual gas expense. All in all, this allowed expenses to be significantly reduced from 25% down to 7.5% for this event.

Looking ahead to the future, anglers are going to be able to view the tournament application without having to login. They will also be able to save the information. Starting in 2011, there will be separate application for State and District tournaments. For the Championship application, there will be a check block so that we know how an angler qualified.

Regional Team Events tentative dates and locations:

Eastern – D1 chose Lake Oneida out of Oneida Shores County Park on June 24 and 25
Central – D2 chose Keuka Lake out of Keuka Lake State Park on June 24 and 25
Western – D6 chose Kinzue on June 25 and 26 (PA waters only)

Mr. Bass East: Potomac River out of Smallwood State Park on April 16 and 17. This was based on angler requests to help limit time off from work.

Mr. Bass West: Lake Erie out of Presque Isle State Park on July 16 and 17.

State Championship: Lake Oneida out of Oneida Shores County Park on October 7 and 8. We will speak to the Park about trying to keep the campground open for the days prior the tournament. That information will be posted on the website. For the headquarters, we will be looking at the Holiday Inn Express at Gander Mountain along with the Comfort Inn and River Rat.

Regional Team Tournament for this year will be conducted as follows (there is no change in format):

1. Applications will go to the Host District along with the checks
2. Payouts will be announced 1 week prior to the start of the tournament
3. Payout will be 70% of the total collected

4. Districts are allotted 10% to be used for expenses. Anything left over will be added to the 20% already retained for the State and returned to the State Tournament Director via check from the Host District along with an expense report and receipts within 14 days.

Championship Qualification:

1. The BOD has decided that we will not go down the list to fill the event.
2. You will have to decide by **July 31, 2011** if you are taking a qualifying spot from the 5 previous State events (Mr. Bass Tournaments and the Regionals). This list will given to each DTD so they can send their qualifiers in by **August 31, 2011**

After a discussion about what to do with an Unbalanced Field, there was a **MOTION** made by Lebanon County to allow anglers to go out alone if the Championship field is unbalanced; seconded by Chester County Bass Masters. The President called for a roll call vote: 18 FOR, 2 AGAINST: Bass Buddies and Lancaster County Hawg Hunters, and 3 ABSTAIN: Tri-County, Hunters Run and Borderline. **MOTION CARRIED**

District Tournaments

District 7: April 10 Williamsport, July 10 Oneida and August 21 Cayuga

District 4: March 27 Raystown, July 31 Sayre and August 21 Raystown

TBF UPDATE Mike Pierro

The states next year are going to have to have 50 adult members in order to advance to the Divisional Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

Bad standing will be in Policies and Procedures so this will be removed from further discussion at the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

New members coming into the payment of dues will be discussed in March 2011.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

\$XXXX.XX in ticket money was turned over to the Secretary.

Seven clubs failed to attend a single meeting in 2010.

ADJOURNED by motion; Leggetts Creek and Lunker Landers

ATTENDANCE

CLUB	NOV 09	FEB 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	NOV 10
Allegheny Mountain Bass Anglers	X		X	X	X
Bass Buddies	X				X
Bassmasters of Crawford County	X			X	
Berks Bassmasters			X	X	X
Berwick Bass					
Blair Bassmasters					X
Blue Mountain Bassmasters					X
Borderline Bassmasters	X		X		X
Brandywine Bass Masters	X		X	X	X
Broad Top Bass Association			X		
Bux-Mont Bass Masters	X		X		
Chester County Bass Masters	X			X	X
Clarion County Bass Masters					
	X				
Delaware River Bassmasters	X			X	
	X				
Hawghunters of Allentown					X
Hawg Hunter Bassmasters	X			X	X
Hunters Run Bassmasters	X		X		X
Independent Bassmasters	X		X		X
Kaiser Hollow Bass					
Lancaster County Bassmasters	X		X		
Lancaster County Hawg Hunters	X		X	X	X
Lebanon County Bass Anglers	X		X	X	X

Leggett's Creek Bassmasters	X		X	X	X
Lunker Landers Bass Club	X		X	X	X
North West Bassers	X		X	X	X
Northeastern Bassmasters					
Pro-Line Bassmasters	X				
River Hill Bass Masters			X	X	
River Rats Bassmasters					
Schuykill County Bass Anglers	X		X		X
Shy Beaver	X		X	X	
South Central PA Basscasters	X		X		
Standing Stone Bass Masters	X		X		X
Susquehanna Valley Bass Club	X		X	X	X
The Extreme Anglers					
Tri-County Bass Masters	X		X	X	X
Tyrone Bassmasters	X				
Washberry Bass Club	X		X	X	X
Wayne County Bassmasters			X		X
	28		23	17	23