

Minutes of November 9, 2017 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Mike Keller. Executive Officer Jason Orecchio was not in attendance.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Bergen Bassmasters; Castaway Bassmasters; East Coast Bass Anglers; Mega Bass 6; Quickfire Bassmasters (excused); South Jersey Hawg Hunters; Warren County Bassmasters.

As there was not a quorum at the August 10, 2017 meeting, no minutes were presented. It was indicated that the Minutes from the May 11, 2017 Federation meeting were available on the Federation's webpage.

The Treasury Report was read by Nick Angiulo. The report was accepted via motion/second. He also read the report of income/expenses from the 2017 District 15 National Semi-Final (NSF) that the Federation ran on September 30 and October 1. He indicated that he was hopeful that the TBF would reimburse the Federation for at least some of the expenses.

President Keller also announced that the Federation was still in need of a permanent Treasurer and that anyone interested should contact him or Nick Angiulo as soon as possible.

The Tournament Report was given by Nick Angiulo in lieu of a new Tournament Director. He recapped the District 15 NSF and indicated that it was a great success. He also highlighted that New Jersey anglers won both the Boater and Co-Angler Divisions, namely, Sean Loll won the Boater Division and Art Vitale won the Co-Angler Division.

The tentative 2018 Tournament Schedule was then announced. It was emphasized that these dates and locations were tentative pending permits but that in all likelihood, the schedule would be as follows:

<u>Point Events:</u>	April 14 (Sat)	Lake Hopatcong
	May 6 (Sun)	Susquehanna Flats
	Aug 18/19 (Sat/Sun)	Oneida Lake
<u>Team Tournament:</u>	June 14/15 (Thus/Fri)	Lake Champlain (Ticon.)

It was also indicated that the Federation would be holding an event likely in October on the Delaware River as an "early bird" points event for the 2019 season. Further details will be provided at a later date.

Finally, President Keller also announced that the Federation was still in need of a new Tournament Director for the 2018 season and that anyone interested should contact him or Nick Angiulo as soon as possible.

President Keller and Secretary Angiulo explained to the members that for 2018, the TBF has changed the requirements for club eligibility to the NSF. Previously, eligible clubs could send one boater and one co-angler to the NSF. In 2018, depending on the number of club members registered, clubs may be able to send **additional** boaters and co-anglers to the NSF. Based on this change, they indicated that the NJBF's program for eligibility by amassing club points will be modified. It is unlikely that the initial threshold of points will be changed (in fact it may be lowered), but that additional higher point levels will be established for larger clubs to allow them to qualify to send additional anglers to the NSF. Further details will be provided to the clubs at a later date.

Secretary Angiulo reminded the clubs to register their clubs for 2018 in the TBF system as soon as possible and **no later than December 31, 2017** to ensure continuity of benefits. Once registered and an invoice generated, the clubs should immediately pay the invoice amount to the New Jersey Bass Federation at the address listed on the invoice. He stated that any club that was having difficulty should contact him immediately. He also indicated that 2018 Team Tournament entry fees as well as the preliminary team roster and the annual club assessment (\$50) did not need to be remitted until the February 2018 meeting.

The 2018 Federation meeting dates were tentatively announced as follows: February 1, 2018; May 10, 2018; August 9, 2018; November 8, 2018.

As motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary.