

**Minnesota B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2009**  
**Medina Ball Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

**9:00 am     Seminars**

**11:00am    Regional Meetings**

**12:00pm    Roll Call**

**12:05pm    Opening Remarks**

**Joe Barnett**

- **Skeeter SX190 Silent Auction (<http://www.mmbfn.org/skeeterbid.html>)**  
Minnesota Bass Federation Nation member bids will be accepted starting at 9 AM (CST) February 27, 2009 bid on a 2009 Skeeter SX190 dual console / Yamaha 150HP boat package valued over \$24,000!

Membership only bidding: Only Minnesota Bass Federation members' bids are now being accepted through 9 PM (CST) March 13, 2009. If the reserve amount is reached, bidding will stay closed to only Minnesota Bass Federation members through 9PM (CST) March 27.

Open bidding: If the reserve amount is not reached by 9 PM (CST) March 13, 2009, bidding will open to both Minnesota Bass Federation members and non members starting at 9AM (CST) March 10 through 9PM (CST) March 27.

**Tournament Director's Report**

**Peter Perovich**

- I currently have 18 club tournament schedules to date, so far no conflicts. Please get your club schedules in as soon as you can. Lakes less than 5000 acres are limited to 5 tournaments per year and most lakes are limited to one tournament per weekend. Keep in mind your mystery lakes are included in this rule, so check the website to make sure your not conflicting with another club. Lakes are first come first serve. Please complete the tournament schedule form completely including the DNR Lake #. You can download the form at the Fed website then fill it out and mail or email to me.
- The 2010 TOC lake proposal for Minnetonka we will be voting on today.
- TOC update Pokegama will be off limit as of sundown August 21<sup>st</sup> 2009, Official practice period begins on September 5<sup>th</sup>, and Pokegama will be off limits on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Alternate Lake Bass Lake will be off limits the 8<sup>th</sup>. All the forms for 2009 will be up on the website soon, if you have not filled out your angler profile or need to update it do so asap please. Mickey has this all set up on the website.
- Gopher to give an update for Pokegama, Dinner? Any specials from Zorbaz? Alternates Lake? Etc...
- By the April Meeting I will have the designated accesses for Pokegama; this is to comply with the DNR Permit, as we have to inspect **ALL** Tournament Boats in and out of the water on Thursday and Friday. Private ramps will not be controlled.
- There will be a speed limit imposed on the river during the TOC
- Reminder to all Federation boaters, you will need \$300,000 liability Insurance on your boat to be covered under the Federation Insurance Policy, and to be able to fish the TOC.
- Tournament Regulations are being rewritten for MN by the legislature. Current regs are deemed ineffective for either the DNR or the anglers due to loop holes.
  - New for permit will be 25 boats or more require permit
  - Charity exemption will go away due to abuse
  - 25-46 boats permit cost is \$60
  - 50 plus boats cost is \$250

- DNR wants to require Tournament Director certification modeled after the MNBFN Weigh Master program
- Possible \$5 charge to fishing license for tournaments anglers
- Anglers 18 and under would be exempt

### **Conservation Director's Report**

**Mickey Goetting**

- MNBFN has \$2000 in grant money from BASS for conservation projects. Contact **Mickey Goetting** <[mgoetting@mnbfm.org](mailto:mgoetting@mnbfm.org)> if you have a project for consideration.
- Please provide Mickey with a recap summary of your club's 2008 conservation projects/activities
- Lake surveys have increased in 2008 to 240. Please continue to support this effort to provide data to the MN DNR by filling out bass creel surveys.

### **Youth Director's Report**

**Paul Perovich**

- Jr TOC Lake Waconia 26 June, pre tournament meeting 25 June location TBA... looking at Cabela's or the Gander Mountain in Eden Prairie.
- I have had multiple meetings with the Minnesota National Guard and they want to be part of our program both youth and adult. At this time they will be part of the Jr. TOC with their stage and Ranger 619 that is wrapped in the National Guard logo. We are talking about them sponsoring the trophies and perhaps a tournament T-shirt. I asked him for \$1000.00 dollars and they did not bat an eye.
- All Jr. TOC paper work (entry form and boat captain form) will be on the web site soon. All entries must be post marked by 26 May.
- Sportsman's is running the CastingKids at the Rogers Cabela's on Saturday. Sunday should be covered with multiple clubs helping out. 9-4 each day.
- Looking for old equipment: rods, reels, tackle to help out Red Lake Junior BassBusters. Tackle boxes are one of the needed items
- Anyone have a fun...! name for the for the Jr. TOC at Waconia we could use on T-shirts.

### **Secretary's Report**

**Mark Gomez**

- We have 27 clubs and a total of 244 members that have paid fed dues.
- The deadline to turn in rosters is April 30, 2009
- Clubs that have not paid dues are Hawg Hooooks, Metro Hawg Hunters, Northern Black Bass, Red Lake, Reserve Elite, Stellar, Wright County.
- **Club in danger for 2009 TOC are as follows and must attend the April meeting to fish the 2009 TOC; Baxter Bass Snatchers, Brainerd Lakes, DH, Minnetonka Classic, New Ulm, Range, Wright County.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Jim Battin**

- General fund \$45,087
- Grant fund \$2000
- Capitol Equipment fund \$2000
- Divisional fund for 2015 \$2400
- Total \$54,763.26

### **Old Business**

- MNFBN Secretary position is open
- Review Results of By Laws Change Proposals
- Break

**New Business**

- NW Sportshow – Steve Hurlburt [sahurlburt@frontiernet.net](mailto:sahurlburt@frontiernet.net) needs help for the NW Sportshow. Please contact him by phone or email if you would like to staff the booth
- Membership Drive Updates – Steve Hurlburt
- Larry Roland presented the process used by his club to obtain new members. More information on that process will be sent out.
- Proposal for 2010 TOC is Lake Minnetonka. Steve Hurlburt has spoken to Lord Fletchers and they are interested in having us use their location as a base of operations.
- Need Volunteers to help with the JR TOC on Lake Waconia June 26, 2009
- By Laws change proposals, Change to Regional format for TOC DID NOT PASS, Change to Align with BASS on boater liability insurance PASSED (must have \$300,000), Change to Add Youth TOC Champs to the State Divisional Team PASSED.
- A motion was introduced by Jim Battin to add \$1800 to the Youth budget for Divisional. The vote to approve by the Fed Reps was unanimous.
- A motion was introduced by Peter Perovich to accept the Lake Minnetonka proposal for the 2010 TOC. The vote to approve by the Fed Reps was unanimous.

**The meeting ended at 1:43 PM**

**Next meeting is the final meeting of the 2008-2009 year. April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Medina Ballroom**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by;

Mark Gomez - Vice President and interim Secretary