

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 12:05 PM. 26 clubs were in attendance.

Opening Remarks – Peter Perovich

The JR club from the Faribault / Owatonna area was in the back of the room selling donuts to raise money for their fishing club.

President's Report – Peter Perovich

Peter apologizes for DNR presentation last meeting. The DNR did not make the presentation they had advertised on the Pelican Lake draw down.

The Skeeter boat auction is final with a winning bid \$27,750.

The Minnesota BASS Federation has withdrawn support for license fee increase. The bill has changed scope and is not what we originally supported. The Governor is indicating he will veto the increase.

Vice-President – Mark Gomez (Peter Perovich)

See Mark Gomez for Reserve Elite. May 1 is deadline. 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 gave an overview of the Sports Show. We have 50 prospective members. That is down about 15% from last year. Steve will follow up with these people to recruit them as members and there will be doing a drawing at the end of the meeting for door prizes for these prospects.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

There will be a side pot at the TOC, \$10 (\$5 / day). The big bag from each day wins the side pot for that day.

Permits are in place for the 2010 TOC on Lake Minnetonka.

LMCD has new requirements for events on Lake Minnetonka. Hand-outs were handed out to each club in their folder. There are a number of new laws passed by LMCD that deal with invasive species. The rules are very strict and there are criminal penalties for violating the LMCD rules. Please review these rules with your club and work with the tournament director before the 2010 TOC on Lake Minnetonka to assure your compliance. Note, these rules apply to all club tournaments on Lake Minnetonka during the year.

The alternates tournament is on Waconia. And remember that both Minnetonka and Waconia are off-limits for 2 weeks prior to the start of the pre-fishing.

Secretary – Jim Battin

Club rosters are due. We have 29 clubs registered and 269 members at the start of the meeting. We have received additional rosters today for approximately 30 members.

A reminder to all clubs that your job of registering your members is not done after you send in your state roster and \$50 / member. National dues of \$30 / member must be paid to the National Federation and each member of your club needs to have a current BASS membership. As part of the membership process, when the state receives your roster for an individual, the state secretary goes onto the national website and marks your member as being in good standing. That cannot be done until you pay the \$30 national dues and your people have current BASS membership. This is the same process that has been in place since the beginning of BASS, however in years past, it was all done on paper. Starting a year or two back, the membership registration was put on the web. Around TOC registration in August, the tournament director goes through each TOC participant and checks if club members have paid their national dues and BASS membership.

BASS has created an on-line option to print your BASS Federation Nation cards. Go to the BASS Federation Nation home page and look for the option to print your card from “General Information”. You need to login to the site using your ESPN/BASS username and password and follow the instructions to print your card. If you have any problems or need assistance, you can call BASS at 877-BASSUSA.

Treasurer – Kent Mittelstaedt

The profit from the Skeeter Boat auction was approximately \$7300.

Federation cash:

Total cash:	\$63,131
Divisional fund:	\$3,200
Trailer fund:	\$4,722
Capital Equipment:	\$2,554
Conservation:	\$0.00
General:	\$52,655

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

Each club has a sample creel survey form. A copy of this form is on the Minnesota BASS Federation website at www.mnbfm.org. You can use this form while out fishing and then enter the data into the website at a later time. As the presentation last meeting shows, the DNR is using the data. With budget cuts at the DNR due to a shortage of state funds, this data is even more important. MG Lures will have prizes for people that enter data in the creel survey.

Youth Director – Paul Perovich

We have a new JR Club sponsored by the Crow Wing County Sheriff. Adult clubs in Brainerd area may get called upon to assist this new club.

We have another new JR Club that is looking for an adult club to sponsor them. This club is in the White Bear Lake area. Contact Paul if you are willing to help.

On the BASS National web site, under community, there is an article that features the Minnesota JR program. The article will be in BASS Times in a future issue.

The JR TOC is Sunday June 27 on Upper and Lower Mission Lake. This tournament is done in conjunction with the Camp Confidence tournament on June 25-26.

Senator Chaudhary has asked the Minnesota BASS Federation to assist with a kids event to be held Walleye opening day at Lake Johanna. The times will be approximately 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for boats.

The Minnesota BASS Federation needs at least 10 volunteers to help with the Camp Confidence tournament. Please contact Paul if you can assist. Camp Confidence is partially sponsoring the two JR members that go to divisional. Camp Confidence will be furnishing a cabin for volunteers lodging while helping with the tournament.

We put around 375 kids through the last Casting Kids event. Cabela's would like the Federation to run another event on April 24-25. Contact Paul immediately if your club can help out.

Clubs that are holding casting kids events must get the results to Paul. If we do not get at least 10 kids in each age group, the state championship will not be held.

Marketing report – Paul Perovich

The price of oil at Bristow's has changed because the manufacturers raised their prices. Bristow's is selling our members oil at cost and is not making any money on the deal. To order oil, ask for Dan (or anyone in the parts department) and tell them you are a member of the BASS Federation. This is a new deal for the Federation, so please be polite. Someone called Bristow's recently and was giving them a hard time about an oil purchase.

To order Lamiglas, send Paul an E-Mail on your rods and blanks that you want to order, along with your name, address, and phone number. Paul will send the order to Lamiglas and Lamiglas will then contact the buyer directly to arrange payment. Each BASS Federation member can order two rods a year. Remember to follow the requirements to put Lamiglas decals on your boat and tow vehicle.

BASS has announced the on-line Berkley program. This program covers 5 Berkley catalogs (Berkley, Abu Garcia, Fenwick, Stren, and Spiderwire). This deal is for Federation members only, not family or friends, and cannot be re-sold. The exact details are confidential and should NOT be shared with any non-federation member or published for public viewing. To order product, register and login to any of the 5

catalog sites and enter the BASS Federation promotional code. Contact Paul for the discount code. The websites are:

www.berkley-fishing.com

www.abugarcia.com

www.fenwickfishing.com

www.stren.com

www.spiderwire.com

Old 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. In particular we need members for the membership, special events, and bylaws committees.

New Business

The board voted to add \$1000 to a legal fund to fight the LMCD over their new rules. Motion/Second to approve this new budget item. Passed.

John Moore of Sunrise, the Oneika Gun Club is holding a youth expo on May 22-23. John is looking for volunteers to assist. Please call John at 651-357-8621. This is an opportunity to attract more JR members for our BASS clubs.

Jeff Nelson says they have received 400 to 500 donations for the youth this year and wishes to thank all those that contributed.

Mark Gomez has the portable weight master kit. Contact Mark to borrow the kit for an event.

The Fat Belly cup was won last year by Team Sportsmen with a weight of 58.38 pounds over Team Fat Belly's weight of 31.14. Team Sportsmen has received a challenge from Fat Belly for a re-match. Any other club that would like to enter the challenge, please contact Jim Battin at Sportsmen Bassmasters for details.

Steve Hurlburt thanks everyone that helped with the Sports Show. Steve is looking for members to volunteer on the membership committee. As part of the sports show, a drawing for prizes was held for all people that filled out a form at the sports show.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM