

# NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

## APRIL 2012 MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting called to order: 7:01PM

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

### Treasurers Report:

- Treasury changes from March Meeting to April Meeting are as follows:
  - General Operating Account – No Change \$13,505.61
  - State Team Account – Issued one check for \$67 Scale Maintenance / Calibration balance \$3,476.61

### Vice Presidents Report:

- Trying to move forward with getting NH TBF space in the FLW magazine
  - Previous contact at the magazine currently on maternity leave in the process of pursuing a new contact to work this out.
  - Realistically we are looking at a fall time frame for this article.
- Spoke a little about the lead ban meeting
  - Mentioned how organized and well represented the pro lead ban group was.
    - We had 10 or 12 guys to their 100+ people
  - Also spoke of how important it is in the future to come together and get organized to fight these things.
- Our new whiteboard has been acquired and will be delivered this week
- We will be receiving two line recycling containers soon
  - They will need to be placed at two launch locations and emptied at least once a month.

### Conservations Report:

- Dick Smith unavailable due to his continued hard work and efforts fighting the lead ban.

### Presidents Report:

#### *Old Business*

- Best western rewards program wouldn't be worth it financially.
- \$40 raffle money needs to be submitted by the April meeting
- Rob Morin and Jim Hanatow decide Alabama/Umbrella Rig is legal as long as it is used in compliance by NH State Law.

#### *New Business*

- Please spread the word of the spring open urge your club members and everyone else to attend.
- You can now follow NH Bass Federation on Twitter @NH\_Bass\_Federation. <http://www.twitter.com>
  - Could help network with sponsors.
  - Make it easier to spread the word about federation events.
  - Just the early stages very preliminary hope to build this as time goes on.

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## Open Discussion

- Justin Brigham brought up the point that when raffles are done to also include a flyer PDF format that can be issued by anyone selling to help them sell tickets/promote their raffle.
- Jim Hanatow added a couple ideas to do as an organization
  - Possible big brother take a kid fishing event
  - Require charity donation at open events a buck an entry or a canned good/food item.
- It was also brought up that we need to get creative with ways to raise money for our state team because we don't have the numbers we used to have at the STQT anymore.

\*\*This brought on a lengthy discussion about ways to grow the federation and bring our STQT numbers up. Everyone in the room was very passionate about this subject and wants to help find ways to grow.

The ideas (I want to stress these are just ideas right now) that were brought up are as follows...

- STQT/federation needs more draw and more advertising.
- Change STQT venues, something other than Winni every year.
- Change the qualifying format eliminate the need for an STQT
  - Create two draw format events that are used to qualify for the state team.
  - Hold them early in the year basically turning our opens into draws.
  - Use these as an avenue to get onto the state team. Eliminating the need for individual clubs to hold events to determine boater/non-boaters for an STQT.
- Promote the fact that the TBF supports there state team very well in terms of expenses with room and board provided along with extra cash for spending money along the way.
- Possibly offer a "mega" tournament concept with larger payouts to increase the interest/draw on our tournaments/federation.
- Create it a rule that all federated clubs need to send "x" amount of members to the STQT.
- There are too many clubs and too many clubs with opens. Cut down on club events and have your members have to fish TBF opens using points depending on placement in the opens.
- Ask your clubs and other clubs to try and coordinate around Federation events. Allowing members to fish the opens without missing out on club events/points.
- Advocate the creation of more closed clubs cutting down on open events increasing the odds of people fishing federation opens.
- Reach out to other more successful states in terms of their TBF organizations. Try to gain some ideas of how they manage, structure and promote their organizations.
- Promote a law like Vermont and Maine have in place regulating the amount of tournaments lakes can have each year.
- Make it so federated clubs can only contain federated members. If they hold opens anglers that can fish can be from any club, but must be federated.

Next Meeting: Webinar Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46PM