

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. 19 clubs were in attendance. A representative of a new club from Duluth, the Duluth Bassholes, was present.

President's Report – Peter Perovich

Welcome to the 2012 season.

Sportsmen won the Fat Belly Cup for 2011.

Turn in your club tournament lakes to Tim starting Dec 1.

We have two sports shows, the Minneapolis Sports Show and the Bass Expo in Blaine, April 20-22. The Bass Expo organizers would like the Federation to be a featured part of the show since it is geared to bass fishermen only.

Nominations for officers will be this meeting with elections at the December meeting.

We are going to emphasis growing membership in the federation. All clubs should review their club information on the federation website and get updates to Mickey Goetting.

We are looking for volunteers for committees. Talk to your regional directors about what committees are in need.

The banquet will be a part of the March 3rd meeting.

We are looking at sponsoring the Governor's Bass opener this coming Memorial Day weekend.

Youth Director – Jeff Gilmer

Jeff gave a presentation on the 2011 year in review. Some highlights of the presentation:

- Thank you to all the people that helped out with the youth TOC on Minnetonka this past summer.
- The pre-tournament meeting concentrated on AIS
- DNR provided boat inspection training.
- Several local media outlets covered the event.
- We qualified kids for 2011 and 2012 at this tournament.

Jeff went over long term goals for the youth program. We are looking for volunteers to help with the youth program or to serve on the youth board. Anyone interested, please contact Jeff Gilmer.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

Club tournament schedules are due by December 1st. Any conflicts in lakes are resolved by the date the tournament list is submitted.

Any club looking at submitting a 2013 TOC proposal, please contact Tim Allen. We need proposals by January and the vote will occur at the March meeting.

For the 2012 TOC at Island Lake, the DNR permit has been submitted. The alternates' lake will be at Fish Lake, next to Island Lake. The UAC club is looking for lodging and will put together a list for the website.

Tim Allen has two proposals to clarify the guaranteed boater policy and the alternates qualifiers as non-boater policy.

Secretary – Jim Battin

Club rosters are due starting in December. Go Membership > Documents & Forms at www.mnbf.org for the 2012 roster form.

If you have club members that are not getting E-Mails from the Federation, have them go to <http://www.mnbf.org/connect.html> and register their E-Mail address. If you have problems, please contact Mickey.

Membership requirements for state TOC:

- Membership in state Federation (\$50 dues)
- Membership in national Federation (\$30 dues on website)
- B.A.S.S. membership (individual magazine subscription)

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

Mickey will be concentrating on AIS during the winter season. AIS is becoming a hot topic with many lake associations and the lake associations is putting pressure on the DNR for regulations.

Thanks to people for doing the creel surveys. The number of surveys was up this year, however, most of the surveys are being done by 3 clubs so we need more clubs to participate.

BASS is re-starting the conservation seminar at the Classic next year. All the conservation directors and fisheries chiefs from every state will be invited.

Anyone with issues or topics they want covered in conservation can contact Mickey Goetting.

Marketing – Paul Perovich

The Lamiglas deal is done in December. We are looking to renew the contract for 2 years, but in the event it is not renewed you have until December to place an order. If you have questions, please contact Paul Perovich.

Old Business – Peter Perovich

Cabela's has purchased a wreath from Wreaths Across America, a program that sells wreaths for graves of fallen veterans. The proceeds go to help the families of fallen service personnel. There will be a dedication at Cabela's (Rogers) on December 4th at 4:00 PM for the wreath. All members are encouraged to attend.

New Business – Peter Perovich

Nominations are now open for officers. They will remain open until the election at the December meeting.

- President – Peter Perovich
- Vice-President – Mark Gomez
- Treasurer – Kent Mittlestaedt
- Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting
- North Region Director – Doug Pirila
- South Region Director – Brent Haimes

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM