

Minutes of February 12, 2015 New Jersey Bass Federation Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by President Mike Hart. All Board members were in attendance.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Bergen Bassmasters.

The Minutes from the November 13, 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.

Tournament Director Dave Frost reread the tournament schedule and indicated the change regarding the Saratoga Lake event, which will now be at the Hudson River on August 23.

The pending motion regarding the 2015 *point circuit* was reread and discussed. 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.** After the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the results were: 16 votes for; 4 votes against and 1 abstention. Therefore, the motion carried.

Show Director Rich Boyko indicated that the Federation would have a booth at the Suffern Outdoor Show March 5-8. He already has some volunteers to help out but could use more. Anyone interested should contact his as soon as possible. He indicated that the Federation may also have a presence at the outdoor show in September to be held in Jackson Township.

Youth Director Dennis Foley indicated that the two youths going to the Federation National Championship to be held at Grand Lake, Oklahoma in April 2015 could use some type of funding. It was agreed that a donation area for the youth would be set up at the Suffern show. He also indicated that younger kids (7th and 8th graders) will now be allowed to fish the Student Angler Federation events. New Jersey Federation wise, he stated that there is still one youth club registered (Next Generation) that is in need of boat captains. Anyone willing to help out should contact Dennis.

President Hart indicated that the Federation still has open positions for Executive Officer and Conservation Director. He also indicated that we still need an individual to tow the trailer to and from events.

The extra boat draw for the Team Tournament was drawn as follows:

1. Hawg Heaven Bassmasters
2. Gloucester County Bass Club

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

Treasurer Honeywell and Secretary Angiulo collected final Team Tournament rosters and payments. Secretary Angiulo indicated that clubs would be able to change the composition of their Final Rosters by the May 2015 Federation meeting with any member that is on any NJBF club roster as of this meeting's date. Any changes should be communicated as soon as possible.

President Hart indicated that we have renewed sponsorship with Lowrance and Minn Kota; and have a new sponsor, Fishidy, which was secured by Forest.

President Hart presented the 2014 awards, including Person of the Year – Dave Frost; Club of the Year – Big D Valley Bassmasters; Angler of the Year – Darren Pincus; Co-Angler of the Year – Ken Bertles; as well as the 2015 New Jersey State Team, which consists of: **Boaters** - Darren Pincus; 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; and the Team Tournament winning club which was Quickfire.

The raffle for a TBF rod was won by Mike Hart. He donated it to the youth to allow it to use in a future raffle. The Federation collected \$244.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary.