

Minnesota B.A.S.S Federation Meeting Minutes

Saturday – October 20, 2012

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 12:04 PM. There were 18 clubs in attendance.

President's Report: Tim Allen on behalf of Peter Perovich

- The Federation is looking to fill the marketing director position currently being held by Paul Perovich. Anyone interested in this role, or that would like more information should reach out to a board member. This will be an appointed position.
- The Federation will once again be holding a banquet this spring. It will be at the Ramada, and planned for March 9, 2013. Looking for another great turn out at this event.
- The Bass Expo of 2012 will now be changing to a multispecies fishing event, called the Angler Expo in 2013. This will provide a wider reach to public. Dates are February 8-10th. We will again have a booth, and have been asked to have a bigger presence providing seminars. Do you know someone who could do a seminar, would you like to help? Please contact a board member.
- The board has decided to not participate in the 2013 Sports Show. The past years have been non productive vs. investment that we make in time, and money. We will revisit this topic for 2014 with the possibility of opting back in to this event. We've also seen more recruits for Federation via the Expo.
- Be aware that we will begin our Skeeter Boat Auction – early 2013. Spread the word about this as we did have troubles selling the boat in 2012.
- The Federation still has apparel inventory. The t-shirts and hats have the Minnesota Bass Federation Logo. There are t-shirts and hats remaining. Please contact a board member for info.
- The board is considering a TOC Traveling Trophy concept. This would be in addition to the plaque the TOC champion gets today. It would be given at annual banquet. Acquiring cost estimates are the next steps.
- Our next Federation Meeting will be held on December 1st. The location is currently TBD. Please make sure you watch for an email blast with the updated location. Subscribe for emails via the website. More details below.

Tournament Directors Report

Tim Allen

- You can begin submitting Club Tournament Schedules – beginning 12/1 to Tim Allen. Priority order for lakes will be given as they are received either via email or mail. FYI from Tim – the Rochester postal station will be closing due to the consolidation of the USPS. He anticipates delayed mail delivery.
- TOC Recap – Tim apologizes for any mistakes made at the 2012 TOC. Duluth Bass Club did a fantastic job getting things put together. Aside from one home owner complaint. The DNR was happy, and commended us on our behavior. Video coverage can be found on Facebook and the Fed website. Top Teams: Prior Lake Hooksetters– 1st, West Metro – 2nd, and Duluth – 3rd. Wayne Lindgren was the TOC Champ. Twelve anglers will move on to fish the 2013 Divisionals on Francis Case Reservoir near Chamberlain, SD.

- Still waiting on the permits for the 2013 TOC on the river out of Winona. The permit will confirm which pools will be included, bass limits, culling rules etc. We're hoping to come up with an AIS solution for ramp checks. Since the launches are so widespread, and smaller in the area - and it would be difficult to staff all of them.
- 2014 TOC Nominations are being accepted and can be delivered to Tim Allen at any time. Proposal information should meet the criteria specified on the website. Find forms there. Submissions can be received up until the day of March meeting, than a vote will be taken.
 - West Metro nominated Leech Lake for 2014 TOC (Pat Hagen). Pat did a lot of homework to prepare his proposal. The last time that we fished the TOC, in 2007, 41 anglers had a weight over 25 lbs for the combined 2 days. 810 fish were caught totaling roughly 2, 232 lbs (average fish weighing 2.75 lbs). Horseshoe Bay would be the proposed HQ tournament location. The resort is newly owned. They could offer \$89 night lodging, waiving all slip and launch fees.
- Reminder to your first time TOC participants - lifejacket rules DO apply during practice for the TOC, along with other rules. Alternates are very important, and ensure smooth weigh-ins. Make sure you have someone available to work right away. Worker must be supplied unless club has 2 or less.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- We have 5 officers that are up for reelection, with a vote coming in December. The 5 board positions up are the West Regional Director, East Regional Director, Youth Director, Tournament Director, and Secretary. We will have a motion and accept nominations later in the meeting.
- Beginning 12/1/12, you can begin to submit your 2013 Club rosters. The form is available in the Federation website, and some copies are available today. Please submit them to Amy – either by Mail, or electronically. The contact info is included on the roster sheet.
- Federation Email – sign up to receive Federation Info
- As we get inquiries through for website from people looking for a job to join, we are leveraging the list online that currently shows if you are accepting new membership in your clubs. Please reference the information for your clubs online and let Amy know if something should be updated. This will allow us to direct interested parties in the right direction.
- For 2013, we have one new club that has been voted in – the Cast-A-Ways. There may be a couple more new clubs that will also be joining the Federation.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- Creel Survey – just under 300 for the year. More clubs participating in survey this year. Club participation rewards: Lakes Area \$100 MG Lures, Renegade Bassers \$50 MG Lures, Sportsmen Bassmasters \$25 Cabelas. Reach out to DNR biologist again to give us a presentation.
- DNR
 - Bass Survey Results
 - The target population of bass and non-bass anglers (400 per group) was easily achieved with an overall response rate of near 70%.
 - In general, most bass anglers indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the number of and size of bass (largemouth and smallmouth) caught in Minnesota.
 - In general, persons identifying themselves as bass anglers fished more (nearly 2x more days/year), had more post secondary education, were younger, had higher income, expended more money on fishing, and reported as having a higher level of angling skill.
 - Bass anglers were generally supportive of special fishing regulations and favored

