

2013 SPRING REPS MEETING, APRIL 6, 2013, PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

1. Mike Simonds, President, called meeting to order

- a) Announced that Solar Bat sunglasses will be \$10.00 a pair until they are all sold. Also, if you would like to purchase any TBF Federation Angler IM7 rods they would be \$50.00 per rods and can be picked up at the Mr. Bass Tournament. This would be a great fundraiser for your club.
- b) There was a moment of silence for Ray Loendorf Jr., from the Team Interstate Club, who passed away in December.
- c) In October, Jim Schleifer, Zone 4 Director, called Mike and declared that he was resigning his position. Mike appointed Harley Nicks from Team Interstate as he felt that Harley was worthy of the job. The board approved of this change. Harley will fill the Zone 4 Director position until the elections in October.
- d) We only have two Reps meetings a year and many clubs were missing from the October 2012 meeting. Mike needs ALL clubs here so they can take information back to their members.

2. Brad Lemke, Treasurer

- a) Reviewed the Treasurer's Report, A motion was made and second to accept them.
- b) Brad mentioned that when you send checks to him during the year, that you need to put in the memo club name and what it's for.

3. Steve Hjort, Conservation Director

- a) Steve said that the DNR's tournament rules are going to be reviewed. He was asked to help review them.
- b) DNR meetings will be held in April and May, some of the topics will be;
 1. The three fish limit. This affects the warm summer months.
 2. The official definition of culling.
 3. Changes to the tournament rules.
 4. Changing the fees for different size tournaments.
- c) Everything will be posted on the website.
- d) April 8th is the Statewide DNR hearings; there are 99 resolutions to vote on. This is the one chance to voice your opinion. WE NEED TO VOTE!
- e) You can go to the DNR website and search to see where your county hearing will be held.

- f) The DNR wants numerous sections of the bass zones to release smallmouth and to keep the largemouth. They feel that the largemouths are eating the small fry.
- g) There are proposals for certain lakes in different counties. Section 164 is where the DNR can make temporary changes to the length or bag limits. This gives the fish manager more power, we should vote NO on this.
- h) Section 166 will prohibit the use of lead tackle. This would pertain to certain counties.

4. Andy Ritchie, VP/Tournament Director

- a) The schedule is set for 2013;
 1. Mr. Bass – Pewaukee Lake, May 18-19
 2. Zone 2 – Shawano Lake, June 21-23
 3. Zone 3 – Mississippi River Pools 9 & 10, June 14-16
 4. Zones 4/5 – Big Green Lake, May 31- June 2
 5. Adult State Championship – Long Lake, August 9-11
 6. Northern Divisional - Ohio River, September 4-6
 7. 4 Man Classic – Lake Wisconsin, September 13-15
 8. Reps Tournament – Lake Puckaway, October 12
- b) Entry forms for Mr. Bass and the 4 Man Classic, go to Andy and Entry fees go to the Treasurer
- c) The date for the State Championship was changed because there was a conflict with the National Guard Junior World Championship.
- d) The State Championship permit has a three fish limit because of the state's warm water issue. Andy will be working with the fish managers to get that changed prior to State. Mike is finalizing everything for State and will post the final details page when he's done.
- e) The date for the Zone 3 tournament was changed at the October 2012 meeting by the Reps.
- f) Mike added that our Tournament dates in the future shouldn't conflict with BFL.

5. Adam Barnard, Youth Director

- a) The Kid's Casting event was held in Madison at the Madison Fishing Expo. Over 200 kids competed in the event. Clayton Weber won the 7-11 age group and Luke Loewe won the 12-15 age group. Adam thanked his Dad, Les and the clubs who helped at the event.
- b) The TBF High School State Championship will be held July 27th
- c) The Federation's Junior State Championship will be held July 28th
- d) Both Championships will be held on the Madison Chain

6. Mike Simonds, President

- a) Mike thanked the board for all their hard work last year and reminded everyone that the board volunteers for those positions.
- b) State Sponsors for 2013 – Humminbird, Minnkota, Lowrance, Denali Rods, Madison Fishing Expo, Symbol Mattress, Truckstar Collision Center, Atomic Bass Jerseys, Uncle Josh and Solar Bat sunglasses and the Best Western Resort Hotel, Portage.
- c) National Sponsors for 2013 – Berkley, Ranger Boats, Cabela's, Evinrude, FLW Outdoors.
- d) Solar Bat will give 70% discount to State Team members, 25% to Federation members and 20% discount to the general public. Information and order forms will be on website.
- e) The Fall Reps Meeting will be held October 13th in Portage. Board Meeting at 8am and the Reps Meeting at 1pm. We will be holding elections for President, Secretary, Conservation Director and the Reps from Zones 2 & 4 will pick their Directors.
- f) Mike said that we need an assistant State Tournament Director who will train for a year or two under Andy and the Federation will pay the expenses.
- g) Mike said that he will fulfill his term as President. It was a tough decision because he has started second business and is on the road most of the week. He decided to stay on after encouragement he received from the board.
- h) Tournament Rule #2 was reworded to say that you have to declare your Mother Club, which you qualify for Federation Tournaments, when you pay your dues to that club.
- i) Mike said that members only need to be on one club roster.
- j) Mike has a chart that is quite accurate if your club wants to run a paper tournament. He will post it on the website, under the Forms & Downloads button.

7. New Business

- a) The 2014 Spring Meetings will be held in conjunction with our State Banquet, March 15th. Board Meeting will be at 8am and the Reps Meeting will be at 1pm. The Banquet will start with cocktails and raffle ticket sales from 4:30 – 6:00, followed by dinner, award presentation, guest speaker, entertainment and raffle.
- b) Mike said that he was asked by many members to try a banquet again and he said he would, but if the numbers were not there he wouldn't do it again.

Meeting was adjourned after final roll call

Pat Loendorf, Secretary

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