

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 12:01 PM. 21 clubs were in attendance.

Opening Remarks – Peter Perovich (Tim Allen)

Peter is absent and Mark is recovering from knee surgery. Tim will preside at the meeting.

President's Report – Peter Perovich (Tim Allen)

Committees – We are looking for volunteers for committees to assist the board.

- Special events is being run by Steve Hurlburt.
- Bylaws, Rocky and Jim

Officer nominations are open for next year. Nominations held in new business and will be open until the December meeting. The election will be at the December meeting.

Several topics were discussed at the board meeting. We are looking at upgrading some of the TOC equipment that has not been replaced in many years. In particular, the weight tanks and hoses, the scoreboards, and better tables for holding the scale.

The Skeeter boat auction will take place again this winter. Stay tuned for details.

Minn Kota has signed on at a sponsor again. The Federation needs to do a better job of documenting how we promote our sponsors. This makes it easier to get sponsors to support the Federation.

Medina Entertainment has new hours. They do not open until 10:30 so the board is looking at a new location for the meeting. Keep an eye out in your e-mail for the location for the next meeting.

Vice-President – Mark Gomez (Steve Hurlburt)

The Federation is looking at using some social networking on the Internet to recruit new members.

The sports show booth has been reserved for this spring.

Reserve Elite is a holding club for people looking a new club or people from clubs that are disbanding. Contact Steve Hurlburt.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

Any club that has a 2012 TOC lake proposal, please turn it in to Tim by the January meeting. The vote will be at the March meeting.

The DNR permit for Whitefish has been received. The tournament site at this time is Moonlight Bay.

Club schedules for 2011 club tournaments are due starting December 1st. Any tournament schedule received before December 1st will be dated as December 1st.

The 2010 TOC at Minnetonka went well and Tim says thanks to all the people that worked. The Sheriff's water patrol stopped by after the tournament to say there were no complaints. Lord Fletchers' staff were happy with the anglers and appreciated the business. \$4337 was collected for the West Tonka food shelf. Tim would also like to thank the anglers for donations of the food at the pre-tournament meeting.

Secretary – Jim Battin

There will be a new form this year for registering clubs. It will look a lot like the previous years' form, except there will be a place on the form to send contact information for the club secretary. Since the Federation is now using the web to register email addresses, the secretary no longer gets a list of email addresses, making it more difficult to contact people.

There was a brief discussion about clubs using the correct form for registering. Last year some clubs turned in incomplete forms without full names and/or BASS numbers. Some clubs would just hand write a name on a piece of paper on hand it off. The Federation reps at the meeting agreed that clubs should use the official form off the website to register their members.

As with previous years, electronic copies of the forms can be emailed to the Federation secretary, then the check can be mailed or handed in at the meeting. This is a good way to make sure that something doesn't get lost in the mail.

Register your e-mail on the web site to continue getting e-mail blasts.

Treasurer – Kent Mittelstaedt

Federation cash:

Total cash:	\$55,128
Divisional fund:	\$3,200
Trailer fund:	\$4,722
Capital Equipment:	\$2,554
Conservation:	\$0.00
General:	\$44,652

The board went over the 2011 budget. The budget will remain largely unchanged with the exception of the trailer budget. The trailer is about 8 years old and needs some maintenance work.

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

Unfortunately Zebra mussels have been found in Minnetonka this year in a number of spots in the eastern portion of the lake. The mussels are young. The DNR is doing more research on how bad the infestation is in Lake Minnetonka. In September, Zebra mussels were also found in Gull Lake. Remember to clean your boat and drain all water from your live well and bilge area. The State of Minnesota law changed this year that requires all boats to drain all water before leaving the landing. It is ILLEGAL to trailer your boat with the plug in.

Creel survey awards were presented to three members for filling out creel surveys. Doug Pirila, Mike DaLoia and Jacob Vikre each received a \$25 gift certificate from MG Lures. There were 165 creel surveys for 2010 so far and 192 for 2009.

Youth Director – Paul Perovich

The youth program is growing. Six Sheriffs' departments have volunteered to form clubs this year, bringing the total to 13 youth clubs. This would make Minnesota the largest youth program in the country.

Because of the increase in numbers of kids, changes will be required because of a lack of boat captains. Please talk to your club members about volunteering for the JR state TOC. A location for next year has not been found but we are looking for a lake local to the metro area.

Casting Kids is no longer supported by BASS. This may change next year with the change in ownership of BASS. Minnesota is still doing club events. If your club wants to hold a casting kids event, contact the youth director for equipment.

The December meeting will be youth day with special seminars for the kids before the general meeting. All youth are required to attend at least one

Marketing report – Paul Perovich

Sponsorships are difficult to get because of the economy. It is important for our members to support our sponsors or we risk losing a sponsor.

Lamiglas is happy with the deal with the Federation. Contact Paul if you want to order a rod.

Bristow's in St. Cloud is still a sponsor for oil. A number of clubs bought oil and two clubs bought 55 gallon drums of oil. Bristow's gives Federation members \$20 / hour off on labor and 15% off on parts. Something to note is that the price of oil changes frequently so don't be surprised if the price changes slightly.

Clubs, please poll your clubs on how many Minn Kota motors your club members own. This involves motors on boats, spare motors, or old motors that no longer work. This is important information for negotiation with Minn Kota and other sponsors.

Old Business – Peter Perovich (Tim Allen)

None

New Business – Peter Perovich (Tim Allen)

Nominations for officers begin at this meeting. Nominations will be open until the December meeting with the election at the December meeting. Chuck Campbell has resigned his position as the South Region Director because he is moving out of state.

- 2nd Vice President / Tournament director.
 - Tim Allen

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- Secretary:
 - Jim Battin
- Youth Director:
 - None
- East Region Director:
 - Richard “Rocky” Kaupp
- West Region Director:
 - Steve Hurlburt
- South Region Director:
 - None

Next Saturday October 23, Peter is looking for help knocking on doors for his election. Anyone that wants to help, contact Peter or Paul for details.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM

Clubs Present

River Rats
Upper Iowa
Zumbro Valley

BASS Rangers
Fat Belly
Minnetonka Classic
Northern Black BASS
Reserve Elite
Viking
West Metro

Red Lake
Renegade
UAC Bassmasters

10,000 Lakes
Bay La Croix
Classic 7
Golden Hook
Gopher
Lakes Area
Sportsmen
Stellar