

## **Regional Meetings**

Regional meetings were held from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

## **Federation Meeting: Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM. 31 clubs were in attendance.

## **President's Report – Peter Perovich**

There will be officer elections today during new business. Nominations remain open until the election.

We are looking at moving the meeting to Cabela's in Rogers starting with the March meeting. Cabela's will help with advertising the Federation and help with membership recruitment. Cabela's will not charge room rent and will save the federation some money.

The BASS sale is finalized and BASS now belongs to the group headed by McGinnis. The Federation will take a more active role in the new organization. Peter will be traveling down to meet the new group in January. Anyone with comments or questions, get back to Peter before the January meeting. A few changes have already occurred with the elite series and the open series but we have few details on plans for the Federation.

There is a new address for National BASS. The new address is:

BASS  
1170 Celebration Blvd.  
Suite 200  
Celebration, FL 34747

We have a new sponsorship deal with Humminbird. The Minn Kota deal has been renewed. The Lowrance national deal is still available. Lamiglas rod deal is a two year deal and we will be in the second year of that deal in 2011.

The Minnetonka tournament went off very well. Congratulations to our state champion, Nate Steinbauer. The board would like feedback from the membership on the state TOC so we know what is liked and disliked. There was an issue with one angler at the state TOC and their use a cell phone. Angler must remember that it is the responsibility of everyone fishing the TOC that they know the rules. Peter talked with the BASS national tournament director about this situation and BASS agreed with the ruling Minnesota made; any angler using a cell phone at a national tournament would be disqualified. A discussion the use of phones was held. There was some question as to the legitimacy of using GPS applications on cell phones. Consensus of the federation reps present was that any cell phone use should be illegal. Otherwise, it would be too difficult to enforce the rules. A motion and second was to made agree with the present interpretation of the rule that no cell phone or communication device will be allowed at state TOC. Motion passed.

The BASS Federation has not held a banquet for many years. A banquet could be used as a fund-raiser and as a membership recruitment tool. A number of other organizations and sponsors have expressed an interest in the Minnesota Federation having a banquet. A quick poll of the club reps indicated an interest.

Club reps need to talk to their clubs about their interest and give feedback to Peter right away. A tentative date would be the end of February or early March. A suggestion was made that perhaps the banquet could be held in conjunction with the March meeting to cut down on travel for out state clubs.

### **Vice-President – Mark Gomez**

Reserve Elite is a holding club for new members or members orphaned with clubs shut down. Contact Mark if you are interested in being a member at 763-315-4189 or e-mail at [mgomez@mnbfn.org](mailto:mgomez@mnbfn.org).

The sports show booth needs to be updated. The board would like to budget some money for the update. The sports show is a good place for membership recruitment.

There are several new ideas for membership recruitment. Mickey and Doug are looking at using social media sites like Facebook and Myspace.

The dates and times of sports show are Wed March 31 and Thursday , 1:00PM-9:00PM, Friday 11:00AM-9:00PM and Sunday 10:00-5:00PM. Sign-up sheets are available.

### **Tournament Director – Tim Allen**

The 2012 TOC lake proposals are due January, voting in March.

Club tournament schedules are due as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the official form only. Lakes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We have the permit for the 2011 TOC at Whitefish with a weigh in site of Moonlight Bay. Some possible sites for the alternate tournament have been discussed with the Mississippi River at Brainerd leading the list of sites.

Tim's new phone number is 507-261-0682 if you need to contact him.

### **Secretary – Jim Battin**

The secretary would like to remind clubs of the membership requirements.

- All members must be BASS members. That's the BASS magazine subscription that each individual angler gets.
- \$50 for the state Federation dues, paid by the club to the Minnesota Federation.
- \$30 for the national Federation dues, paid by the club to BASS using the on-line registration at [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com)

### **Treasurer – Kent Mittelstaedt**

Federation cash:

Total cash:	\$54,731
Divisional fund:	\$3,200
Trailer fund:	\$4,722

Capital Equipment:     \$2,554  
General:                 \$44,155

The 2011 proposed budget is now available. Some of the budget items were changed using the actual costs from last year. Motion / Second to approve the budget as presented.

### **Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting**

The DNR bass workshop is continuing work on a best-practices standard for tournaments.

175 bass creel surveys were turned over to the DNR. The DNR will attend the March meeting for a presentation on how the DNR uses the creel survey data during the general meeting.

### **Youth Director – Paul Perovich**

We are continuing the rule that all kids need to attend at least one Federation meeting to be eligible to fish the JR State TOC.

We hope to be picking up 6 new JR clubs sponsored by Sheriff's departments.

The Brainerd club is starting a second club because of the number of kids in their club.

Because of the success of the JR program and the number of kids, we will need to look at how we run the JR state TOC. We really need anglers to step up and volunteer to help with the JR program. There is an urgent need for boat captains at the state TOC.

### **Marketing report – Paul Perovich**

The Lamiglas deal is reset as of December 1. So if you bought two rods last year, you can now purchase two more. E-Mail Paul with the following information:

- Your name
- Club name
- Address
- Rod order
- Date time phone number

Lamiglas will then contact you for payment.

Stow-Away Landing Nets is in negotiation with Minnesota at this time for sponsorship.

## **Old Business – Peter Perovich**

Thanks to Brent Haimes for the seminar.

Nominations for officers are open. No new nominations were made.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President / Tournament director.
  - Tim Allen
- Secretary:
  - Jim Battin
- Youth Director:
  - None
- East Region Director:
  - Richard “Rocky” Kaupp
- West Region Director:
  - Steve Hurlburt
- South Region Director:
  - None

## **New Business – Peter Perovich**

The state team for 2011 will meet starting at the January meeting.

The treasurer report will be eliminated from the meeting. The numbers don't change much during the year. A year-end report treasurer's report will be given at the April meeting.

Elections for officers results are:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President / Tournament director.
  - Tim Allen
- Secretary:
  - Jim Battin
- Youth Director:
  - Tie (write ins for Darwin Sumner and Rich Lindgren)
- East Region Director:
  - Richard “Rocky” Kaupp
- West Region Director:
  - Steve Hurlburt
- South Region Director:
  - None

Neither write-in candidate for youth director was present. The election for youth will be tabled until the next meeting to allow the board to contact the two candidates. A motion and second was made to table the youth director election until January.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM

## **Clubs Present**

10,000 Lakes  
Bass Seekers  
Bass Wranglers  
Baxter Bass Snatchers  
Bay La Croix  
Brainerd Lakes BM  
Classic 7 BM  
DH Bassmasters  
Fat Belly Bassmasters  
Golden Hook Bassers  
Gopher Bassmasters  
Granite City  
Happy Hookers  
Lakes Area BM  
Loon State  
Metro Hawg Hunters  
Northern Black Bass  
Prior Lake Hooksetters  
Range  
Red Lake BassMasters  
Renegade Bassers  
Reserve Elite  
River Rats  
Sportsmen BM  
Stellar Bassmasters  
Sunrise Bassmasters  
UAC Bassmasters  
Viking  
West Central BM  
West Metro Bassmasters  
Zumbro Valley