

Minutes of the NY BASS Chapter Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Fri, Dec 14, 2012

Location: Bass Pro Shop, Auburn, NY

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Chuck Rowlee, President  
Fred Blom, Vice President  
Lori Haney, Secretary  
Kathy Bonanno, Treasurer  
Mike Cusano, Past President  
Burnie Haney, Public Relations

1. Chuck announced that Burnie Haney was stepping down as Sponsor Product Coordinator. Discussion as to how to manage the anticipated limited product availability, no decision reached.
2. 2012 Awards: Burnie will send Chuck the points system used in the past to determine winner of club awards. Barb has submitted her nomination for conservation award. Also accepting nominations for Rosemary Murphy Award, deadline for all is 31 Dec. Suggestion made that the previous recipients of the Rosemary Murphy Award be posted on the webpage for historical and recognition purposes. All agreed, Secretary will provide list to Ted when perpetual plaque is retrieved from last years recipient (Dom Maio).
3. B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will now be known as B.A.S.S. Nation.
4. Scholarship Committee: Need two individuals to sit on the Committee. One member has resigned and one member (Pam Bliss) is recusing for this year, as her daughter is applying.
5. Chuck announced his proposed list of Committee Chairs for 2013, Executive Committee all in favor.

Sponsor Product Coordinator – Pete Knight  
Marketing –  
Youth – Jim Moore  
Web – Ted Barth  
Scholarship – Dominick DiGirolamo  
Fishlines – Tom Presnell  
Conservation – Barb Elliott  
Public Relations – Burnie Haney  
Tournament – Pete Knight  
Membership – Pete Knight

6. Sponsors: Offers we know right now –  
Alliance Program in place, will have some changes from previous offers, focus appears to be on the number one team member.  
Power Pole  
Boat US  
Berkeley Pure Fishing  
Details will be announced as they are confirmed.

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7. Budget: Prior to a full report, Treasurer provided a nutshell version of financial standing and noted that we were showing a significant deficit regarding Fishlines (\$10,000) Discussion as to how savings might be made. Chuck will check with Tom regarding printing minimums and increased online version vs print. Also checking membership number vs copies printed/shipped. Discussion will be brought to Executive Board in Jan.

8. Divisional Team: Site in Maine is remote, no availability of commercial food store/restaurant within 20 miles. The resort offers a meal package. Discussion as to whether meal package should be included in the registration or offered as an individual option to team members, consensus is to offer as an option. Also discussed if there was a necessity to amend how withdrawals from the team are handled. Consensus was that situations are addressed on a case by case basis and if there is no reason to doubt the legitimacy of the situation, no need to do anything additional.

9 Tax preparation for 2012 return – 1099's must be mailed out by 31 Jan. Individuals who received payments must provide SSN and other information as needed.

10. Secretary reviewed official correspondence since last meeting.

1) Email query from member regarding national dues paid but no BASS Times received. Chuck referred them to BASS membership.

2) Email query from member wanting to verify national membership of club members. Secretary referred query to Membership Committee Chair (Pete Knight)

3) Update of club president (Bill Davis) for Capital District.

4) B.A.S.S. requested a copy of our Constitution and By Laws, Chuck submitted.

5) Local website posted photos from the 2012 Take A Soldier Fishing day with no attribution as to host of the event. PR Chair contacted them asking that they identify the event as hosted by the NYBCF, they complied.

6) Conservation Director responded to an individual who had made a Facebook post after the Massena tournament about the number of dead fish in an attempt to educate on our fishcare interest and process. No further comment or contact.

7) Marketing Chair informed that Aztec Lakes had not responded to ad solicitation so he contacted them to see why. Former point of contact was not there anymore but owner does want to participate with a gift certificate as in the past to be raffled off. Tom will advise when he receives and is ready to auction on the message board.

8) Webmaster encountered an issue with webpage password, unable to upload for awhile. President was able to get information corrected with server and he is back online.

9) Sponsorship query from Denali Rods. Need to review how this would affect relationship with Rhapsody Rods. President will respond.

10) Executive Committee discussed and voted by email to recoup \$203.90 (cost of clothing) from Kerry Rice as he had to withdraw from the Eastern Divisional Team.

11) Executive Committee discussed and voted by email to conduct the annual Take A Soldier Fishing event in 2013.

11. No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.