

Minutes of February 8, 2014 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Tony Going. All Board members were in attendance.

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The Minutes from the September 13, 2013 Federation meeting were read by Recording 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.

Youth Director Dennis Foley reported that he has had recent inquiries from 16 and 17 year olds interested in joining adult clubs. He encouraged clubs to allow these youths to join. He also indicated that the TBF/NJBF Youth Program is in flux.

Environmental Director P.J. Bartolotto indicated that the Ramapo College team of Joe and Andy Zapf qualified for the 2014 FLW College Fishing National Championship.

Secretary Angiulo recapped the December 21, 2013 Board or Directors meeting and highlighted the issues that were resolved. He noted that a summary of those matters were sent to the membership via e-mail blast in late December.

Dave Frost was introduced as the 2014 Tournament Director. President Tony Going indicated that Al Purdy had stepped down due to health concerns. [Dave handed out a letter to the members in attendance. He indicated his goals and explained the changes \[please see attached letter\]. He also stated that Steve Brinster has volunteered to tow the tournament trailer for the 2014 season.](#)

A discussion regarding the Team Tournament ensued and whether the payout should be paid to the top individuals or the top teams. This discussion was spurred on by the previous decision by the Board to pay the top individual finishers and not the top teams. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the vote was 21 for paying the top teams and 1 abstention.

Member Darren Pincus indicated that he wants to establish a clear definition of a "Co-Angler." He proposed that a Co-Angler who elects to take "half the day" should not be eligible to be the top Co-Angler for the season. Darren was advised that any changes would be to for the 2015 tournament season. After much discussion, no resolution was reached. Accordingly, **Darren made a motion to have the 2015 tournament season be a "true" Pro-Am style as per the BFL where a Co-Angler does not have the right to determine fishing locations or fish on the front of the boat. The motion was seconded and will be voted on at the May meeting. To pass, two-third of the clubs would have to vote for the change.** A potential concern about the

entry fee for Co-Anglers was raised should the motion pass. The Board indicated that an entry fee change could be made if the motion passed.

A unanimous decision was made to **only allow current NJBF members** to be eligible to participate in NJBF events. This is a departure from past eligibility requirements where non-members were allowed to fish in two regular events.

The plaques from the 2013 Tournament Season were awarded by Vice President Mike Hart to those winners in attendance.

Treasurer Honeywell and Secretary Angiulo collected rosters and payments from the clubs in attendance.

A drawing for a Quantum rod was held. The winner was Daniel Pincus, Darren Pincus' son. The drawing collected \$360.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Recording Secretary.