

NEW YORK BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

December 2, 2006

Quality Inn, N. Syracuse, NY

**The Executive Board was called to order by President Pam Bliss at 10:00a.m.** Officers present were President Pam Bliss and Secretary Susan Good. Also present were Products Coordinator Dominick Maio, Tournament Director Stephanie Miura, and Youth Director Mickey Fortunato. President Bliss greeted all those present.

**Club Roll Call:** Present were After Breakfast Bass Anglers, Camden B/M, Finger Lakes B/M, Hudson Valley B/M, Northern NY Bass II, Oak Orchard River Bass Anglers, Orange County B/M, Rochester B/M, Salt City B/M, Southern Tier B/M, 1<sup>st</sup> B/M of Sullivan Co., Team Bassmasters, Washington County B/M, Watershed B/M, and Westchester Rod & Reel.

Reading of the March minutes was waived. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as posted.

**President's Message**

**Year in Review:**

1. Gave away boat in Jan.2006.
2. Chose BASS over TBF
3. Trail changes
4. Hosted Divisional Tournament- Thank you to Paul Tomeo and all volunteers.

**BASS update:**

1. **On-line registration of club rosters is required by the end of DECEMBER 2006.** For help, use Member Service: 1-877-BASSUSA.
2. Weekend Series to ABA. Pam read her response on behalf of NY Fed. (Please copy and share with your membership.)
3. Reserved 3 non-boater slots for Elite Series. **Deadline in January 3, 2007 with a \$250 deposit.** Maximum is 30 Federation spots per tournament.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None from previous minutes and none from the floor.

**Committee Updates:**

1. **Treasurer-** Pam distributed Financial Statement Commentary which is up-to-date as of Nov. 2006. **Please make copies for your membership to view.**

There was no boat raffle in 2006 due to contract issues with SKEETER. Contract should now be ready to be signed. Boat must be ordered as soon as we receive the signed contract. Certificates are no longer issued.

NY Fed may hold an on-line auction for NY Fed members first with a set amount to be reached.

Divisional Tournament cost less than expected as BASS funded the dinner and sent a sponsor fee (\$500) to be used for the tournament.

Income was lost due to less participation on the NY trail.

There were no financial questions from the floor.

2. **Tournament-**

NY Trail: 1. June 17, Oneida Shores

2. July 29, Mohawk River

3. August 12, Upper Niagara River

4. September 9, TBA

Changes: Eliminating Boater guarantee for registration with non-boater.

Will be flagging boater/boater draw.

Payout change to 1/8 (instead of 1/6 as now) will be discussed at the January meeting.

Clarifying non-boater spot for State Team

Use on-line tournament registration. Credit cards can be used.

Date for 4<sup>th</sup> tournament will be published on the website.

Question: Does Weekend Series consider any other trail dates? Pam states they probably can't, so anglers must choose.

Question: Has TAB considered changing our off-limits to compete with other trails? No, but it can be discussed.

### 3. Membership:

Packets are coming out this week.

**Need accurate information from clubs: names, addresses, phone numbers!!** It would be VERY helpful if clubs would send a complete list with their payments!!

Question: Does BASS notify when someone's dues run out? New system should help that.

### 4. Conservation

Mike Cusano states CATCH&RELEASE is open on many waters.

New issue: Due to VHS, a fatal fish disease, DEC says it is illegal to transport fish or baitfish between waters including connecting water bodies. Have your clubs get ALL needed permits through DEC.

Question: DEC once stated permits were required only for weigh-in areas. Has that changed? Yes, permits are needed to cover release areas.

Mike will put a link on the website to check for contaminated waters. Recommends cleaning live wells with 1 part Clorox to 6 parts water and dry thoroughly between uses. Use a chamois to dry.

Permits are needed for groups and tournament events, not individuals.

### 5. Sponsors

Dom says Minn-Kota is doing very well by us and is communicating dates and prices.

Lowrance has dropped items, has new items but no specs out so orders have not been filled. Members want more info before they will take delivery. Communication is poor.

### 6. Youth

Mickey reported results of the State final with Kevin Ritz and Damon McHale going to Alabama. Kevin Ritz had a perfect score and this was his 3<sup>rd</sup> win.

Seven or eight clubs held Casting Kids events. Those club names were put into a hat, one entry for each CK event. **Rip Van Winkle** was drawn to receive a free entry for their 6-man team.

Junior World Championship will be in Alabama.

See the Youth Board for all tournament results.

Jr. Schedule: July 8, CTE, Oneida Shores

July 22, Jr. Qual., Oneida Shores

August 19, Jr. Part, Brookton Boatyard

**Boaters are needed for every tournament!!**

Question: What are the boat requirements for the Jr. tournaments? Mickey will check.

Goal is 75 boats for the Partner Tournament.

Mickey thanked **Dominick Maio** for all his help with sponsors.

Question: Should all tournaments be on the same lake? Does it give one club an advantage? The youth clubs make the water decisions (not Mickey), and they don't care about advantage.

Packets for CASTING KIDS are available. Contact Mickey.

Letter went out to Youth Directors that dues are raised by \$5.00. Dues are charged to anglers ages 11- 18, not to the "minnows". **Please note:** Youth is now completely self-funded and do fund-raising to support family participation in events.

John Velie reports that one of the raffled signed hats went to Erie County Juniors.

### 7. Scholarship

Pam reports a \$10,000 fund at this time. 2006 donations were \$330, mainly by one club. Three scholarships will be awarded at the banquet. **Reminder to clubs: consider funds for scholarship!!**

### 8. Marketing

Randy Emerson was unable to attend. Reports he has leads if *Fishlines* is used in 2007.

### 9. Publicity-

Jeff Edgerton will do updates on team and tournaments for the *Fishlines* annual to be published.

## 10. Web

It was stated that Ted is an excellent webmaster. He cannot post information if he is not given any!! Directors need to send information for posting.

**Note:** Clubs need to submit year's activities for NY annual awards and for BASS annual awards.

Question: Does club activity help with Lowrance sponsorship? Lowrance is specific to their products.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Precision Scales* have upgraded club level scales and will consider trade-ins of *Equalizers*. Pam will forward e-mail contact information to clubs that are interested. Please contact Pam for that information.
2. Banquet  
Recommendation is to move it back to the early portion of the year as it is difficult to organize the year's information for awards.  
Reps present agree to last weekend in January to first weekend in February.
3. Sponsorship  
SKEETER has been challenging. Offer is for an 18 ft. with 115 HP but the contract is not yet signed. Sticking points include contract wording regarding resale of the boat and distribution of membership rosters to advertise and sell their products. Pam wants wording that states member information may not be sold or redistributed to anyone else.  
Question: Can this be voted on a per sponsor basis? We're asking this only of national sponsors.  
Question: Can this go back to clubs? Yes, but need to know before the January National meeting.  
Reps present were surveyed as to whether this needed to go back to clubs. Pam will check contracts of both SKEETER and LOWRANCE.  
Motion: Mike Cusano moved that member rosters be released to national sponsors pending "no sale" clause in the contracts. Seconded. 1 Opposed. Motion carried.

Pam reminded reps that we can go with the Federation Nation Package where the Federation get a boat if an angler wins the National. Otherwise, there are discounts to members.

4. Fishlines...A web version was decided on for last year but no one stepped forward to be the Editor. We need to bring Fishlines back as lack of communication had an effect on participation in events.  
NEEDS: Volunteer, outsource, or paid position. Best if Editor is a member. Need paper copy as well as web. Dominick Maio has cost information and suggests a committee with a rotation of clubs to make contributions. Mike Kreloff suggests a director who chooses own committee and is rewarded. Pat Miura suggests trying on-line before going back to paper. **Still need a person to manage it. Please make an effort in your clubs to locate a Fishlines Director.**  
Kerry Rice has volunteered if no one turns up as he realizes its importance. He has no experience. Dominick Maio has volunteered to help Kerry in this situation. **Please bring possible names to the January meeting.**  
Discussion followed as to how to pay the Fishlines Director. **Reps are to go back to clubs for ideas and participants.**

### Break for lunch.

5. Discussion of BCWC team selection for 2006. See attached document. Clubs would be responsible for their team's expenses for this year.  
Motion: Mike Cusano moved that we qualify 6 teams for the 2006 BCWC using Option 3, followed by Option 1, followed by a survey of the agreeing clubs that may want to field more than one team. Seconded by Ron Williamson. Carried.  
Pam will call club contacts for commitments within 2 weeks time.
6. Discussion of BCWC team selection for 2007 and future. **Please copy "2007 and Beyond..." and "Pam's Recommendations" for your club discussion. Bring proposals to the January meeting, being ready to vote.**  
Note: We do not have to participate in the BCWC.

7. Clarify the "Non-boater of the Year Award". It's from the points trail, not the pool.
8. Out-dated info on website. **Not the webmaster's fault.** Members and Directors must send info.
9. Mike Cusano complimented Dominick Maio on the Jr. publications on the website.
10. Movement on Last Chance Tournament? Will be discussed by TAB
11. A question was raised about payouts for CTC going to individual members. CTC Lunker is the highest award at that tournament. Not all clubs share. Since this is an individual paid item, clubs should decide what they will do if they have a winner BEFORE getting to the tournament.
12. Fish care concerns: Need aerated tank. Need fish release volunteer boaters at each tournament. Need to teach how to FIZZ. Need Fish Care person. Anglers SHOULD take good care of fish before weigh-in. Larry Good volunteered to release fish with his boat at each tournament. Noel Good will help. Scott Bliss will teach FIZZ by throat and set up an aerated tank. He will bring cost figures to the January meeting for a vote.  
Recommendations by Pam: Use bag-weigh system: Find cost of black zipper bags and large-hole bags. Stephanie will make calls re: cost.  
How to determine life of fish? BASS: any movement = life. Need to go directly to Check-in tank.  
Need WEIGH MASTER for every tournament. Resume contact with local clubs for volunteers.
13. **Open positions. Please encourage club members to step up!!**
  - Treasurer**
  - Conservation Director**
  - Publicity Director**
  - Fishlines Editor**
  - Promotions Director**
14. Election Nominations: Sue Good is appointed Election Committee Chairperson and will post opening of nominations on the website for **President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.** Contact Sue with nominations. Cut off is September 2007.

- **For 2007: Clubs must make an effort to boost participation in our trail.  
Bring ideas and volunteer to put them into action.**

Moved to adjourn by Mike Cusano. Seconded. Carried. Adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Good, Secretary.