

Minutes of February 11, 2016 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Secretary Nick Angiulo. President Mike Hart, Vice President Doug Peabody and Treasurer Forest Honeywell were not in attendance.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Bucketmouth Brigade (excused).

Secretary Angiulo gave the members in attendance an update regarding President Hart's current medical condition. He also introduced the new Tournament Director, Dan Goykhman.

The Minutes from the November 12, 2015 Federation meeting were read by Secretary Angiulo. The minutes were accepted via motion/second.

The Treasury Report was read by Secretary Angiulo in Treasurer Honeywell's absence. The report was accepted via motion/second.

Secretary Angiulo gave a description of the changes to the Team Tournament and the point tournament circuit. He also distributed the information to members in attendance. He stated that he would e-mail this information to the club contacts. He emphasized that with the significant changes in the TBF tournament structure, the Federation is implementing the proposed changes; but, things that do not work can be changed in future years. He also had available a tournament flyer for the clubs to distribute. He stated that the flyer would be placed on the website and the Facebook page. After much discussion regarding the 2016 changes, a motion was made regarding awarding points to those not catching fish. The motion was to award all individuals not catching a fish in a points event 50 less points for that event than the points awarded to the individual who was in the final spot of those catching fish. A discussion on the motion proceeded and the roll call vote was: Yes - 10 votes; No - 5 votes; Abstain - 2 votes. This is a change from previous years where all those not catching fish were awarded a flat 50 points.

Member George Hutchinson indicated that some members were not happy with "early" release boats at tournaments. In this regard, he indicated that there were alternatives to having the tournament staff begin the event prior to all others and returning early to prepare for the weigh-in. After much discussion, the Board members in attendance indicated that they would discuss the issue further and any changes would be communicated to the clubs via e-mail.

Secretary Angiulo collected rosters and fees from clubs and reminded the members that the Final Team Tournament rosters were due no later than the May meeting. He stated that clubs who could complete the rosters earlier should do so and get them to him. The preferred method would be to scan and e-mail the roster to him. He also stated that the "extra boat" draw would take place at the May meeting, but that clubs with extra boats should identify that on their Final rosters.

Nominations for Vice President were solicited. Doug Peabody was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received. Since the nomination was unopposed, Secretary Angiulo cast a vote to approve.

Dennis Foley indicated that there may be some youth teams from New Jersey participating in the SAF (high school) championship in July on the Flats. He stated that at this juncture, based on the TBF's movement away from the prior youth program, only the high school fishing program remains.

Member Terry Stevens, who tows the trailer, indicated that the running lights on the trailer need to be repaired.

The 2015 tournament awards were presented to the members in attendance.

Member Cody Barry indicated his interest in Conservation Officer. Secretary Angiulo indicated that he would discuss that further with the other Board members.

As motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary.