

# NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

## November 2013 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
Bass Hunters- Present	Grass Roots- Present
Bass Assassins- Present	Breakaway Bass- Present
First Cast- Present	

### Treasurers Report:

- General Operating Account \$13,948.57
  - Transactions...
    - \$50 to NH Wildlife Federation 2014 dues
    - Deposit of \$4000 for 50 new members since last meeting along with a check written to TBF in the amount of \$2700 for a total of 54 members.
- State Team Account \$4841.37
  - Transactions...
    - Reimbursement for STQT expenses \$172.44
    - Deposit for divisional winnings \$350
    - Fall Open profit and 50/50 raffle along with check for church parking not included in amounts at this time.

### Vice Presidents Report:

- Not present at meeting

### Conservations Report:

- See attached document from Dick Smith at the end of these notes.

### Youth Directors Report:

- Evan Roberts has stepped up and made some good headway as our new youth director.
- Evan has taken care of all that needs to be taken care of through TBF and has some tentative dates and locations on 3 youth tournaments.
  - May 11th Highland Lake
  - June 29th Massasecum
  - August 31st Winnisquam (Championship Event)

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## Presidents Report:

### *Old Business*

- STQT was a success big thanks to Harry at Center Harbor Inn
- New NH TBF elections this November we already have some volunteers Matt Thoin, Evan Roberts, Justin, Scott Doughty
- Looking to get another person to work alongside Dick Smith on the Conservation side.
- Every club that signs up by November with 6 Members or more will be eligible for a raffle for 3 very nice items.

### *New Business*

- 2014 Tournament Lake Locations
  - A lengthy discussion took place on 2014 locations of the STQT and opens.
  - General consensus was that most guys wanted a change on the STQT and after taking a vote the majority of board members and presidents voted Champlain as their first choice.
  - **With a Champlain STQT we are worried about participation. What we are asking is that all presidents please take this back to your clubs and get feedback on who would be in for an STQT out on Champlain out of Ticonderoga.** We will be discussing this further at the next meeting based on your discussions/findings.
  - Here is the 2014 tentative schedule. The dates are pretty solid, however the lakes may change.
    - STQT
      - August 9th & 10th Lake Champlain out of Ticonderoga.
        - This may change based on club feedback and other logistical reasons.
      - If Champlain falls through the STQT will be held on Winnepesaukee September 20th & 21st.
    - Spring Open
      - April 27th Winnepesaukee out of Center Harbor.
    - Summer Open
      - July 27th Connecticut River out of Hinsdale.
    - Fall Open (Iron Man)
      - October 26th Winnepesaukee out of Center Harbor.
  - We need to address getting the trailer registration updated. Possibly get it registered under Dave Duffy. This needs to be happen before the Spring Open.
  - Raffle winners for clubs getting their rosters in before the deadline.
    - StormR Jacket - NH Bass Casters
    - Lowrance X5 Sonar Unit - NH Bass Hunters
    - Minn Kota Trolling Motor - Back Bay
  - December meeting will be a week early due to Christmas December 17th.

## General Comments:

- No comments at this meeting

Next Meeting: December 17th Webinar

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM



# New Hampshire Bass Federation

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## Conservation/Legislative Update

All Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) are now posted on the NH General Court, but no bill texts are published as yet. I usually sort through about 1,000 LSRs each year to find out which ones might affect fishing or boating. So far I have found: 1. Something about vessel registration; 2. Limit on ethanol in gasoline; 3. Prohibiting bass tournament permits during the spawning period; 4. Designated funds not to be used for anything except designated purpose; 5. Acceptance of outdoor recreation risk; 6. Mooring and rafting of boats near youth camps; 7. Non-resident college students could buy fishing license at resident rate; 8. Membership in exotic weeds committee. It is impossible to determine the full nature of a proposed piece of legislation until the bill text is posted. However, I did phone Representative Sid Lovett who is the sponsor of #3.

## Update on Public Water Access

I represent you on the NH Public Water Access Advisory Board and also the NH Lakes Management Advisory Committee. We have an opening on this Board for someone to represent river interests. . . I've talked with Gary Clark from Northern Bass Supply and he is willing to apply and serve.

**Harilla's Landing** (end of Long Island Road) is going to happen!!!! When this public boat access is completed we will be able to park about 35 rigs at the ramp area plus another 60 rigs can park on the north side of Long Island Road. . . so we can easily have big tournament out of here for free. A nice advantage is that this new facility is in the middle of Winnepesaukee, is protected from the wind, and you can go in any direction without being forced to go across The Broads. If you want the details on how this is coming about, give me a call. The next step is acquiring Federal funds and matching this up with NH state funds. My guess is that construction will happen in 2 years.

**Lake Sunapee** . . . Fish & Game has all 3 permits and the lawyers in Newbury and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association have run out of legal technicalities with which to further challenge and delay the public water boat access at the Wild Goose site (South end of Sunapee. There is 1 technicality that needs to be ironed out with CORD and a lower court. Next, Fish & Game needs to allocate the money to start building.

**Lake Nubanusit** . . . still working on getting the town of Hancock to sign a long term lease with F&G so boat ramp can be reconstructed.

**Lake Wentworth** . . . a private land owner offered 6.5 acre parcel for \$600,000 that could possibly be used as a new public boat access. Has some serious drawbacks (private road leads to the potential access site) so F&G declined.

**Otter Lake** by Greenfield . . . boat ramp is terrible condition . . . owned by NH Parks, but F&G has MOU to maintain the access. Is on F&G list of projects to do.

**Alton Bay on Winnepesaukee** . . . F&G obtained permit from DES to repair the dock and make other improvements. There is no use for the building so it is likely to be torn down.

**Pine River access to Ossipee Lake** . . . all permits have been obtained . . . construction planned for the summer of 2014.

**Newfound** . . . all work has been completed including a cartop launch area.

**Stinson Lake** (Rumney) . . . all permits were obtained by F&G . . . construction work was completed this October and paving will take place this spring.

**Meetinghouse Pond** (Marlborough) . . . site will be improved in 2014

That's it for now.

*Dick*