

## Minutes of November 10, 2016 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Mike Hart.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Bergen Bassmasters; East Coast Bass Anglers (excused); Gloucester County Bass Anglers (excused); Raritan Valley Bassmasters; Warren County Bassmasters.

The Minutes from the August 11, 2016 Federation meeting were read by Secretary Nick Angiulo. The minutes were accepted via motion/second.

The Treasury Report was read by Treasurer Forest Honeywell. The report was accepted via motion/second. He also thanked all the members in attendance for their support over his many years as Treasurer since this would be his last meeting as Treasurer.

President Mike Hart thanked Forest and his wife Dorothy for their tireless efforts as Treasurer over the many years.

Secretary Angiulo gave the Tournament Report in Tournament Director Dan Goykhman's absence. He gave a recap of both the TBF Mid-Atlantic Divisional and the District 15 TBF National Semi-Final, describing how all of the New Jersey anglers fared. He also outlined the 2017 tournament schedule, which will be as follows:

- May 18 and 19 – Team Tournament – Susquehanna Flats
- May 21 – Susquehanna Flats – Points
- June 17 and 18 – Candlewood Lake – Points
- July 30 – Lake Hopatcong - Points

He indicated that the originally proposed April 9 event had to be rescheduled as it conflicts with the 2017 TBF National Championship.

He also indicated how clubs would qualify for the 2017 National Semi-Final would be different than this past season. No specific details have been decided but the most likely scenario is a “point” system where clubs would have to amass points to be eligible. He indicated that similar to this year, anglers would still be able to qualify for that event via the point tournaments and the Team Tournament. A discussion ensued regarding the Semi-Final for 2017 which will be held in New Jersey.

Secretary Angiulo indicated that Final Rosters need to be in by the February meeting. He urged clubs to register in the TBF system early and if they need any help to contact him as soon as possible.

President Hart indicated that there are numerous vacancies, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Conservation Director. It was indicated that member

Cody Barry had shown interest in Conservation Officer and should be contacted about his continued interest. The one interested candidate for President is Mike Keller. As there was no other candidate, Secretary Angiulo cast one vote to approve him as the new Federation President. Outgoing President Hart thanked the members in attendance for all of their support and indicated that the Federation needs new blood and should look to get more involved as an organization.

President Hart indicated that Cashion Rods has sanctioned the Federation for tournament bonus money. To be eligible, a member has to purchase a new Cashion Rod and be the highest finishing Cashion Rod owner in a Federation tournament. More details will be available in the future.

President-elect Mike Keller discussed an idea that for the now-open April 9 date to have a federation buddy event on Lake Hopatcong. He also indicated a proposal that club's earn points to be eligible for the Team Tournament. A discussion ensued and it was determined that such a points system makes more sense to apply to the points tournaments and a club's eligibility for sending members to the National Semi-Final. He also suggested a new system regarding the tournament procedures where individuals/clubs are required to help out pre-tournament and at the weigh-ins.

As motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary.