

# Minutes from Madison Wisconsin State Federation Convention Reps Meeting – February 24, 2007

- I. Meeting called to order by Mike Hofmann at 9:06 am
- II. Role Call was taken. Clubs missing included: ABC Waupaca, Badgerland, Beer City Bass Casters, Bristol Bass Club, Buffalo City Bass Anglers, Fox River Anglers, Indianhead, Iola Bass, Kinni Bassmasters, Lake Pepin Bassmasters, Lake Ripley Lunkers, Machickanee Bassers, Oak Creek Bassmasters, Red Cedar Bassmasters, River Country Bassmasters, Southwood Country, Suring Bass, and Wolf River Bass Club. New clubs in attendance were: Superior Bass and Statewide Bass LLC.
- III. Tess read minutes from October 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](mailto:tess_thrumman@yahoo.com)
- IV. New Officers Elected  
Tournament Director – Andy Ritchie or Terry Baumgartner. Andy Ritchie won receiving 207 votes. Terry received 170.  
Treasurer – Cornell Stroik or Mike Simonds. Mike won automatically because Cornell withdrew his name.
- V. Award Books – Mike talked about the Award Books and announced that the 2006 and 2007 books would be combined. The book deadline was supposed to be December 15, 2006 but this was not announced to the two seasons will be combined. BOOKS DUE BY OCTOBER REPS MEETING. This will be a NEW PERMANENT DEADLINE.
- VI. Treasurers Report – Jim Jones handed out year summary reports. The total was \$46,316.59 but expenses were \$48,209.72. Report broke down last quarter expenses, etc. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.
- VII. Expense Saving Measures – Mike Hofmann talked about the expense of producing Bass News. By cutting out a fourth issue of the magazine we will save approximately \$4,300. He also stated that at Divisionals, the state team will be sharing rooms to save on expenses. Team members wishing to bring family would be responsible for paying for half the hotel costs. Divisionals were costly (about \$4,000) as we were the host state. However, we do not do it again for 6 years.
- VIII. Pictures – Mike asked that clubs submit pictures for the magazine as well as for the convention digitally. Send early and send often as he will keep them on file.
- IX. Tournament Director Report – Andy Ritchie went over the schedule for 2007.  
Mr. Bass – May 19-20 Madison Chain. Location to be determined.  
State – August 17, 18, 19 in Oshkosh. Launch is Rainbow Park  
4-Man – September 21, 22, 23 Mississippi Pool 10 ONLY. Launch will be off Washington Street. Hotel information to come  
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

Wrap up of Divisionals 2006 – Wisconsin Wins!! We had a 20 lb lead the 1<sup>st</sup> day and expanded to a 50 lb lead the second day, winning our 3<sup>rd</sup> in a row. Congratulations to the Team! Andy also mentioned that entry forms will be available at the April Reps Meeting. Zone deadlines will be determined at that time.

- X.** Jim Schliefer was approached about State being on the same body of water as Divisionals. What can be done to even out the playing field? Andy responded stating that requests are sent out to several cities asking to be the host of this event. Oshkosh was the only one that responded with interest. There is interest in other areas such as Minocqua, but they can't host it in August because of tourist season. If clubs would like to see this changed, they are encouraged to come up with ideas. Andy also stated that there were only 12 team members who have the "advantage" but there are a few factors that really change the whole picture anyway. First being the State Tournament is at a different time of the year than Divisionals, the second is that weather conditions could change the dynamics as well and third, that we are going out of the river instead of the Lake Winnebago.
- XI.** 4-Man Classic – Mike talked about the format that 4-Man had in 2006. Everyone agreed to go back to the way it was before where there is a true 4 man team. The only reason it changed last year was to work with US Angler's Choice. US Angler's Choice will be added to the Reps Tournament instead. Location will be determined by April Reps Meeting. There is talk to have it on Stevens Point Flowage.
- XII.** Youth Report – Todd Holtman introduced the new casting program. It is called REEL CASTING KIDS. Kids compete in flipping, pitching and casting at a lake map target. The winners will compete at the Madison Fishing Expo next year on February 23, 2008. If you need a kit, please contact Tess. Her information is listed above in item III. Todd also needs to know which clubs will be starting a new junior club this year. If you are starting one, your juniors will qualify for this year's Junior State Tournament. We need to know so we can determine a body of water for the tournament. Little Green is the tentative location depending on how many kids there are.
- XIII.** Conservation Report - New director, Steve Hjort gave background information about himself. Encouraged people to contact him via email. It can be found on the website. He also talked about the Spring Hearings on April 14. Go to the hearings and speak up. Keep in contact with your legislative leaders. There is a link off our website to find out who your representative is. Steve also talked about the culling issue. He will be working on getting this changed on the tournament proposals.
- XIV.** Marketing Director – Jeffery Reed asked for assistance in getting advertisers in Bass News. Charter is on for another year. He's working on signing Sentry Insurance. Sentry would most likely offer 10% discount on all insurance. 2% kickback going to federation. Lamiglass Rods is a new sponsor. They will be

giving us rods throughout the year for raffles. Stowmaster is also coming back this year. These trade outs are costing ad space to the federation but overall outcome benefits all members of the federation. Heckel's Marine is coming on board but they are still working out details. They might have a contingency that if you are driving a boat from Heckel's and you win a major tournament, you could win \$\$\$\$\$. Details to come.

- XV.** Question asked about Zone Sponsors – Zone sponsors are already linked on our website. Their logo on the page links back to their website. Jeff Reed is working on a hotel deal with Rodeway in Madison for \$69 a night rates.
- XVI.** Bass News Editor – Pat Loendorf mentioned that the deadline was fast approaching for the April issue. The deadline is February 28. She also has a new phone number 608-548-5290. Please let her know if you are not receiving your Bass News.
- XVII.** Website Update - Kim Chapman said the website is doing well. We have a new message board which we control instead of someone else. All tournament information is kept on the website
- XVIII.** National Guard Shirts – Several clubs stated that they had not received their National Guard T-Shirts & hats. If you have not received them, you should go to the TBF website and email Ruth or Tonya and let them know you still do not have them yet.
- XIX.** Zone Meetings 10:14-10:30
- XX.** Special guests from DNR. They presented information regarding the future of hunting and fishing and where our dollars go for licenses, etc. It was titled: Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Strategic Plan for Wisconsin 2007-2013. Interesting stats: In 2005, there were 1.4 million licensed anglers, 715,000 hunting license issued, 20,600 jobs related jobs and it is estimated that anglers generated \$2.3 billion in revenue for the state. Plans for the future: money from fishing licenses will go towards: running hatcheries, habitation restoration and removing damaged dams, surveys & assessments – 6700 lake, 700 river, and 8000 stream and the stocking of trout, salmon and walleye. More information can be obtained from the following DNR representatives: Michael Staggs (Director) 608-267-0796 or email [mike.staggs@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:mike.staggs@dnr.state.wi.us) or Randall Stark (Chief Warden) 608-266-1115 or email [randall.stark@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:randall.stark@dnr.state.wi.us). They ended by handing out annual reports and a questionnaire.
- XXI.** New Business –  
Boundary Water Pamphlet - A pamphlet was handed out regarding boat inspection, etc.  
Splitting Money – Motion made to split money with State & Federation. Currently at 100% going to State. Motions for 60 state / 40 Fed and 70 state / 30 fed and finally 75 state / 25 fed. 75/25 was seconded and vote carried. Effective immediately.
- XXII.** Banquet Update: Jim Jones gave an update on the convention format. He asked that surveys be filled out to make the convention better.
- XXIII.** Raffle drawing held.
- XXIV.** Second Role Call taken. Same clubs missing.
- XXV.** Meeting adjourned at 11:36