

Minutes from Milwaukee Wisconsin State Federation Reps Meeting – April 1, 2006

- I. Meeting called to order by Mike Hofmann
- II. Roll call was taken Clubs missing included: Hodag Bassmasters, Lake Pepin Bassmasters, Northern Lakes Bassmasters, Red Cedar Bassmasters
- III. Mike announced that the secretary position was open and nominated Tess Thrumman of Madison Bass for the position. She accepted and started duties immediately. Contact information for her is Tess Thrumman, PO Box 259105, Madison, WI 53725. Cell number is 608-206-3303. email address is tthrumman@aol.com
- IV. Guest speakers from Wisconsin Conservation League of Voters spoke about conservation issues, promoted Conservation Lobby Day and provided resources that each club could use to keep up on conservation issues. Those resources included:
 - A. Conservation Briefing Book
 - B. Conservation Notice of the Week
 - C. Up To Date Voting Tracker
 - D. Conservation Scorecard
 - E. Activist NetworksMore information can be gotten from the following websites they provided: www.conservationvoters.org and www.conservationvotersinstitute.org
- V. Cornell Stroik spoke about the upcoming Spring Hearings – April 11
 - A. Key Issue:
 - I. Great Lakes concern with trying to set a limit on the season and the bag limit - VOTE NO
 - II. Tournament advisory Board – 5 of the groups on this board are anti-tournament
- VI. 20 minute break for ZONE meetings
- VII. Guest speaker Casey Hewes of Brovarney Baits (brovarneybaits.com) announced a new sponsor opportunity. If you are the winner either a zone tournament or a state champion and you mention that you caught your fishing using a Brovarney Swim Jig – they will pay you money! Zone winners who are on stage and say this will win \$50 and state champions who say this will receive \$100 PLUS they will each get to pick out 12 jigs and 4 (10pk) of grubs of their choice. Casey was also kind enough to donate several jigs and grub packs for the raffle.. All state members including the

alternates, the president and tournament director received \$25 gift certificates from Brovarney Baits.

- VIII. Mike Hofman announces new sponsor: KEELSHIELD
New Order forms posted on website – For every one sold by/to a federation member, the federation gets \$20 back. They also gave 8 units for raffle – 4 for the convention, 2 for federation divisional state top two finishers, 1 for state winner and 1 for Mr. Bass winner.
- IX. Next deadline for Wisconsin Bass News is April 14th. Pat needs updated rosters
- X. Jim Jones provided handout of the Treasurer's Report – Report was read and explained. The federation had \$8,426 in expenses the 1st quarter.
- XI. VP & Tournament Director Andy Ritchie talked about upcoming tournaments
 - A. MR. BASS TOURNAMENT – Forms handed out. Due to Andy by 5/1/06
 - I. Date: May 13 & 14, 2006
 - II. Location: Lake Wausau
 - III. Launch: DC Everest Park
 - IV. Motel: No information provided
 - V. Pre-tournament Meeting: Friday, May 12 (at the Grandstands by the Eagles Club)
 - VI. Observer Needed - \$5 for observer to fish
 - VII. Prefish Cut Off – Midnight Sunday, May 7 to 1st scheduled practice day
 - B. 4-MAN CLASSIC – Forms available – DEADLINE: Sept. 1st!
 - I. Date: September 22, 23, & 24, 2006
 - II. Location: Madison Chain of Lakes
 - III. Launch: State Farm Park on Lake Waubesa
 - IV. Fee for Parking: uncertain of price at this time
 - V. Format might change
 - VI. Prefish Cut Off - Midnight Sunday, September 17th to 1st scheduled practice day
 - C. STATE TOURNAMENT – Forms handed out at ZONE tournaments
 - I. Date: August 18, 19 & 20, 2006
 - II. Location: Bay of Green Bay
 - III. Launch: Uncertain at this time
 - IV. Motel: Not provided at this time
 - V. Prefish Cut Off – Midnight Sunday, August 13th to 1st scheduled practice day
 - D. DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT –
 - I. Date: September 10-15, 2006
 - II. Location: Winneconne/Oshkosh
 - III. Launch: Miller Bay – Menomanie Park
 - IV. Motel: Park Plaza
 - V. More information to come

- XII. Mike talked about the website – He encouraged club members check for new changes and updates weekly. NEW FORMAT now has dates material so you will know what is new.**
- XIII. Discussion on changing the format of MR BASS TOURNAMENT - Format options discussed were making it a PRO/AM tourney or leave it the same. Motion made by Kevin Fassbind to keep it the same as current format. All in favor but 2 opposed. This means that the Top Two finishers of Mr. Bass will advance to Ohio regional.**
- XIV. MR BASS advancement Opportunity – 2 guys from Mr. Bass will advance to Northern Regional in Ohio on Lake Delaware in July for the possible advancement to the Weekend Warrior Tournament Championship. It's a PRO/AM format with \$100,000 payout on the pro side. Mr. Bass top finisher will be considered the pro, second place finisher the am.**
- XV. Mr. BASS payout 80/20 – 20% goes to the following (15% to cover guys expenses (2 to regionals and 5% goes to tournament expenses) 37 voted in favor – 12 opposed**
- XVI. 4 MAN CLASSIC Agreement – We get 25-41 teams currently for this event. It is proposed that we go to 2 MAN teams to allow smaller club sizes to participate.**
- A. As many 2 MAN teams as a club wants to enter**
 - B. \$100 a piece for each 2 MAN team**
 - C. Winning TEAM will be able to do the 7 US Anglers Choice tournaments for this year and next. US ANGLERS CHOICE tournament schedule (Al Smith President) – Winneconne, Madison, Geneva, DuBay, Winneconne, Madison & Geneva.**
 - D. Winning 2 MAN team would fish these 7 tourneys together. 4 of the 7 must be with both original team members and 3 can use a substitute**
- XVII. Motion made to change the 4 MAN to the 2 MAN format. (Each club that sends 4 people to compete, will compete both for overall winner as a club 4-man tourney, but also each 4 man team will be separated into 2, 2 man teams to determine which two man team over all catches the most weight for the two days.**
- A. One addition to the 4-man format is if a club cannot send 4 people to the tournament and just wants to send 1 two-person team to try to qualify for the US Anglers choice prize, they can do that.**
 - B. The two-man team that weighs in the most weight for the two days will get a special prize for 2007, that team will get their entry fees paid for all seven of the US Anglers Choice Trail in Wisconsin.**
 - C. The 100% payout will be based on standings of the two-person teams, but the overall 4 person team that has the greatest weight will be the 4-man Classic Club winner and will receive the honors and plaques that go with that achievement.**

- XVIII. Following the above format – ALL in favor, NO opposed – Based on last the last 4 MAN standings, the following club qualifies for this year’s 7 tournaments**
- A. All for Fun Bassmaster 34.035 lbs. (Stayed B.A.S.S.)**
 - B. Northern Lakes Bassmasters 31.610 lbs. Declined**
 - C. Southwood Bassmasters 31.230 lbs. *****QUALIFIERS*****
 - D. Wolf River Bassmasters 27.700 lbs.**
 - E. Bayview Bassmasters 26.710 lbs.**
 - F. Waupaca Bass Club 26.415 lbs**
- *****SOUTHWOOD BASSMASTERS QUALIFIES**
- XIX. Mike discussed BY-LAWS – Sending out a hard copy of the By-Law changes to each club. Addendum – Whether to go to a PRO/AM format in WI now or in the future. Discussion will be the main topic at the OCTOBER REPS MEETING!! Discuss with your club prior.**
- XX. No Boat Raffle this year due to time. Will work on getting it back for next year. More information to come. Ranger Boat Vouchers need to be filled out and a copy needs to go to Mike Hofmann for our state to get the credit for it. Our state gets \$400 for every boat or \$800 with Evinrude or Yamaha.**
- XXI. Todd Holtman – Youth Director gave update on Juniors**
- A. Junior State is August 12 on Lake Nepco. There will be a banquet Friday night prior and Ranger will provide pizza.**
 - B. There is a kid’s fishing expo in Baraboo. Great opportunity for youth project for clubs. Check with Todd for more information**
- XXII. Conservation Director position is open. Two members are interested in taking over this position. Steve Hjort and Dan Brovarney though neither was present. It was voted to have Mike Hofmann and Cornell Stroik continue to fill in until October elections**
- XXIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Minutes were supposed to be mailed to clubs but have not been. Will start to.**
 - B. Oshkosh Club had 34 members that are staying with B.A.S,S. and they wanted their prepaid dues refunded. \$1,700. It was voted to pay back.**
- XXIV. OTHER BUSINESS NOT DISCUSSED AT REP’S MEETING**
- A. The October Reps meeting is at 9am with breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Mosinee/Wausau. (Where we always have it).**
 - B. REPS TOURNAMENT. Here is the basic information as was sent out to the clubs already. The tournament will be run like last year -no entry fee.**
 - I. Date: October 14th**
 - II. Location: Lake DuBay**
 - III. Tournament headquarters Heckel’s DuBay Marine. (You can put in there or anywhere else on the lake)**
 - IV. Weigh in: 2:00 PM at Heckel’s**
 - V. No Entry Fees – Payout:**

- 1. Guaranteed 1st Place \$500 cash**
 - 2. Big bass of the day wins a MinnKota Trolling motor**
- VI. There will be a side pot for \$20.00 per boat and this money will be paid out starting with second place.**