

NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

AUGUST 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 7:01PM

Back Bay- Present	Monadnock Bass- Present
Contoocook- Present	NH Bass Casters- Present
Manchester Bass- Present	Bass Hookers- Present
NH Bass Hunters- Present	Grass Roots- Present
NH Bass Assassins- Present	Breakaway Bass- Present

Treasurers Report:

- \$12,750.61 Currently in the General Operating account
 - Includes payouts for the federation webpage in the amount of \$500 and a reimbursement for \$108 which was paid for the message board renewal. It also includes \$474 towards lodging for Joe Spinello up at Champlain.
- \$5,445 Current account balance in the State Team account
 - \$6,480 STQT money and \$609 summer open and raffle money still need to be deposited
 - \$12,534 state team total after deposits
- Recent expenses paid out of State Team account reflected in total above.
 - New set of checks needed to be purchased at \$29.50
 - \$2,370 paid out to Quality Inn for 5 double rooms up at Champlain.
 - State team account looking very good compared to recent years.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Creating packet for future state team members.
 - Packet to explain expectations of anglers who make the team.
 - Captain of the state team will have specific duties they will be responsible for.
- Marc brought up the idea of holding a disabled veterans tournament.
 - Would like everyone to think about this for the next meeting.
 - If a single separate event wouldn't work maybe think of ways to incorporate some disabled veterans into our opens or just into one open.
 - It would be a great thing to do; good press and piggybacks what the FLW does with the National Guard.
- Line recycle bins are in.
 - Targeting placement of these at West Alton Marina and Center Harbor.

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Conservations Report:

- Camp carefree youth event was again a success thanks to the many volunteers involved
 - About 125 children were taken out and all of them caught fish.
- Dick Smith recently had a meeting with Fish & Game to discuss a few different topics.
 - Lakes with adjacent waters rule recently enforced
 - Fish mortality has risen for tournaments on lakes like Squam for example where fish need to be released quite a distance from the Weigh-In
 - Currently if you can make the case of it being better fish care a separate \$10 permit can be purchased to waive the rule adjacent water rule.
 - The intent of the rule years ago was to prevent amateur stocking. It didn't take in account different lakes directly connected.
 - The good news is this is a Fish & Game rule and is not a law. The wording is going to be changed sooner rather than later in our favor.
 - Fish care at our events and at our affiliated club events needs to be better.
 - We need to do a better job at educating our members on fish care.
 - We should always have frozen half gallon milk jugs on board during the summer months and always should be recirculating.
 - Every 2-3 hours about half the water in the live well needs to be replaced.
 - Fish care at our weigh-ins needs to be better.
 - Call fewer anglers at a time to prevent guys standing around for long periods of time with their fish in the bags.
 - Look into the idea of purchasing mesh weigh-in bags and an aeration system for our holding tanks or oxygen tanks.
 - Very important that after you weigh your fish do not place your entire weigh bag with your fish still inside in your live well. It is essential that you remove them from the bags.
 - Possibly implement a rule that when you arrive at weigh-in and are waiting to have your fish weighed or are waiting to release them, your live wells must be on manual recirculation.
 - Create a booklet for all our anglers that will hopefully educate our members better on fish care.
 - Dick also put forth an idea of maybe having a pontoon boat available to do weigh-ins. This could aid in fish care and eliminate problems with having proper weigh-in areas.
 - Dock fishing etiquette please exercise common sense.
 - If you fish docks you must be courteous with the dock owners
 - Any hang ups on docks please make sure you go and remove any hooks or lures. Don't just break off and retie as you move on to another dock.
 - If people or families are out on a dock move past it, maybe go back later to fish it.
 - If property owners give you a hard time do your best to ignore them and just move on. Do not get into an argument with anyone.

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Presidents Report:

Old Business

- Briefly revisited amending the constitution which was gone over at previous meeting.
 - This will be voted on at our August meeting.
- Spoke with Harry at Center Harbor Inn
 - Main trailer parking will be at the town ramp
 - The town is allowing us to park as many trailers as we can fit
 - The church parking lot can be used as overflow along with possibly Keepsake Quilting
- Marc Hamel and Rob Morin need to coordinate getting the trailer up to the STQT.

New Business

- Vote taken to amend the federation rules allowing us to hold events at the same location multiple years in a row
 - These locations will still be voted on by all the federation members.
 - Vote was in favor of the change.
 - For more information on this please read through your meeting notes from prior meetings.
- Pairings have been completed and distributed to all STQT participants by email.
 - If you didn't receive the pairings please talk to your club presidents.
- Keepsake Quilting and the Church may be used as alternate parking for the STQT if needed.

Next Meeting: September 25th 2012 Webinar

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40PM