

Minnesota BASS Federation Meeting

Medina Entertainment Center

January 17, 2009

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings were held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The general meeting began at 12:05 p.m.

34 clubs were in attendance.

Presidents Report – Peter Perovich

Opening remarks by Peter Perovich welcoming all to the January 2009 meeting

Vice-President's Report – Mark Gomez

Mark gave a quick summary of the purpose of the Elite Reserve club. The new club helped retain members in transition and also captured new membership generated by the Sports Show and online registry. Mark also asked the clubs which are currently accepting new member to provide him with contact information which includes Name, Phone Number, and Email address for the club contact. Regional Directors will be contacting those clubs to place Reserve Elite members that need clubs for 2009. If you are starting a new club contact Mark Gomez to obtain soft copies of new club checklist and procedures.

Secretary's Report – Kollen Parsons

Mark Gomez will assume Secretary duties on an interim basis until a new candidate is found and voted into the position. For all secretarial needs going forward, contact Mark Gomez by phone at 763-315-4189 or via email at mgomez@mnbfn.org.

Not all club rosters have been received. Rosters are due no later than April 30, 2009. Each club is required turn in a 6 man roster by that date. Additional members can be added to your club roster until the May 1st cutoff. Each club is responsible for sending the National dues (\$20/person) directly to the National Federation. BASS will be continuing its online club registration this year. See their website for more information. Your club rosters and State dues (\$50/person) should be sent to the MN Federation. Email additions, club contact information, club recruiting needs and general questions can be sent to Mark as well. Please use the forms provided by the Minnesota BASS Federation Nation. Make sure all of the information you enter is legible and BASS numbers are correct. You can contact Mark Gomez at mgomez@mnbfn.org. **The mailing address for forms and miscellaneous is: Mark Gomez, 6727 92nd Ave. North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. Forms are also available electronically at mnbfn.org.**

Section 2

Existing Chapters

A club shall be considered grand-fathered after one year of affiliation.

For an existing Chapter to maintain affiliation with the MSBCF, it must:

1. Maintain affiliation with national organization of B.A.S.S.
2. Maintain a minimum of six (6) members that are affiliated with the MSBCF. "Affiliated" is defined as any chapter member who has paid his/her annual dues and is listed on a finalized roster submitted to the MSBCF Secretary no later than the date of the December meeting. Individual members of a Chapter are considered members of the MSBCF when a finalized roster and dues are in the Federation Secretary's hands by December 1st of the fiscal year. "Fiscal year" is defined as beginning and ending with the first competition day of the State Tournament. Chapter roster and dues are due at B.A.S.S. before January 1st and will include the following:
 - Names of all Chapter members.
 - Addresses of all Chapter members.
 - B.A.S.S. number of all Chapter members.
 - Name, address and phone number of the Chapter's President, Secretary, Federation Rep, Environmental/Conservation Director and Tournament Director.
3. Membership to the MSBCF is necessary for an individual to participate in that year's State Tournament.

Treasurers Report – Jim Battin - jimbattin@comcast.net

General Fund	\$40,037.03
Equipment fund:	\$1,579.99
Trailer fund:	\$2,575.00
Divisional fund:	\$1,600.00
Conservation fund:	\$2,000.00
Total Cash:	\$54,792.02

Kent Mittelstaedt from Viking Bassmasters has volunteered to join the board as an appointed assistant to Jim Battin and begin learning the Treasurers duties. He was officially appointed by Joe Barnett prior to the January meeting.

Three Federation members purchased Skeeter boats in 2008 under the Minnesota sponsorship plan. This means that the MNBFN will receive \$300 for each boat sold for a total of \$900. Skeeter will provide those proceeds to us in the next few months.

The board voted to add \$800 to the State TOC budget to cover future cost for permits and lodging. Dale Richardson made a motion to accept the budget amendment. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Fed Reps.

Youth Director's Report – Paul Perovich

Paul brought Dave Saterbak to the DNR Roundtable event on Saturday and introduced him as the "Most Decorated" MNFBN Junior member. He also introduced Keenan Reed and Lucas Lindgren to demonstrate the transition of JR members to adult members as the future subject matter experts for fishing in our state. Ron Payer presented the 2008 JR TOC Top Hook award to Lucas. Paul also met with other legislative members to discuss additional funding for youth programs to be implemented through the MNBFN.

The "Safe Date" for the 2009 JR TOC has changed. Any angler that is 18 on June 26, 2009 (JR TOC tournament date) will be eligible to fish the 2009 Division event and the JWC.

Need volunteer boat captains for the 2009 JR TOC to be held on Lake Waconia on June 26th, 2009. Please contact Paul Perovich to participate in this event paul.perovich@mnbfn.org .

Kits are available through the National Federation. You can find the link on their website. Joy George is the direct contact.

Paul will be putting on a Casting Kids event as Cabelas in Rogers, MN on March 7, and 8. He needs volunteers. Please contact him if you can help at any time during that weekend event. All volunteers welcome.

Paul is participating in a Fish Fair at New Hope Church on HWY 169 and Rockford road on February 28. He needs volunteers. Please contact him if you can help paul.perovich@mnbfn.org .

Tournament Director's Report – Peter Perovich

Peter reminded everyone to turn in the club tournament forms. Lakes under 5,000 acres are limited to 5 tournaments per year. Most lakes are limited to one tournament per weekend. Remember that lakes are first come, first serve. Please get them to Peter as soon as possible. Complete the form thoroughly including the DNR lake #. You can download the form from the mnbfn.org website. Peter's email is pperovich@mnbfn.org.

The 2010 TOC lake proposals need to be turned. If your club would like to host this tournament you can find the official submission forms on the mnbfn.org website. One proposal for Lake Minnetonka has been submitted.

The 2009 TOC Alternate site has been selected. The Alternate lake is Bass Lake near Cohasset (approximately 15 minutes west of Grand Rapids on HY 2). The location for the weigh in will be Hidden Haven Resort. The TOC and pre-tournament meetings will be at Zorba's on Lake Pokegama. Gopher is still working on a possible banquet. Please visit the TOC website for information regarding tournament time tables and other activities.

The DNR has added a boat inspection requirement to our 2009 TC permit. In an effort to control the spread of invasive species, they require us to have resources monitoring boat ramps to perform inspections as boats go in and come out of the water on Pokegama. A solution to satisfy this requirement is TBD.

Conservation Director's Report – Mickey Goetting mgoetting@mnbfn.org (presented by Peter Perovich)

Peter and Paul Perovich attended the 2009 DNR Roundtable in St. Cloud. Peter did a presentation which was very well received and is responsible for the MNBFN being recognized in a major fishing publication as the leaders for conservation and fishing best practices in the state of Minnesota.

As the result of passage of the Minnesota Clean Water Act, any clubs that have ideas for conservation projects can apply to the state for funds. If you have a project contact Mickey Goetting and he can provide contact information.

Old Business

Please go back to your clubs and inform them that we still have an open spot on the board for Secretary. If you have a nominee for this position please contact Mark Gomez via email at mgomez@mnbfn.org.

Visit the member benefit page on the mnbfn.org website to see all of the great perks available to Federation members.

New Business

Sponsors– Rich Lindgren rlindgren@mnbfn.org

Skeeter contract and Boat Deal

- Members have indicated that they would bid if we offered a larger boat than we have in years past. We will get a larger boat this year.
- It will be a 200ZX with a 200 HP HPID Yamaha engine.
- Bids will be open for Fed members. If bidding is too low it will be opened up to the public.
- Bidding will close no later than March 31.

Minn Kota will provide less product in 2009, however we will still have a trolling motor for the TOC raffle.

V&M Tackle has come on board as a new sponsor. Fed members can obtain a 20% discount on product.

NW Sportshow - March 12th -15th. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Contact Steve Hurlburt shurlburt@mnbfn.org at 612-382-6527 to schedule times.

Zumbro Valley Bassmasters are holding a fishing tackle garage sale on April 1st in Oronoco, MN. Visit the Zumbro Valley website for more information on this upcoming sale event.

Bi-Laws Proposals

- Proposal to change TOC to a Regional format – John Murphy jmurphy@mnbfn.org
- Proposal to change TOC liability insurance requirements to align with BASS requirements – Peter Perovich
- Proposal to add JR TOC winner to State Divisional Team to align with new BASS division tournament rules/regulations – Paul Perovich
- Soft copies of proposals and ballots can be downloaded from MNBFN website
- **All club members must vote on these proposals. Each club member will print name, sign name, and check yes or no box to properly record your vote.**

Clubs in Attendance:

Bass Ranger--Bass Seekers—Bass Wackers—Bass Wranglers--Baxter--Bay Lacroix—
Brainerd Lakes--Classic 7—DH Bassmasters—Golden Hook—Gopher—Granite City—
Happy Hookers—Hawg Hookers--Lakes Area—Loon State--Metro Hawg Hunters—New
Ulm--Northern Black Bass—Northwestern Bass—Prior Lake—Range Bassmasters—Red
Lake-- Reserve Elite--Sportsmen—Stellar Bassmaster—Sunrise Bassmasters-- Upper
Iowa –Viking—West Central—West Metro—Wright County—Zumbro Valley—River
Rats—MN Bass Assassins

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45P.M.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2009 at the Medina Entertainment Center.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Gomez, Interim Secretary, MN BASS Federation