

# NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

## MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting called to order: 7:02PM

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:

- Dave Duffy unable to make the meeting, but submitted an email reporting that there was no financial activity since the last meeting.
- General Operating Account - \$13505.61
- State Team Account - \$3543.61
- Only one \$40 check received from clubs so far for the raffle tickets and this was from Garry Woodruff with Breakaway Bass.

### Vice Presidents Report:

- Marc is moving forward with covering the shipping costs and getting two fishing line recycling bins mailed up to us and placed at a couple boat launch facilities on behalf of the federation.

### Conservations Report:

- Jig bill will be voted on March 28<sup>th</sup> and will probably get through to be voted on by the house committee. As soon as a hearing is hosted Dick will ask that as many people attend to fight this bill
- There is another NH statuette connected to this bill which states sales of these lead jigs also cannot take place in the state. An amendment to the bill is anticipated rescinding the banning of the sale and only banning the use.
- Dick still feels confident it ultimately will not get voted in, but everyone needs to do their part and help fight this, the lakes associations are going to be well represented and we also need to be.

### Presidents Report:

#### *Old Business*

- Got all of our permits back and dates have been finalized.
- There will be grilling done at each open weather permitting
- There will be plaques for each winning team at each open event including a "team of the year"
- Hoping for a big turnout at the spring open on Winni to start the year off right!
- All clubs needed to have their \$40 dollars for the raffle tickets submitted by this meeting.
- Joe reinforced that efforts need to be increased to squash the senate lead ban.
- Ranger Cup is back and we are getting \$400
- Also back is the Cabelas program everyone who fishes the STQT are urged to participate.
- Dick Smith had a great thought about us maybe running pro-angler seminars
- Try to get 3 or 4 pro anglers up for a Saturday or perhaps a full weekend.  
May be a great way for the state team to earn money.

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## *New Business*

- The Spring Open is approaching; spread the word far and wide. We are really looking for a solid turnout April 29th.
- If you haven't already written to the senators please do so NOW, the lakes association is gaining traction with this lead ban and we very easily could lose our jigs and jig heads. Dick Smith has worked tirelessly on this but needs everyone's help.
- Looked into the best western rewards program. After looking into the numbers further, it won't be financially worth it for the federation.
- Each club's \$40 Raffle money needs to be submitted by the April meeting
- Rob Morin and Jim Hanatow have decided the Alabama/Umbrella Rig is legal to use in our tournaments.
  - The rig must be used in compliance with NH State Law. This means the rig can only be used with a single hook. The rest of the leads on the rig can only be attractors no hooks.
  - For more information on the specific law addressing the rig please go to the following link [http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/alabama\\_rig.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/alabama_rig.html)

## **Open Discussion**

- Dick Smith would like everyone to please mark their calendars and attend an event August 1<sup>st</sup> on Merrymeeting Lake. It will be a take a kid fishing day it's a great event a lot of fun and the children have a blast. There will be more information to come as the event approaches. It is held during the week due to lighter boat traffic conditions on the lake.
- Marc Hamel has stepped up and will try and get his hands on a solid piece of whiteboard we can use at our events, the old one needs to be replaced. If for some reason Marc cannot get this for us, anyone else who thinks they could get us one please let us know.

Next Meeting: April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 **Face to Face in Person Meeting at the Merimack NH Town Hall.**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:28PM