



NEW YORK B.A.S.S. CHAPTER FEDERATION  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – December 17, 2017**  
Fingerlakes Mall Event Center, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021

**TIME:** Meeting called to order at 1:33 pm

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Peter Knight – President  
Fred Blom - Past President  
Brian Eisch – Vice President  
Christopher Killoren - Secretary  
Ken Christie – Treasurer

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:** Membership Director – Paul Hudson

**CLUB ROLL CALL:**

- 1) After Breakfast Bass Anglers – Greg Pavlic
- 2) Crown City Bassmasters – Christopher Killoren
- 3) New Yorkers Over 55's Bassmasters – Fred Blom
- 4) Niagara Frontier Bassmasters – Ken Christie
- 5) Port City Bassmasters – Peter Knight
- 6) Rochester Bassmasters – Mike Wall
- 7) Statewide Bassmasters – Katherine Owczorzak

A sign in sheet was distributed and 12 members were in attendance, representing 7 clubs.

Vice President Brian Eisch played the National Anthem

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Fred Blom to accept the January 16, 2016 minutes, seconded by Paul Hudson. All in favor, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (2016 Year End):**

- 1) Ken Christie provided the Treasurer's Report for 2016 year end. Ken gave description of funds by category. There is \$85,132 in assets, Liabilities and Equity: scholarship fund is restricted and additional money for TASF. Net income loss of \$4600 that will break even by the end of 2016. Motion made to approve the report by Mike Wall, seconded by Dave Repman. All in favor, carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Club Team Championship (CTC) Rules – President will work with Tournament Director on revising rules about qualifications for regional team spots.
- 2) The last chance tournament has been discontinued and not scheduled for 2017 due to poor turnout in 2016. Regional team spots will be distributed back to the AOY points.



## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- 1) Fishlines Magazine – Tom Presnell is not present and will be stepping down from the position effective today. Looking to fill this now vacant position.
- 2) Website / Facebook– Neither Ted Barth or Tom Presnell are present. Ted Barth is resigning from this position effective today. Looking for someone to fill the position of Website / Facebook coordinator. Ted will stay on and help out the best he can for the transition to the new person in this role.
- 3) Membership – Paul Hudson, reporting.
  - a. Paul will continue this role for one more year in 2017.
  - b. Staying on track in terms of membership, would like to see an increase.
  - c. Membership through NONE club will be sent to area clubs where that person lives near to see if they are willing to join a local club.
  - d. BASS affiliated clubs need to have all members be a member of BASS Nation. Not all members need to be a member of NY BASS Nation. BASS is not offering rebates on membership anymore. Club presidents should have received a rebate check.
- 4) Youth Report – Jim Moore is not present. He will step down from this position effective today. Looking to fill the combined position of Youth/High School Director.
- 5) Tournaments – Dave Repman, reporting.
  - a. Remind club reps to announce to their members on the importance of getting applications in on time.
  - b. Also remind club members the importance of fish care. Fizz kits are required to be on the boat during a NY BASS Federation tournament event.
- 6) Conservation – Barb Elliot is not present.
  - a. We are one of only two states that owns a release boat. We obtained the boat through a grant to use the boat to manage water chestnuts in NYS waterways. Onondaga County Soil and Water and the Fingerlakes Prism want to lease the boat for two weeks each in 2017.
- 7) High School – Fred Blom, reporting.
  - a. New clubs are forming in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.
  - b. Fred has discussed with JJ Elmer on Cashion Rods running two early bird bracket bashes to benefit High School and junior programs. One tourney will be held on 5/6 at Conesus Lake and the other on 5/26 on Oneida Lake. Fred Blom made a motion to approve holding the Cashion Rods early bird bracket tournaments, Dave Repman seconded, all in favor carried. Additional information on these early bird events can be found on the attachment to these minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Key open positions as of today – Treasurer, Youth / High School Director, Website / Facebook Director, and Fishlines Editor. Ken Christie said any candidate for the Treasurer position needs common sense and be able to run QuickBooks, issue 1099's through QuickBooks, prepare Form 990, and answer questions from folks on finances, refunds, etc. There is also some time commitment, and it would be beneficial for the new Treasurer to live close to an M&T Bank. We have check writing software and work very hard to reduce payment turnaround time. There are stipends that go with these positions. We have someone currently interested in the Fishlines Editor position.
- 2) The banquet is scheduled for January 28, 2017 at the Hilton Gardens in Auburn, NY. Tickets are on sale for \$30. Guest speakers are Joe Sancho and Mark Kratz. Brian Eisch highlighted the list of sponsors that BASS Nation has picked up including Huk, TH Marine, and Shimano. We will be utilizing a bucket style raffle for some of the higher end items for raffle at the banquet.
- 3) Fred Blom discussed the 2017 Federation schedule. If weather persists at Lake Erie Event, then we will hold the tournament inside the break wall and Niagara River. Canadian License requirement will be decided upon at a later date. Vermont License requirement will also be decided on for the Lake Champlain tournament.
- 4) Take a Soldier Fishing (TASF) Event is on Oneida Lake on April 29, 2017 out of Oneida Shores. Corporal Schneider tournament is the day after.
- 5) Voting procedure for Elections: Paul Hudson proposed the change to the Bylaws for electronic voting for elections to help cut costs. See attached proposed Bylaw Change Document. Motion to approve made by Fred Blom, seconded by Ken Christie, 8 votes from representative clubs carried.

