Regional Meetings

Regional meetings were held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Federation Meeting: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM. 31 clubs were in attendance.

Opening Remarks – Peter Perovich

We had two special guests from the DNR with presentations on Pelican Lakes and the Creel Survey program.

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

Two representatives from the DNR wildlife division presented data on the lake levels in Pelican, which is at historic high levels. The DNR is planning on putting in level control in Pelican Lake and drawing down the lake's water level. The is to restore water level to a lower level that is more suitable for water fowl habitat.

Mike McInerny, a DNR fisheries biologist, presented his analysis of the creel survey data that Federation clubs have been collecting over the years.

President's Report – Peter Perovich

Currently the DNR is running a deficit in the fishery fund, which gets its revenue from fishing license sales. The DNR is making up with the deficit by taking money from the other sources, such as coming from hunting licenses. A survey on the Minnesota BASS Federation web site concerning a license fee increase, show a small majority of respondents favor a license fee increase. The DNR is considering a fee increase of \$4 increase in 2011 and another \$4 in 2015.

Vice-President – Mark Gomez (Peter Perovich)

Any past members that are looking for a club, please contact Mark Gomez to become a member of the Reserve Elite club. Mark's contact info is on the web site.

Steve Hurlburt will be mass E-Mailing the Sports Show schedule. Please look for this in your E-Mail.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

Turn in your club tournament schedules to Tim Allen

The 2010 alternates tournament will be on Waconia.

If anyone has any ideas for a 2010 charity, please contact Tim Allen. A couple of suggestions are St. Judes or local food shelf as the 2010 charity.

If anyone is interested in being the assistant TOC director, please contact Tim Allen.

Secretary – Jim Battin

Club rosters are due. We have 25 clubs registered and 226 members at the start of the meeting. We have received additional rosters today.

Treasurer – Kent Mittelstaedt

Federation cash:

Total cash: \$61,487

Divisional fund: \$3,200

Trailer fund: \$4,722

Capital Equipment: \$2,554

Conservation: \$0.00

General: \$51,011

The board voted to add \$1000 to the youth fund to be used for legal work needed to form a 501 C3 for the youth program. The money will be taken from the Toyota Bonus Bucks money we received this year. Motion and second to allocate \$1000 to the youth fund. Passed.

Youth Director - Paul Perovich

Casting Kids is currently going on Saturday and Sunday at Cabelas in Rogers.

Marketing report - Paul Perovich

No report.

Old Business

The results of the vote on 2011 TOC are Whitefish Chain 19, Mississippi River 7. The Whitefish Chain will be the location for the 2011 TOC.

New Business

Peter will be forming committees to help out the board. Anyone interested in being a part of one of the committees, please contact your regional director.

The Minnesota Federation will be auctioning a Skeeter ZX200 with a 200 HP Yamaha VMax. Bidding begins today, with a \$250 deposit (refundable if you do not win). Bidding will end Saturday April 10. The bidding is open to anyone, not just Federation members. The winner of the auction will get a certificate for the boat and can pick their color when they order. If the winner wishes, they can also upgrade or add additional options on the boat (at their expense) when they order.

Next meeting is Saturday April 17th, at Medina Ballroom.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM