**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: 20 out of 37 clubs present.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

**National Championship Semi-Final**.

Canada has lodging setup for the participants and it is posted.

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.

Cutoff is two weeks prior to the start of the tournament. The sooner the names get to me the better. When I get the names, I send them to TBF and TBF invites the angler to the tournament via email. This will start 6 weeks prior to the tournament and remain open for 30-days; closing 14 days prior to the tournament.

Minnkota program has concluded for the year

Lowrance program list is in. If you have any problems, contact the VP by email and he will walk you through the process.

A detailed discussion took place regarding insurance in the wake of the MR Bass Kickoff cancellation. People were told they are not covered in the event of a small craft advisory. We went with the information as it was provided and since found out that it was not correct. There is no such thing in an insurance policy if you go out during a SCA. The only requirement is that you must do your due diligence when deciding on a tournament event. This information was confirmed with TBF National.

**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. The weigh-in will be at the park. The meeting will be at the Comfort Inn Sat night. A grant was secured for 8 to 12 rods to give away. We also have the Lews Special Event Trailer coming to the weigh in. Looking forward to a big event this year.

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

Accu Cull culling system. Five out of seven Districts submitted an order. This was a one-time order but we may be able try again next year. With the Accu Cull you handle the fish less.

Next project is rain suits.

**TREASURER REPORT**

**Fred Lewis**

Everything is paid current and the current account balances were made available. Joe Pica from Leggett’s Creek requested to review those values.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

At this time the President will perform these duties.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

There are currently 642 members in 37 clubs and still processing invoices.

**YOUTH REPORT**

**Greg Smith**

Anybody looking to run casting kids contact we have plenty of kits.

JWC is August 10-11 in Arkansas.

Greg proposed the idea of adding $500 to the $1000 we used to provide toward expenses and split among the 2 juniors and the boat captain. At this time, the High School winners from the Championship were brought up as well.

A long discussion took place and it was agreed we must work out a plan of what we do with the amount of people who could go in the future. Membership was cautioned about putting a specific number in stone because last year PA had 31 teams which qualified 3 teams (9 people) to go to the Championship. We can’t afford $1000 a team.

The main problem the teams have is finding a boater; both SAF and the Juniors. We don’t have the people willing to give up a day to take them fishing. What we need to look at is a stipend for the boater to get these kids to the next round. Yes it was nice that we provided funds in the past to help the families but they will find the money to get their kids to the event. We cannot fund this family vacation anymore. Now we have to provide funds to get a boater so they can compete – they are the ones that will have the expense. It is not cheap to tow a boat and provide a boat. We can't expect them to give up both TIME and MONEY. This program change was accepted overwhelmingly by the kids and the parents and these changes in funding are also necessary. The consensus is that we have to get the boat there and fund that. Motion to table – Hawg Hunters Allentown/Nock Mafia – Unanimous

**CONSERVATION REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

A lot of PA politics currently involving the PFBC; Arway is in trouble with the legislature.

Conowingo dam water and debris causing a lot of issues with the bay and dumping it in there.

The PFBC is having budget problems over pension and health care. Not to mention all of the resources they put into Trout. 11 of the 17 hatcheries they operate are for trout. The 6 multi-species hatcheries contribute more than 1 Billion dollars in revenue

**TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**Chris Wilson**

PA State Championship and Team Regional 1 applications are to be sent to the President who will be the Tournament Director for the rest of the year.

The State Championship meeting will be Thursday – site TBD. The Fayette VFD where we had it 5 years ago when we were last at Cayuga no longer offers their fish dinner for purchase because the person who did the dinner passed on. They provided us the caterer they use and there is no way we are spending that kind of money on them and then also have to rent the fire hall for another $300.00. We have another site right near the ramp that we are investigating and looks promising. Thank yo to Randy Edgar who secured a great hotel deal at the Quality Inn (the old Holiday Inn)– $69 weekday rate, $105 for Friday and Saturday.. The STC will be camping at Cayuga Lake State Park for this event saving another $700.00 in tournament expenses. Staying in tents; didn't even rent cabins

As of Monday, I will start filling the Championship from the Regionals. District qualifiers have had 5 months to secure their spot. Once the tournament is filled there will be no more anglers added above the cutoff.

Team Regional 1 in July, the lodging headquarters in the Days Inn at Perryville.

Team Regional 2 applications go to the District 4 Tournament Director.

Information about Raystown was submitted by District 4 for consideration for the 2020 NCSF. Thank you.

**TBF UPDATE**

**Chris Wilson**

Be careful of using artwork that you don’t know who created it. Just because it is on the internet does not mean it is free. If you are having a printer printing items for example, make sure if the printer uses artwork that they own it.

Do not let people who are not members fish your events---- this comes from Legal.

When you allow people to fish without insurance it is on you if something happens. The first thing the lawyers will say is that you did not do your due diligence and did not follow your own rules; meaning you must be a federation member to fish. What they will utilize in their claim is that the non-member should never have been allowed to fish. Ergo you caused the accident by allowing them to fish anyway. It is your fault, at which point they will come after you personally. Don’t risk it. If the person is not a member, take their money for their membership and follow up with the paperwork in a reasonable amount of time. As soon as you take their money it is like a car insurance binder.

**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**

Cabelas requested assistance for their fish tank. It is on the opening weekend of bass season. Our people would just be helping; Cabelas provides everything. Cabelas never hesitates to give PA what they can and they make several visits to our booth at Harrisburg show.

September 2 is the Finals for the reel kids at Cabelas at 9:00am.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Chris Wilson**

We will have a booth at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg February 2-10. Please make some time in your calendars to help out by spending time in the booth. And also remember that there is a Reel Kids competition on BOTH weekends Saturday and Sunday; we NEED help.

**Meeting Adjourned on Motion. Member raffle followed.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| **DISTRICT 1** | Please **PRINT** your name |
| BERKS B.M. #3207 |   |
| **BLUE MOUNTAIN B.M. #363** |   |
| BUX-MONT B.M.  | JOHN HENNING |
| **DELAWARE RIVER B.M. #1877** | MARK OVERHOLT |
| HAWGHUNTERS ALLENTOWN #4039 | TIM MCICHOLS |
| **LEHIGH VALLEY B.M. #10853** | SCOTT JOHNSON |
| NOCKAMIXON MAFIA #11116 | STEVE CORROW |
| **PRIME TIME ANGLERS #6978** |   |
| PRO-LINE B.M. #3703 |   |
| **SCHUYKILL B.A. #6696** | KERRY SPITTLER |
| TAMAQUA B.C. #5927 |   |
| **THE MARINERS #11138** |   |
| **DISTRICT 2** |   |
| SUSQUAHANNA VALLEY B.C. #3100 | RON BOYER |
| **WASHBERRY B.C. #9280** | BRETT DALRYMPLE |
| **DISTRICT 3** |   |
| BORDER LINE B.A. #6250 | CRAIG SHILLING |
| **BRANDYWINE B.M. #7536** | PHIL SULLIVAN |
| LANCASTER COUNTY B.M. #5109 | DOUG LAMBORN |
| **LANCASTER CO HAWGHUNTERS #6747** |   |
| LEBANON COUNTY B.A. #1632 | RAY BRADSHAW |
| **RIVER HILLS B.M. #5933** |   |
| SUSQUEHANNA RIVER B.M. #11225 | BARRY POTTEIGER |
| **SOUTHCENTRAL PA B.C. #5875** |   |
| **DISTRICT 4** |   |
| ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN B.A. #5029 | CHARLES ORSARGOS |
| **BLAIR B.M. #3667** | MITCH HEATON |
| SHY BEAVER PRO STAFF #6345 | BILL LIDWELL |
| **TYRONE B.M. # 4035** |   |
| HAWG SNATCHERS #11125 |   |
| **DISTRICT 5** |   |
| THE EXTREME ANGLERS #10061 |   |
| OUTCASTS #10828 |   |
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| **DISTRICT 6** |   |
| BUTLER COUNTY B.H. #10935 | MATTHEW NEFF |
| **B.M. OF CRAWFORD COUNTY #1780** |   |
| CLARION COUNTY B.M. #10979 | JEF MANROSS |
| **BASSAHOLICS #11060** |   |
| **DISTRICT 7** |   |
| NORTH BRANCH BASSMASTERS #10705 |   |
| **LEGGETTS CREEK B.M. #8742** | JOE PICA |
| LUNKER LANDERS B.C. #6249 | CHRIS WILSON |
| **NEPA BASS #11081** |   |
| WAYNE COUNTY B.M. #6815 | . |