

Minutes of May 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Tony Going. Treasurer Forest Honeywell was not in attendance.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Jersey Giants and Warren County Bassmasters.

The Minutes from the February 8, 2014 Federation meeting were read by Secretary Nick Angiulo. The minutes were accepted via motion/second.

The Treasury Report was read by Vice President Mike Hart in Treasurer Forest Honeywell's absence. The report was accepted via motion/second.

President Tony Going indicated that there will be tee shirts made for the Team Tournament participants. He will need sizes as soon as possible. Team representatives can e-mail him the sizes.

Tournament Director Dave Frost recapped the first point event on the Flats and how difficult the fishing was. He indicated that he hoped it should be significantly better at the next event. Dave clarified the off limits for the next Flats event. Dave indicated that he is getting a significant number of co-anglers registering. If the issue of too many co-anglers arises, the last registered will not be able to fish. Dave encouraged boaters to fish so we do not have such an issue. ***Dave also clarified that co-anglers who want to control the boat must have their boater safety card in their possession and boaters must have their insurance with them in the boat.*** Dave reemphasized that at the end of the tournament, you **must check in** with the check in boat to be credited with any tournament points. Dave also reemphasized that cell phones cannot be used in tournaments other than for emergency purposes.

Secretary Angiulo indicated that a few clubs still have not turned in their team tournament rosters. He will accept scanned/emailed versions.

Environmental Director P.J. Bartolotto stated that the Ramapo College team of Joe and Andy Zapf finished 13TH in the 2014 FLW College Fishing National Championship held in March on Lake Keowee, South Carolina. He also indicated that two Ramapo teams fished in the recent Northern Division qualifier held on Smith Mountain Lake.

Executive Officer Doug Peabody reported in Youth Director Dennis Foley's absence. He indicated the recent change in TBF youth age limits has significantly affected the youth clubs as there is now only an 11-14 age group. The current youth clubs only have a few members in that age group.

A roll call vote on the motion made regarding the definition of a "Co-Angler" for the 2015 tournament season was taken. The motion was to have the 2015 point

tournament season be a “true” Pro-Am as per the BFL where a co-angler has no say in fishing locations and cannot fish from the front of the boat. The results of the roll call vote was: 11 votes for, 9 votes against. Since the motion required 14 “yes” votes to pass, the motion failed.

President Going indicated to the membership that after he is gone he believes that the most important thing to maintain is the Team Tournament.

Executive Officer Peabody asked if any members in attendance who would like to contribute to Cheech Gallipoli who has serious health issues and is in need of assistance. Doug collected \$200 from the membership.

The extra boat draw for the Team Tournament results were as follows:

1. United Bass Anglers
2. Gloucester County Bass Club
3. East Coast Bass Anglers
4. Jersey Giants
5. Greenback Bassmasters
6. South Jersey Hawg Hunters
7. Mega Bass 6
8. Raritan Valley Bassmasters
9. Castaway Bassmasters
10. Big D Valley Bassmasters
11. Blazin Bass
12. K.O.B.A.
13. North Jersey Bass Anglers
14. Over the Ridge Bassers
15. Limiters
16. Hawg Heaven Bassmasters
17. Northern NJ Bassmasters
18. Essex County Bassmasters
19. Clearwater Bassmasters
20. Quickfire Bassmasters
21. Big D Valley Too
22. Warren County Bassmasters
23. Bergen Bassmasters

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

Member Darren Pincus made a motion to take five spots from the Team Tournament side and award them to the point side in an effort to spur more participation on the point side. He proposed that the five tournament winners be awarded State Team spots. The winner of the State Team Tournament would be awarded the last State Team spot. After much discussion and given that no second was received, he withdrew the motion.

A drawing for a Quantum rod was held. The winner was Bill Taber. The drawing collected \$195. The proceeds were donated to Cheech Gallipoli.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Recording Secretary.