

**Vice President Report – Mark Gomez**

Need new member from Reserve Elite to be placed. Clubs looking for new members contact Steve Hurlburt

If you have a new 2009 member put them in a drawing for a reel from Steve Hurlburt

**TD Report – Gomez for Peter Perovich**

Sawmill is on the website w/ our discount for MNBFN. For every night we buy, we get money off the meeting room price.

**Conservation Director Report – Mickey Goetting**

Hutchinson DNR did Power Point presentation using Creel surveys from 2003 – 2008. Broke down catch rates to states on classifications on them good, fair, etc... Broke out by weather & body of water. Correlated with electro fishing results. They hope to fold us into long term managing of lake management.

[MG Lures](#) will provide prizes again this year as incentive to participate for clubs and anglers. Mickey will load data in db if clubs send to him. DNR will come to club meetings if asked.

The MNBFN will use BASS grant money to provide dock to DNR for North Turtle Lake in Ottertail County. \$2000 and the DNR will put our name on it. MNBFN has worked together with DNR on that lake over time, and this will help demonstrate our commitment to the DNR and fishing programs.

Zebra mussels found in Prior Lake. Seems to be coming from a drainage ditch. Please check trailer and boats for invasive species every time you leave the lake. Club TDs should perform this check. Sportsmen is piloting a Checklist for boat ck with the DNR.

**Youth Director Report –Paul Perovich**

Contact Paul Perovich to volunteer at the State Fair near the DNR area.

**Treasurer Report – Kent Mittelstaedt.**

Budget

Equip

Trailer

Conservation

Taxes filed on time for 2008. Got no bailout money.

Break 12:50

### **Old Business**

Mark Gomez presented sponsorship information.

### **New Business**

Boat Auction – Sold the boat. Got deep discount on the SX product line. Members wanted ZX but that was not in our contract, so we weren't able to do that without signing new contract. That was not a lucrative option. Winner was from Sportsman. Paid \$18,000. Fed made about \$6000, which as much better than last year. Mickey was taking competing bids up the last minute.

Skeeter has provided a \$900 bonus for Fed members that bought boats from Skeeter in 2009. Frankies is rigging and managing the boat delivery.

NW Sportshow Update/Membership Drive – Have drawing for rod/reel combos provided by Steve Hurlburt for new members. Have 8 trips for day on the water to give away to new members. Had in excess of 60 membership leads as a result of the sportshow. Of the 62, 10 of those have been placed in clubs. Have a potential club from Duluth, and two others, one of which is Hawg Hunters. They formed a club from several of 2008 Reserve Elite members. Call Steve at 651-231-9538 clubs looking for new members. Here will provide names.

John Murphy went to BASS and got them to do a direct mailing to all MN BASS subscribers in an effort to help increase our membership in the Minnesota Federation.

Jim Battin – Board discussed the issue of getting MNBFN insurance outside of BASS insurance provider. Board supported getting a separate policy to protect MNBFN. Regional meetings feedback was in agreement. Paul Becka made motion to authorize board to spend up to \$2000 to get insurance to protect clubs, board, and MNBFN. (Lake Minnetonka LMCD requires \$1.5 million dollar special events certificate for permits.) Club reps for – 17, Against 1, Motion carries. Board will do due diligence to ensure that this is required to have this for protection of MNBFN.

Vern Wagner presented information on Senate Omnibus State Game & Fish bill SF1116, Sec. 37-41, and House file 2213. Call Senator of legislature and ask them to support it. It is legislation FOR the tournament community.

Vern is leading Anglers for Habitat, composed of MN water user groups to promote clean water, and to protect fishing rights. Looking to bring anglers together and give them a voice within conversations that come up about fishing.

MNBFN Meeting Minutes 4/18/2009

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58

Day on the water trip; Ken Slama – East Reg, Daryl Larson – West Reg, Shawn William – North Reg, Wesley Poland – South Reg, Tim Stockland – TD, Devin Baggenstoss – YD, Lee Wibstad – Rich Lingren,

Rod/Reel & Hat Combos; Adam Baumgartner spin, Doug Mosman – Spin, Bill Iman- Spin, Ubi Figueirredo, H2RodsCraig Plummer, Cheryl Boquette, Dave Lohse – Trip with Brent Haimes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Mark Gomez – Vice President and interim Secretary