

Minutes from Wausau Wisconsin State Federation Reps Meeting–April 15, 2007

- I. Meeting called to order by Mike Hofmann at 9:03 am
- II. Role Call was taken. Clubs missing included: ABC Waupaca, Beaver Dam Bassmasters, Bristol Bass, Fox River Anglers, Heartland Bass Club, Last Cast Bass Anglers, Machickanee Bassers, Oak Creek Bassmasters, and Racine County Bass.
- III. Tess mentioned the lakes and dates on the back table and then read minutes from February Reps meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes. Her address is: Tess Thrumman, 111 W. Thomas St., Poynette, WI 53955. Phone number is 608-206-3303. Email: tess_thrumman@yahoo.com
- IV. Mike Hofmann – Presidents Update
Mike read a Thank you letter from the TBF regarding membership. They included a check for \$1096 for the dual memberships. 206 did not have numbers leaving \$412 on the table. Our state numbers are down slightly. Mike and Steve Hjort will be going to the championship and will get the new sponsor information as well as conservation updates.
- V. Mike also gave a wrap up on this year's convention. It was a great time despite the awful weather. Chad Morgenthaler was the keynote speaker.
- VI. Reps tournament – No entry fee tournament. Rep must bring and fish with a partner. It is October 13 on Stevens Point Flowage. Entry forms will be sent out and/or available on the website. Take off and weigh in will be at Club 10. There will be a dinner sponsored by Charter Communications. Afterwards, there will be a Texas Hold'em tournament back at the hotel. (Holiday Inn in Wausau)
- VII. Keelshield gave us 8 certificates for free units. They will be disbursed as follows: Mr Bass Observer winner, Mr. Bass winner, Big Bass @ 4Man, Big Bass @ Reps Tourney, Big Bass @ State, Big Bass Overall Zones, Divisional Winner and 2nd place at Divisionals.
- VIII. Minnkota gave us 6 motors. They will be awarded as follows: One at this years' convention, spring Reps raffle winner, State winner, Mr. Bass winner, Divisionals and Fall reps raffle winner. They also gave 3 chargers which will go to Big Bass @ State, Rep tourney Big bass and Mr. Bass Observer winner.
- IX. Mike Simonds - Treasurers Report – Mike is working on a new format for this report and should have it ready by the October's Reps meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. He also handed out maps for the state team going to Sandusky. Mike's phone number is 920-285-4201.
- X. Todd Holtman – Youth Director – There are only 3 youth clubs so the Junior State Championship will be held on Little Green on August 11th.

Pairings and a pizza party will be on Friday evening, August 10th, at Soldiers & Sailors Park Pavilion. Still working on sponsors but so far have Ranger, Minnkota, Yamaha, Grip'em & Rip'em Jigs and Steely Dan Tubes. A picnic will be provided after the tournament on the lake. Some of the state team will be helping as boaters for this tournament. Paul Jagemann mentioned that he may have a youth club as well.

XI. Ray Loendorf – Reps President – Working on starting a youth program statewide that would include fishing, hunting and anything outdoors. He would be attending a meeting that week to find out more information. If interested in hearing more or helping, please call Ray at 608-548-5280.

XII. Andy Ritchie - Tournament Director Report –went over the schedule for 2007.

Mr. Bass – May 19-20 Madison Chain out of Green Lantern. The pre-tournament meeting will be the night before in the parking lot of Babcock Park at the boat launch at 6pm.

State – August 17, 18, 19 in Oshkosh. Launch is Rainbow Park. Deadline for getting forms in will be sometime the beginning of August. Rooming needs to be determined immediately.

4-Man – September 21, 22, 23 Mississippi Pool 10 ONLY. Launch will be off Washington Street. Weigh in will be on the Island at the park before the bridge. Meeting will be at 6pm the night before.

Zone 1 & 4 – June 1-3 on Mississippi Pools 8 & 9

Zone 6 – June 1-3 on Big Green

Zone 2 – June 22-24 in High Falls Flowage

Zone 5 – June 22-24 on Big Green

Zone 6 - July 13-15 on Mississippi Pools 9, 10 & 11

Cards being sent out from TBF. Make sure you have TBF numbers on rosters. If you don't have a new card, turn in a copy of your old one and bring your new one to the tournament. All members should be receiving a new TBF card. Andy also talked about fish handling. We will be handling ties differently going forward to preserve the health of the fisheries. Tie breakers will be determined as follows: 2 Day Tournament – Tie breaker will be determined by the heaviest 1st day weight. 1 Day Tournaments - Tie breaker will be determined by the flip of a coin.

XIII. Steve Hjort – Conservation Director. Steve talked about the report on the website regarding the culling issues. Mike Staggs will be here today to talk about the report. He also talked about going to an in water weigh-in like in the national tournaments. Andy and Steve will be testing the scales and possibly doing a in water weigh in at the reps tournament in October. If a club is considering purchasing a new scale, it is advised to get one that will read at least 100 pounds. He also mentioned patience at weigh-ins. Water weigh in will take a little longer but there is less handling of the

fish. Only weigh in Big Bass if it is close to the current big bass of the tournament. Steve also would like to collect club results from your tournaments. He will create an excel spreadsheet and use the information for the end of the year when working with the fisheries doing evaluations. He will get the info out to the clubs that he needs collected.

- XIV. Mike Hofmann – Our website has been updated. Check it out. The message board is up and running with a new look. We are also now in control of the message board.
- XV. Pat Loendorf – Bass News Editor – Deadline for the September issue is July 31st. Remember to email Pat if you have someone in your club who is not receiving the news letter.
- XVI. Jeffery Reed - Marketing Director – Jeffery Reed asked for assistance in getting advertisers in Bass News. Charter commercial is being edited and will air soon on cable stations. This is a commercial that filmed at Divisionals and is directed to drive new membership. Badger Sportsman would like to include us in their magazine on a regular basis. A proposal has been presented to them. It would mean that our federation would get a some pages in their magazine monthly. It may mean free or discounted subscriptions. More information to come. Jeff also gave a reminder that the winner of the reps tournament will get a free entry into the US Anglers Choice.
- XVII. Zone Meetings 9:50-10:10.
- XVIII. Mike Staggs –Director of the DNR. They presented information regarding the Competitive Angling in Wisconsin. Questions and comments can be sent to our conservation director – Steve Hjort. Links are on the website for detailed information. Mike’s email is mike.staggs@dnr.state.wi.us
- XIX. Cornell Stroik – Don’t forget about the Spring Hearings. April 16th.
- XX. New Business –
- **Jeffery Reed – If your club is looking to get a website, let him know. Future Bass has a free website that you may be able to utilize. US Anglers Choice has singles that are looking for a partner to fish the tournaments. Contact Jeff at 715-630-1903 or email him at wisconsinbass@charter.net
 - **Suggestion made to have meetings earlier than April and to move it more central. April is the start of tournaments for a lot of clubs and they don’t want to give up their fishing time. The Convention may change to a one day event so that more people will attend. If you have suggestions for a meeting place please contact Mike Hofmann or Jeffery Reed
 - **Motion made by Jim Schleifer to let the board members fish for a spot on the state team without going through Zone. This is because of all the work they do when running their Zone and other tournaments. The motion was made and seconded – 2 opposed. This will start in 2008.
- XXI. Second Role Call taken. Same clubs missing.
- XXII. Reps Tournament entry forms will be sent out soon. WI Valley Bassbusters have agreed to help run the weigh-in.

XXIII. Steve Hjort let everyone know that if you are fishing on the Mississippi, you will be required to get an addendum to your permit. Specific inquiries can be directed to him. His number is 608-835-7033.

XXIV. Raffle drawing held. Rex McTier from River Country won the Minnkota trolling motor.

XXV. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm