

Minutes of November 13, 2014 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Tony Going. All Board members were in attendance.

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

Secretary Nick Angiulo cast a vote for Mike Hart as Federation President and Forest Honeywell as Treasurer.

The Minutes from the August 14, 2014 Federation meeting were read by Secretary Angiulo. The minutes were accepted via motion/second.

The Treasury Report was read by Treasurer Forest Honeywell. The report was accepted via motion/second.

Secretary Angiulo indicated that all clubs should be registered for 2015 in the TBF system no later than December 31, 2014. Once registered, the clubs should submit the amount of the invoice to Treasurer Honeywell. Nick also stated that the invoice would serve as the clubs' preliminary Team Tournament Roster. The Final Roster with associated payment would be due at the February 2015 Federation meeting. Anyone needing assistance was directed to contact either Nick or Forest.

Tournament Director Dave Frost first thanked all the members for their cooperation during the 2014 tournament season given the number of new procedures. Next, he recapped the Hudson River event and the rest of the season. He then listed the 2015 State Team which will be fishing in the Mid-Atlantic Divisional on Lake Erie in September 2015. The team is: **Boaters** - Darren Pincus (Angler of the Year); Mike Keller; John Carpenter; Derick Olson; Nick Angiulo; Dave Frost; **Co-Anglers** – Sean Loll; Doug Peabody; Mike Hart; Mike McMahon; Ken Bertles and Mike Rinaldi.

Dave outlined the **2015 tournament schedule**, which is:

May 21-22, 2015 – Team Tournament - Potomac River

June 7, 2015 - Candlewood Lake

June 28, 2015 – Susquehanna Flats

July 26, 2015 – Lake Hopatcong

September 27, 2015 - Saratoga Lake

October 18, 2015 - Delaware River

Finally, Dave stated that he would continue as Tournament Director in 2015 but would not be able to attend the Saratoga Lake event.

The vote on the pending motion from the last Federation was taken by roll call. The motion was to allow for a “drop” tournament for the 2015 point tournament season.

The result of the vote was: 14 votes for a drop tournament and 7 votes against a drop tournament. Motion Passed.

Youth Director Dennis Foley indicated that the TBF will only have one age division (11-15) in its youth program in 2015. He also recapped the previous youth results. He stated that youth angler Caleb Bruss won the Mid-Atlantic Division in his age group at this year's TBF Junior World Championship (JWC). Next, he indicated that youth anglers Kyle Harnack and Matthew Christopolus have qualified as the New Jersey representatives at the Student Angler Federation National Championship to be held at Grand Lake, Oklahoma in April 2015. Kyle and Matt were in attendance and received a round of applause from the membership. They expressed their thanks to the Federation and specifically to: Dennis Foley, Doug Peabody, Forest Honeywell, Bob Gilbert and Joe Poms. They also thanked Sean Loll for his fishing tips which helped them at one event. Finally, Dennis indicated that the Federation would be disbanding its youth clubs in 2015 due to a shortage of boat captains. President Hart stated that anyone interested in being a boat captain for the youth in 2015 should contact Dennis Foley, time is running out.

Outgoing Conservation Officer P.J. Bartolotto stated that two Ramapo College teams recently fished in the FLW College Fishing Northern Divisional, and one team, Joe and Andy Zapf, advanced and will fish in the FLW College Fishing National Championship to be held on Lake Murray. Also noteworthy is that a pair of anglers from the Rutgers University college team also qualified for the National Championship.

President Hart indicated that the Federation still has open positions for Executive Officer and Conservation Director. He also indicated that we need a place to store the tournament trailer in 2015 as well as an individual to tow the trailer to and from events.

Member Darren Pincus thanked Dave Frost for his smooth running of the 2014 tournament season and thanked Tony Going for his years of service to the Federation. Darren then made a motion for the 2015 point tournament circuit. **The motion was to make it optional, but not mandatory, for boaters to allow co-anglers one-half of the fishing day on the front of the boat and/or preference in determining fishing locations.** Darren indicated that the thrust for this motion was that the ultimate responsibility for matters leading up to the tournament, including costs associated with the boat and other factors, lie almost entirely with the boater. This motion was seconded by the floor and will be voted on at the February Federation meeting.

President Hart made a statement regarding Tony Going. Mike first indicated that TBF President Robert Cartlidge was planning on attending but could not due to a recent death in his family. Mike stated that both Tony and Mary Going have dedicated the last 38 years of their lives to the Federation. He stated that they both have been untiring in their efforts to make the Federation the best it could be. He sincerely thanked them both for their service and stated that they will be missed.

He then presented both of them lifetime memberships to the NJBF. He also presented a bouquet of roses to Mary in appreciation for her efforts. Finally, he presented Tony a plaque memorializing his service to the Federation and its members.

Tony received a standing ovation from the members in attendance and he thanked the membership.

The raffle for a Rhapsody rod was won by Kaz Dabrowski. The Federation collected \$235. The Federation collected an additional \$30 for sales of Solar Bat sunglasses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. All attendees were then invited to enjoy sandwiches and refreshments provided in honor of Tony Going's final meeting as NJBF President.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary