

NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

NOVEMBER 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
First Cast-Present	

Treasurers Report:

- **Could Not Attend In Person**

- Dave did report through an email that he has not yet received any federation dues for clubs.
- Also only Manchester Bass and Grass Roots have submitted their rosters.
- Dave stressed that if you did not submit your dues and rosters to Joe at this meeting please mail the checks out to him and get your rosters submitted ASAP.
- Checks are to be made out to the NH Bass Federation and the dues are \$80 per member.
- Checks can be mailed to...

David Duffy
C/O NH Bass Federation
35 Stateline Circle
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Vice Presidents Report:

- **No Report**

Conservations Report:

- Dick Smith reports very good news about a new state owned boat launch on Lake Winnepesaukee
 - The property was purchased/closed on by the state of New Hampshire last week.
 - It is located at the southern end of Alton Bay and will accommodate 35 rigs.
 - Remember state law allows only half of these spaces for tournament use.
 - The location purchased is already an established marina so the location will be ready for use by this winter for ice fishing access.
- There is also another larger location being looked at for a second public boat launch facility.
 - This is still in the early stages and Dick will provide more info as it becomes available.
- There has also been an 8 person committee established in which Dick is a part of. The purpose is to organize programs educating anglers to avoid the use of currently banned lead split shots and other weights.
 - These educational programs will hopefully cut down the use of these currently banned small lead weights by uneducated anglers who do not understand the current laws in place.

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- Dick Smith also announced the date of the next Camp Carefree bass fishing event.
 - Mark July 31st on your calendars get it off from work go out and give these children a fun day on the water they won't ever forget.
- Lastly if anyone knows a kid with a terminal illness who enjoys hunting get in touch with Dick Smith.
 - Hunt of a Lifetime is a program set up something like the Make a Wish Foundation.
 - The child will be given a .308 rifle to use and go on a guided moose hunt.

Presidents Report:

Old Business

- Dates and lakes for the NH Bass Federation 2013 events were chosen and are as follows...
 - April 28th, Spring Open, Winnepesaukee Center Harbor
 - July 21st, Summer Open, Conn River Hinsdale
 - Sept 21st and 22nd, STQT Winnepesaukee Center Harbor
 - October 27th, Fall Open, Winnepesaukee West Alton Marina
- We will not have a booth at the sporting show this year after a brief discussion it was decided that the return from having a booth at the show is not worth the costs and travel time.
- Matt Thoin and Dave Tsao will co-captain the 2013 state team

New Business

- Joe started off by welcoming the club "First Cast" to the federation.
- The subject was then moved onto officer re-election which is coming up. If anyone expresses any interest in any of the positions please get in contact with Joe.
 - Dick Smith added this about his position as Conservation Director.
 - He assured everyone he does not plan on leaving this position, but if someone wants a crack at it he will let them have it.
 - The position does have benefits both on a personal level and business level.
 - Lots of contacts can be made you will get to know senators, house of reps, lobbyists.
 - Dick says the "biggest payoff could be the realization that you can single handedly change legislation"
 - Individual who would like to take this position really would need to be semi-retired. Most meetings take place during the week.
 - If anyone is interested Dick expressed he would be happy to walk anyone through it and help them out whenever they needed along the way.
- All permits have been submitted and when finalized events will be made available to everyone.
 - Still need to get in contact with Harry at Center Harbor about use of the hotel for our STQT.

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- Joe recently spoke with John the president of the RI chapter about booking rooms for divisional.
 - John is still looking to secure a reasonably priced location that all participants can stay at.
- Matt Thoin one of the state team captains has been actively coming up with ideas to raise money for the state team. He has many great ideas which will soon be put into play.
- We have a new sponsor StormR which is a rugged outdoor wear company.
 - One of their neoprene waterproof jackets will be raffled off at each of our events next year.

General Comments:

- A couple guys had great ideas they shared.
 - Justin Brigham talked about maybe implementing a program to recycle old plastic baits in New Hampshire with the following goals in mind.
 - Promote recycling among our federation which hopefully will spread out further across the state.
 - Remove old plastics from New Hampshire waterways.
 - Help prove to groups that want to stop our activities that we really are not so bad after all.
 - Dick Smith spoke of another idea about a special “Governors Open Tournament”.
 - It would be a fun event that the governor and key legislation would all be invited to.
 - Could help expose them to how much fun our sport is and educate them on why we enjoy it so much.
 - After event have a barbeque and give out fun awards.

Next Meeting: December 18th, 2012 Webinar/ Call *Meeting a week early due to Christmas Meeting Adjourned: 7:50PM