



NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

FEBRUARY 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:

- Dave Duffy emailed all directors a package which summarizes income/expenses for the general operating and state team accounts. Some of the main items addressed in this package as of Feb 26th are as follows.
 - Balance Sheet
 - General operating account balance \$13,555.61
 - State team account balance \$3,543.61
 - Fixed asset account balance \$1,467.91
 - Important to note the fixed asset was up around \$4000. The account was debited 3096.20 and the general operating account was credited this amount upon return of the scale.
 - Profit & Loss by Class
 - Two checks written out of the state team account none from the general operating account.
 - One \$2000 check for angler and one \$500 check for co-angler covering travel expenses for nationals.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Fishing line recycling canisters and labels
 - Marc spoke with Drew Lofton with Maryland Conservation Commission
 - Drew was very helpful in giving us a lead on who to contact to get these fishing line recycle canisters and labels. He is also going to provide us with a couple canisters for free as long as we pick up the shipping.
 - Very important to clean these canisters out once a month, always wear gloves and be very careful when doing so. People tend to put more than just fishing line in these canisters. Bass Pro Shops and Berkley pure fishing both will collect used fishing line for recycling.

Conservations Report:

- Important that everyone is aware of senate bill in place that if passed will make all lead weights/jigs illegal if under one ounce
 - Dick Smith testified at senate hearing with Gary Clark and Jim Morris who are a couple tackle retailers.
 - Explained in full the anglers and tackle retailers standpoint on this bill.
 - Senate realized the bill could not be voted on under the current wording and seek to reword the bill seem to be struggling.
 - These petitions that are going around put out locally by Keep America Fishing seem to be working and it is important us anglers stay vocal about this. We may have won a battle, but certainly not the war so to speak.



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Presidents Report:

Old Business

- Expo was a success \$650 dollars raised.
- Each state team member should sell 50 raffle tickets. Each club should purchase 8 tickets @ \$5 a piece.
 - Money earned to fund state team
- Important that at least one member from each club and directors attend meetings
 - Excuses unacceptable for not having at one member from each club join meetings. It's the duty of the club presidents to make sure at one member joins.
 - If there are issues do not wait until the last minute to contact Ryan.
- Personal information of all members needs updating
- STQT out of West Alton on Winnepesaukee
- Jim Hanatow may have possible new sponsor Dobyngs
- Important that individual clubs encourage members to fish opens
 - Maybe replace a club event with a TBF open using placement in the open for club points

New Business

- Got all of our permits back and dates have been finalized.
 - There will be grilling done at each open weather permitting
 - Food will be sold at a reduced cost all proceeds will fund the state team.
 - 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!
 - A flyer will be put out for advertising try and spread the word
 - Joe asked that all clubs try and get there members to fish opens to benefit and show support for the state team.
 - A thought was if two anglers who both own boats are planning to fish together. If each angler instead takes their own boat and reaches out to another angler maybe someone who doesn't own a boat or would prefer going as a non-boater to fish with them.
- All clubs need to have their \$40 dollars for the raffle tickets submitted by the March meeting.
 - Mail all checks to Dave Duffy made out to the NH Bass Federation please put "state team" on the check so he knows what it's for.
- Joe reinforced that efforts need to be increased to squash the senate lead ban. Dick has provided who to contact please take the time to fill out these petitions. This bill if passed will affect thousands of people in many different ways.
- Ranger Cup is back and we are getting \$400
 - Less than years past sign of the times our current size, rules Ranger set forth must be followed to participate.
- 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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Open Discussion

- Joe confirmed all our lake locations that we put in for were approved we did not have to change any locations. Also our open schedule is posted on the federation website.
- The idea was put up for thought/discussion about putting on a club vs club tournament to raise money. It seemed to be a big hit in the past, maybe invite TBF from Ma and Maine.
- An awards banquet was also brought up as an idea if funds allow possibly sell tickets to generate money.
- Joe brought up about maybe staying at the Best Western placing the hotel expenses all on one credit card. This generates reward points which can be used towards a free room.
- Last topic discussed was the legality of the A-Rig a lengthy discussion ensued.
 - **Fact is the A-Rig is illegal in NH unless fished with four dummy baits and only one with a hook in it.**
 - No decision has been made yet if this rig will be allowed in our tournaments using the one hook setup. The tournament directors should be making a decision before the first open tournament of the season.

Next Meeting: Webinar March 27th 2012

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 PM