

# NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

## JUNE 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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

Back Bay- Present	Monadnock Bass- Absent
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:

- Dave Duffy not able to attend this meeting.

### Vice Presidents Report:

- Marc will be placing the line recycle containers soon.

### Conservations Report:

- Dick Smith spoke of a few subjects basically summarizing an email he had sent out. See email message at the end of these notes....but to summarize.
  - Funding is available for fish and game to rack up some proposals on our warm water fisheries.
    - One such proposal is removing the Big Squam/Little Squam rules in place.
  - There are also numerous answers fish and game and all us fisherman need on some facts behind this lead ban.
  - Alton Bay ramp is not ready for tournament permits yet, improvements still need to be made before any permits will be issued.
  - Last but certainly not least camp carefree July 31st, give these children a fun day they will not soon forget. <http://www.campcarefreekids.org/>
    - See website and message from Dick Smith below for more information

### Presidents Report:

#### *Old Business*

- Great turnout at the Spring Open thank you everyone, the event went great! Summer open coming soon July 21<sup>st</sup> out of West Alton Marina Winnipesaukee.
- This will be a ranger cup sanctioned event!
- Parking and weigh in will be a bit different keep an eye on the message boards. Face to face meeting August 27<sup>th</sup> in Merrimack NH all STQT rosters will be due along with money \$120.00 total from each participant.
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- Golf tournament to benefit state team went very well.
  - The state team guys stepped up there were 18 teams and about \$1300.00 was raised.
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## **General Discussion:**

- Justin Brigham mentioned he saw that the NH Lakes Assn. has started their own line recycling program and thought maybe it might be a good idea to reach out to them and try and help with their efforts.
- Justin also wanted to reach out to everyone and let them know that his thesis on the effect fishing has on spawning smallmouth's is completed. He wanted to thank everyone for their help.

Next Meeting: July 23rd, 2013 Webinar

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 PM

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## MESSAGE FROM DICK SMITH

At the June Fish & Game Commission meeting there was a unanimous vote calling for a full report from the F&G Non-Game Division by the August Commission meeting to provide answers to the following questions:

1. Best current estimate of the NH loon population
2. What is the natural loon carrying capacity of our NH lakes?
3. Nationally loons are neither "endangered" or "threatened". Why are they considered "threatened" in NH when the population is at an all-time high?
4. How many hours does the F&G Non-Game Dept. spend on "managing" loons and where are the funds coming from?
5. Report on any funds F&G provides to private groups to manage or do research on loons, e.g., Loon Preservation Committee, Audubon, NH Lakes Assn, private wildlife rehabilitators,

I think that it is past time that any dead loons found in NH should be examined by independent objective veterinarians in NH such as UNH scientists. It has been obvious for years that Mark Pokras at Tufts in MA is heavily biased against fishing tackle. He also drove all the way up to Augusta, Maine to testify on that loon/leadhead jig bill. That bill passed but only affects unpainted jigs.

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Mark your calendars . . . July 31 is a BIG day for the 125 diabetic children at Camp Carefree on Merrymeeting Lake. This will be our 19th year doing this. The payoff is that we feel great about ourselves sharing our love of fishing with these kids. Giving Causes Getting, but we are giving of ourselves just to touch the lives of others without expecting anything in return.

Bass Fishing Day 2013 will take place Wed, July 31, 2013, from 9AM-5PM. We are just 5 weeks away from this very special day at camp, but we need your help. As of today we have just 5 boats registered to participate. But, we really could use 18-20 for BFD to be a huge success. If you can join us we would greatly appreciate it!

Registration to volunteer is now open. Just check out the home page of our website [www.campcarefreekids.org](http://www.campcarefreekids.org) <<http://www.campcarefreekids.org>/ and look for the "Save the Date" box for Bass Fishing Day. The box includes a link to more info about the event, as well as a link to register to volunteer.

Thanks for your help,  
Dick