No further business was brought to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Eisch, with Mike Wall seconding. All in favor, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Christopher Killoren – Secretary.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Sign-in Sheet
- 2) Proposed Bylaw revision for voting procedure for elections
- 3) Cashion Rod early bird bracket bash tournament info



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**Section 1: Election Committee**

There shall be a Federation Election Committee appointed by the Federation President to come from the general membership, and shall consist of three(3) members, none of which shall be a candidate for a contested office, nor an immediate family member of a candidate, nor a current member of the Executive Committee. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to record any and all nominations presented for Federation Office and to insure a fair and impartial appraisal of the candidates. Following the election, this committee will oversee the proper transition of the Federation's assets and duties to the new officers of the Federation. This committee shall be appointed and approved no later than the spring meeting of the Federation in an election year.

**Section 2: Nominations**

The nomination of candidates for Federation Offices shall come from the Federation membership at large and shall be recorded with the Federation Election Committee no later than the November or December meeting of the Federation prior to an election year. The Federation Election Committee shall have the responsibility to contact each nominee prior to placing their name on the ballot for acceptance. Those wishing to run for office may also nominate themselves. Nominations must be concluded at the November/December meeting.

**Section 3: Voting Methodology**

The Federation Election Committee shall prepare an electronic ballot in a pdf format file. This ballot will be available seven (7) days after the November/December meeting and will be downloadable from the organization's web page and Facebook Page. A copy of the ballot will also be sent to the President of each active club. The electronic ballot must be printed out, filled out completely (BASS Member number of voter) and check candidate(s) you are voting for. The filled out ballot can either be sent by email or by US Postal mail to the Election Committee. The ballots must be returned to address established by the Federation Election Committee no later than five (5) days prior to a January meeting of the Board of Directors. The Election Committee will open and count the ballots prior to the Board meeting. The Results of the election will be determined by a simple majority.

**Section 4: Notification of Results**

The candidates will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the counting, if not present at said meeting. The results shall be published electronically after notifications are made.

**Section 5: Transition**

The transition of newly elected officers will take place at the end of the January meeting. Both outgoing and incoming officers will meet together and discuss/finalize transitions.

**Section 6: Ballot Review**

The Federation Election Committee shall be responsible for the counting of the ballots and shall maintain custody of said ballots for a period of 30 days during which time they will be available for review or inspection by the Federation Executive Board members.

Cashion Early Bird Bracket Bash to benefit NY BASS Nation  
High School and Junior Program.

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> Conesus Lake

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> Oneida Lake

48 two angler teams in 12 brackets

\$250 entry fee per team. Payout based on number of entries  
but full field first place would be \$2500.

Fish 6 hours using scales, pictures of all fish 3 pounds or heavier

Top five fish count as team's weight.

Highest team weight in each bracket fishes final bracket

Reset weights, High School angler as Marshall. MFL style with  
every fish counts.

Cashion will operate the tournament with NY BASS Nation  
support and insurance coverage, using NY BASS Nation scales.

Opportunity for Marshalls to learn and participate in fundraising.

Potential to raise \$1000 per event to help with costs of National  
Tournament.