

**Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2018
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson brought the meeting to order at 8:05am and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Roll Call: 22 out of 37 clubs present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Chris Wilson**

National Championship Semi-Final.

The 2018 District 14 NCSF will be hosted by the Ontario TBF September 26 through 30 at Bay of Quinte. The host location is the town of Trenton, Ontario. Registration takes place August 13 through September 13 by invitation through email from TBF. Fact sheet and all information will be available at the following web address: <http://bassfederation.com/2018-tbf-national-semi-final-schedules/>

Canada has sent a list of 7 hotels and 12 campgrounds in and around the Trenton, Ontario, Canada area. They have also advised that Lake Ontario will be off limits during the event. Again, you are reminded that Canada is a foreign country; make sure you know what you need to know to enter the country. You will also need a passport so this is a good time to get started on that. You will also need an Ontario Outdoors Card and an Ontario non-resident license. These can be purchased on-line. You can print your license and a temporary outdoors card and the outdoors card will be mailed to you. The outdoors card is currently good for 2 years, If you purchased one for the 2017 NCSF, it will be good for 2018. You should carry both of these with you when you fish along with your identification.

Clubs were reminded about the increased participation levels for the NCSF based on membership numbers as published in November. Also, this year for every 40 boats, an additional member will go to the National Championship. So, 40 boats is 2 boats and 80 boats is 3 boats to Nationals.

Minnkota program – PA has 12 discount codes that will be first offered to the top 6 anglers and coanglers from the state championship. After them, it will be the winners of the MR Bass and the Regionals and then we will continue down the State Championship list until the codes are exhausted or time has expired.

Lowrance program – will work the same as the Minnkota program only it will begin with the top 13 anglers and coanglers from the State Championship.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike Sabbi**

Quad State High School Championship

The tournament had to be moved to Sunday, July 8 and to Anchor Marina. Any club or District who has an event scheduled on this day will not have to cancel it. However, any club or district who does not already have an event scheduled will not be allowed to schedule an event on this day.

Solar Bat - Membership discount is 40% off; use code-PATBFM We can also provide this benefit as a Friends and Family discount 20% off; use code-PATBF

Susquehanna Fishing Tackle Bass Fest 2018 coming up. Mike stressed the need for additional help at this event and at future events. Their summer slam unfortunately takes place during the June BOD meeting so Mike will not be able to attend.

Watch the message board for information on a new culling system; special pricing.

TREASURER REPORT
Fred Lewis

Everything is paid current. District 7 through the District Chairman made inquiry as to the account balances. The information was provided to him and all the other representatives were reminded that they can inquire at any time during the meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT
Chris Wilson

At this time the President will perform these duties.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Mike Galka

There are currently 540 members in 37 clubs, 8 junior members and 3 junior clubs. At this time, we are 19 members behind this time last year.

YOUTH REPORT
Chris Wilson

No report

CONSERVATION REPORT
Chris Wilson

No report

TOURNAMENT REPORT
Fred Lewis

Fred went through the entire tournament list and provided information on dates, launches and current lodging deals. All of this information is posted to the website.

MR Bass Kick Off – applications will be taken up to the Friday BEFORE the event.

2018 – PA State Championship Qualifiers should start getting their applications in. The STC will be camping at Cayuga Lake State Park for this event saving another \$700.00 in tournament expenses. Meeting place will be announced shortly

The 2018 Tournament Committee: Fred Lewis, State Tournament Director, Steve Koch, Assistant State Tournament Director, Mike Smith, Mike Sabbi, Chris Wilson. One vacancy exists. If you are interested, contact Fred Lewis; remember it is required that STC members must attend the PA Championship plus 2 of the other 3 events.

New leaderboard was used at MR Bass. This is something the members really like and it will be made to work with the STC equipment in the future along with a number of other upgrades; not to jump the gun.

In honor of the years of dedicated service to the Federation, as well as to this country, the MR BASS Fall Classic will be renamed; The Colonel Vince DeBoesser Memorial. Motion by Lebanon County, seconded by Hawghunters: UNANIMOUS

TBF UPDATE
Chris Wilson

The National President's Meeting will be in August.

OLD BUSINESS
Chris Wilson

Great American Outdoor Show. There were 733 kids that went through the Reel Kids during the two weekends. Each child received a rod and reel just for participating. Barry Poettiger once again made this event happen with his hard work on securing the funds and coordinating the volunteers. What the Federation needs to do is HELP OUT with BOTH the Reel Kids and manning the PA Bass booth. Volunteers receive a pass to the show that can be used on that day and other days. This is a great deal; so, come out next year and help.

ALL open tournaments must be listed on the web site so that your club is covered by insurance.

NEW BUSINESS
Chris Wilson

Edward Kearns in the new Web Director; we welcome him aboard. There will be a number of new features coming to the site and he will be assisting with upgrades to the tournament system.

Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 turned in their stubs and payment. Districts 2, 6 and 7 will be forwarding theirs to the President.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Chris Wilson

There was again a discussion about the fundraiser even though it has been voted on many times. The discussion was that there are clubs that would rather pay increased dues rather than have to participate in the fundraiser. A number of ideas were brought to the floor along with what the amount of the increase would be. Since more than 85% of the membership participates in the fundraiser, any increase in dues would be solely on the clubs who do not want to participate and NOT state wide. The prevailing opinion was those clubs that do not want to participate in the fundraiser will simply pay \$60 dues per person between October 1 – December 30th.

Another suggestion made for the fundraiser was to print the purpose on the ticket; i.e. Conservation-Live Release.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2018 – June 3rd and November 4th.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Lunker landers; seconded by Hawghunters Allentown - UNANIMOUS