

## **Minnesota BASS Federation Meeting**

Medina Entertainment Center

April 21, 2007

### **Regional Meetings**

Regional meetings were held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

The general meeting began at 12:00 p.m.

32 clubs were in attendance.

### **Opening Remarks –**

Fishers of Men discussed their upcoming tournament season.

Freshwater Tackle Inc. handed out some product samples and is offering discounts to fed members. You can contact them at: [freshwatertackleinc.com](http://freshwatertackleinc.com)

### **Presidents Report – Paul Becka**

Paul addressed the TOC discussion from the March meetings. He opened the floor to comment and the TOC proposal issues were resolved. Future changes to the selection process will be researched.

### **Vice-President's Report – Mark Gomez**

Mark gave a review of the weigh-master training program. 24 clubs attended the sessions. He would like to extend a big thank you to Nate Steinbrauer for his help. These events were very well attended. BASS is looking to make this a national program. Mark is also looking at other grant programs like the one offered by State Farm. He has been contacted by several other tournament organizations about this new weigh-in method.

### **Secretary's Report – Kollen Parsons**

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the final day to have TOC qualified rosters turned in. There will be no acceptances. We have 383 members and 33 clubs as of the April meeting. Please get final rosters to me asap. New members can join clubs after the May 1<sup>st</sup> date but do not affect percentages for TOC. TOC percentages will be determined and posted on the [mnbf.org](http://mnbf.org) website as soon as they are available. I will send out a mass-email to clubs when percentages are tabulated. Any questions please contact me at 952-873-6822 or by email at [kparsons@mnbf.org](mailto:kparsons@mnbf.org). Rosters can be emailed to me at this email address but payment must be in my hands by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues and rosters should be mailed to:  
Secretary MNBF - 508 Henry Circle-  
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

### **Treasurers Report – Jim Battin**

- General Fund balance: \$58,114.01
- Equipment fund: \$2,200.00
- Trailer fund: \$2,928.00
- Divisional fund: \$800.00
- Total Cash: \$64,042.01

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### **Youth Director's Report – Joe Barnett**

Date changes are in process for the National Casting for Kids Competition in 2008. Joe will update this information when available. Bassmaster will be making some new website changes. The Classic and other B.A.S.S. events will be moving to ESPN OUTDOORS. The Federation Nation will still be on the bassmaster.com website. They are offering a new club website builder. ESPN is also looking for newsworthy items. If you have something of interest to the bass fishing community please relay it to the MN Federation so we can relay it to ESPN. Ramada has become a new national sponsor. They are offering a new discount to federation members. You can log onto ramada.comwackbass and negotiate a deal. This must be done at least 24hrs prior to your stay. You also can present your BASS member card to receive an immediate 10% savings. July 9<sup>th</sup> all youth TOC rosters are due. Schedules and extras are available on the mnbf.org website. The youth TOC will be on Aug 9th-10<sup>th</sup>. Joe is looking for volunteers. Please contact him if you can make yourself available. Joe would like to extend a big thank you to all of the donors to the youth program.

### **Tournament Director's Report – Peter Perovich**

**TOC update** - Classic 7 is trying to put together a buffet. They will have more information later. We will be looking for a headcount by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Aug. They will need a minimum of 100 buffets purchased. Horseshoe Bay will be waiving launch fees for TOC anglers. All clubs sending 3 or more members must provide an alternate to work. **Rice** – Peter is anticipating no harvesting during our tournament dates. This could change. There will be no disturbance of rice beds during practice or tournament fishing. Milfoil is present is Leech in small quantities. Peter is considering more than one launch site if weather dictates. We will mass-email rules at a later date. TOC packets must be in by Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no acceptances. Leech Lake will be off-limits starting Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. The TOC survey Peter distributed had great results. He was satisfied with the input and will be making changes for the 2007 TOC. Peter would like to form a “rules committee” for future TOC events.

Peter proposed adding a new tournament. This tourney would be held during the summer and would be in addition to the TOC event. An interest vote was taken at the meeting and the membership was almost unanimous in favor of adding this event. Peter will follow up with more information this fall. Contact Peter with any input you might have for this idea.

### **Conservation Director's Report – Mickey Goetting**

Mickey gave an overview of the DNR Creel Survey Program. The DNR will be launching a new LMBV study somewhere north of Brainerd in July or Aug. Mickey also discussed the VHS virus spreading through the Great Lakes and the possible impact on MN. He discussed early catch and release options and spawning issues at the Bass Workshop. The new tournament fee legislation looks as though it will make it through. They are proposing a \$120 fee for 49 or less boats and a \$400 fee for 50 or more boats at tournaments that have an on-site weigh-in. They are proposing higher fee's for offsite weigh-ins. The fees will be somewhere close to \$1000 for 49 boats or less and \$5000 for tournaments with more than 50 boats. Ice-fishing contests will be a flat rate of \$120 regardless of size. Paul will be drafting a letter to the Governor on this issue. Mickey would like to put together a petition to redo this legislation. He will be adding a link to you government contacts to the mnbf.org website. Please take this opportunity to let your legislators know what you think.

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## **Old Business**

Rich Lindgren has finished most of the sponsorship deals. Plano, Fig Rig and Battery Wholesale are sponsors again this year. He is working hard to take sponsorships down new avenues also. PDQ is offering a \$.05 discount when you show your BASS card. Fig Rig order forms are available on the mnbf.org website. Discounts for Lowrance are still the same. Contact Rich for pricing. Any L.E.I. product is available also.

Steve Hurlburt gave an in-depth report on the sportshow. We have 2 new clubs forming and had 9 membership inquiries. The giveaway items stopped people and sparked conversation. He added that we still need to develop a new "Draw": video, money tournament, better show location, attending other shows, etc.

Clubs that would like to represent Minnesota at the 1<sup>st</sup> Bass Club World Championship in South Dakota need to express their interest in this to the board asap. We have openings available.

## **New Business**

Rich Lindgren and Gopher Bass presented Mark Gomez with the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Larry Peterson Memorial Award. Good job Mark. He also received a gift card to Gander Mtn.

The vote to allow an amendment to the Horseshoe proposal was passed.

The voted TOC water for 2008 will be the Mississippi River, Pools 4&5.

## **Clubs in Attendance:**

Bass Rangers – Bass Seekers--Bass Wackers – Bass Wranglers – Baxter – Bay Lacroix – Central MN – Classic 7 – Golden Hook – Gopher – Happy Hookers – Hawg Hookers--Lakes Area – Loon State – Metro Hawg Hunters – Minnetonka Classic –New Ulm--Northern Black Bass – Northwestern--Range--Red Lake – Sportsmen – Stellar – Sunrise – Tonka Bass--Upper Iowa –Viking – West Central--West Metro – Wright County – Zumbro—10,000 Lakes

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:14P.M.**

The next meeting will be Oct 20, 2007 at the Medina Entertainment Center.

Respectfully submitted:

Kollen Parsons, Secretary, MN BASS Federation