

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 12:03 PM. 31 clubs were in attendance.

President's Report – Mark Gomez

Peter is meeting with all the State Presidents and the new owners of BASS this weekend. Mark will be running the meeting.

BASS has a new insurance company and form. The new form is posted on www.bassmaster.com. If someone is having trouble, contact Jim Battin (jbattin@mnbfn.org) for a copy of the form.

With Peter out of town, we are going to postpone the election for youth director until next month.

There is a candidate for South Region director and we will take nominations in new business.

Paul Perovich attended the DNR Round Table with various conservation and sportsmen organizations. The DNR Round Table started over 20 years ago for the stake holders. Some of the topics discussed were:

- The legislature has put a two fishing line provision into an upcoming bill before the legislature. The BASS Federation opposes the two line provision and will testify against it.
- One of the most important topics at the round table was aquatic invasive species (AIS). The public's perception is that tournament anglers are responsible for the spread of invasive species. The DNR is looking at a red and blue sticker. Any boat that has been in water invested with an invasive species would be required to have a red sticker.
- The March meeting will include a presentation on invasive species and how to properly clean your boat.
- The DNR is short on money and is looking at higher license fees.

Vice-President – Mark Gomez

Steve Hurlburt reports that we have a new club looking at starting in Mankato area.

Reserve Elite is available for people looking for clubs. Contact Steve Hurlburt for details.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

The club tournament schedule is on the web. Clubs, get your tournament schedule to Tim Allen. Note that there is a new column listing the AIS status of lakes.

There are currently no 2012 TOC proposals. If no proposal comes forward soon, the board will be looking at setting up the 2012 tournament committee.

For 2011 TOC on Whitefish, the Holiday station at Cross Lake (across from the Corp of Engineers office) will give a 5 cent per gallon discount on gas all summer. Be sure to NOT pay at the pump.

Reminder, there is no cell phone use during the TOC except in emergency circumstances to contact the TD. This includes any smart phone use or applications on phones.

When filling out the TOC paperwork, please fill it out completely and correctly. Each club gets one guaranteed boater (GB) but to have a GB, the club must have at least one non-boater. On the insurance forms, please highlight your name and coverage information on the form.

The alternates' tournament will be on the river in Brainerd, which is designated as invested waters. We are looking at setting up a boat washing program for after the alternates' tournament and getting media presence to publicize the BASS Federation's commitment to reducing the spread of AIS.

Secretary – Jim Battin

We have 226 members as of today. There are 8 clubs that have not turned in their roster and dues for 2011.

If you have club members that are not getting E-Mails from the Federation, have them go to the web (www.mnbfn.org) and register their E-Mail address. If you have problems, please contact Mickey.

The new address for BASS is:

BASS
1170 Celebration Blvd
Suite 200
Celebration, FL 34747

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

Please make copies of the product survey from your packet and get your club to fill it out. We are looking at getting this form on the web.

The Skeeter boat auction will be similar as last year. We are looking at opening bids in middle to late February. Bids will close the Friday after the sports show. The boat will be a 200 ZX w/ a 200 HP VMAX. Opening bids will start at \$24,500. Look for details about the auction in February.

As part of the DNR Bass Workshop, the DNR has now created a bass working group. This group will help to develop a bass survey to better assess how many bass anglers there are, where they fish, and what they determine to be important. This survey will be similar to ones they have previously created for other species with assistance from the University of Minnesota.

Details on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) will be handed out to clubs at the next meeting. Clubs that have tournaments on AIS waters will get a notice on how to handle their tournament and required boat cleanup for the particular AIS on that body of water.

BASS has a new conservation director, Noreen Clough. Noreen was the conservation director for BASS from 2003-2007. She previously worked as a Regional Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Agency.

The MOHA banquet is on February 15. New DNR commissioner is expected to attend. Anyone interested in attending the banquet, contact Mickey.

The Coon Rapids dam needs repair. It is an important barrier to AIS and the repairs will cost about \$16M.

The new DNR commissioner is Tom Landwehr.

A developer (Woodland Cove LLC) submitted a proposal to the LMCD to add 129 new docks in Halstead Bay on Lake Minnetonka. This proposal calls for developing 8816 feet of previously undeveloped shoreline. There is a public hearing before the LMCD on Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending can contact Mickey for details.

Youth Director – Paul Perovich

Thanks for all the youth members that attended the meeting in January. The two JR champions from 2010 were in attendance at the meeting and were introduced.

Last year saw an increase in youth participation and we anticipate continued growth in the youth program in 2011.

The first Saturday and Sunday in March will have a CastingKids event at Cabela's (Rogers).

Marketing report – Paul Perovich

The Gov Office has contacted the BASS Federation about a Gov's BASS Opener this year. The special events committee will need help in making this event a success.

The LamiGlas deal continues. Contact your Fed Rep for details on ordering.

The Federation signed a deal with Humminbird. Details will be made available in the future.

Old Business – Peter Perovich

The youth director election is being postponed to March.

The Sports Show signup sheets are available. We are looking at updating the booth for this Sports Show

The Special Events committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the 2011 Governor's Bass Fishing Open and a banquet for 2012. Contact Steve Hurlburt.

New Business – Peter Perovich

The Minnesota BASS Federation now has a presence on Facebook ([facebook.com/MNBFN](https://www.facebook.com/MNBFN)) to attract potential members and communicate with existing members.

Bylaws update. The Federation Reps voted to append the bylaws proposal to allow for vote by written proxy. The new amended wording is:

These By-Laws and Standing Rules may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of Chapter Representatives cast on any Proposal. Votes from 50% of all active chapters

are required to establish a quorum. Clubs not present at the meeting where votes are registered, may vote by written proxy. Written proxy votes shall be submitted to the Federation Secretary and must be received by the secretary before the meeting begins to be accepted. Written votes may be given directly to the Federation Secretary or sent via US Mail or Electronic Mail.

Paul Perovich submitted two additional bylaws proposals for discussion at the meeting. Those proposals were submitted for discussion only and a vote in not required at this time. Those two proposals are:

Any adult club in the Minnesota BASS Federation that sponsors a Junior Bassmaster Club shall be given an additional guaranteed boater position in the TOC.

Members of the Minnesota BASS Federation Board of Directors to include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth Director, and all Regional Directors, shall receive an automatic berth into the TOC. This allotment shall not impact their clubs allocation. However, the board members club membership shall be used to calculate the individual clubs TOC allocation. Board members will also be entered into the TOC as a guaranteed boater.

Vern Wagner is nominated for South Region Director. Election will be held in March.

We received a 2012 TOC lake proposal from UAC for Island Lake in St. Louis County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Clubs Present

10,000 Lakes
Bass Wackers
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
Prior Lake Hooksetters
Range
Red Lake BassMasters
Renegade Bassers

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Reserve Elite

River Rats

Sportsmen BM

Stellar Bassmasters

Sunrise Bassmasters

UAC Bassmasters

Upper Iowa

Viking

West Central BM

West Metro Bassmasters

Zumbro Valley