the 14-20 inch protected slot limit over other special regulation options.

- o The majority of bass anglers surveyed favored the current season. A smaller percentage of respondents supported moving the opener up two weeks with catch and release fishing only during that time period.
- o The majority of bass anglers supported the current bag limit of six fish, with a smaller percentage of anglers favoring reducing the bag limit to four fish.
- o Only 6% of the bass angler group reported participating in fishing tournaments during the past year.
- o There was very little support from the bass angler group for off-site weigh-ins.
- o Approximately 16% of bass anglers keep most or all of the bass they catch.
- o Tournament Rules – been some rules in proposal phase for over 3 years will now become law. DNR only received 8 comments against the proposed regulations. Changes include 1. Parking and access usage – no more than 50% parking usage for tournaments unless waived via permit. 2. No permits given to offsite weigh-ins that want release. Frankie's tournaments for August.....delayed mortality higher. 3. No permits given to organizations that promotes or allows flogging.
- ReBaits – recycling used soft plastics. Larry Roland has been a significant help in collecting and remelting baits. We have collected baits at Minnetonka Classic, B.A.S.S. La Crosse Elite, Viking, and several smaller local tourneys. Thus far more than 40 packs of ReBaits have been distributed to our youth club members. Bring your old, used soft plastics to any Fed Meeting for recycling.
- Used ink jet cartridges – bring your used ink jet cartridge to any Fed Meeting. We will receive a credit on our Office Max account that we will use to buy Rebait supplies (e.g. bag labels).

Youth Directors Report

Amy Kiefer for Jeff Gilmer

- The Youth Tournament of Champions was held in June on Sylvia/Twin Lake. There were 58 anglers. Winners in each division will move on to fish with the State Team in South Dakota next August.
 - o Junior Winner – Roman Chapman from Bassinators
 - o Senior Winner – Neil Molitor from Granite City
- The youth program will be offering College Scholarships in 2013. If you'd like more information, please contact Jeff Gilmer via his BASS email.
 - o Looking to put together a committee to structure the scholarship requirements. Three individuals are needed. These individuals can be Federation members, adults of Juniors – preferring one from each group.
- The 2013 Annual Youth Meeting will take place in conjunction with the January Federation meeting. We will discuss the 2013 schedule, TOC, and other youth activities. There will be a seminar specifically related to our youth anglers.
- At the 2013 banquet, we will recognize all the Junior TOC winners from 2012, the Divisional winners from 2012, and other awards and recognition.
- Each year, at the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance (MOHA) Legislative Banquet, we give out an **Outstanding Youth Achievement Award**. This goes to a deserving youth who shows great leadership and dedication to hunting, fishing, or a related pursuit. Jeff has already reached out to each of the BASS youth directors to pursue nominations for this year's award. The deadline for all submissions in 11/9/12, and should be submitted to Jeff via BASS email. This will allow time for the submissions to be forwarded to BASS by the 11/15/12 deadline.
 - o Following are the youth requirements for the award:
 - Nominee has shown achievements in the areas of conservation, hunting, fishing or related outdoor sporting endeavors.

- Nominee must be a Minnesota resident, and under the age of 18.
- Nominee must be available to attend the MOHA banquet at which time the award will be presented.

New Business

Tim Allen for Peter Perovich

- Officer Nominations are open for officers coming up on their terms. Nominations will remain open until the election at the December Meeting.
 - Open Board Position: West Region Director, East Region Director, Youth Director, Tournament Director, and Secretary
 - Nominations Received:
 - Secretary – Amy Kiefer
 - Tournament Director – Tim Allen
 - Youth Director – Jeff Gilmer
 - East Region Director – Steve Hurlburt
 - West Region Director – Rocky Kaupp