

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting Minutes April 3, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 by President Jim Jones
2. Roll Call: clubs present: Fox River, Bay View, Belle City, C&R, Castle Rock, Team Interstate, Madison, Packerland, Park City, Racine Co 1,2,3, Shawano Red Nek, River Country, Rockford, Stateline, Wis Valley, Rodbenders, Midwest, Bass Warriors, Tri County, Stevens Point, Bass Assassins, Marshfield
Absent: 4-Lakes, Black River, Lake Ripley, Last Cast, Big Sacks, Northern IL
3. Moment of silence in memory of Dave Fields
4. Minutes approved as published
5. Break into committee meetings
6. Treasurer's report reviewed- approx. \$31,000 balance, convention approx. \$4,000 net income
7. Conservation Director report- reminders to clean livewells and check aerators, reminders to clubs to help at cleaning up at landings, collecting fishing line, highway clean ups, weed identification- treat everything as if it is it may be carrying something,
8. Youth Director Report-
 - a. Kids Casting Contest, 182 participants at Madison Fishing Expo, 60 volunteers, thank you to clubs and state team who attended. Next year 6 clubs limited to (6-10 volunteers needed for 2 hours)
 - b. SAF High School Tournament- June 19 at Minoqua, would like to get TBF presence there, would like to get club volunteers to attend to help promote WBF maybe set up table and donate gift bags to each kid- let us know if you have a connection to get donations
 - c. Youth State tournament- Aug 28 Big Green Gov Dodge, Entry forms by Aug 1, must be a youth member do not have to be in a club, 11-14 age, need more volunteers for set up and lunch
 - d. Thank you to those donating unused baits to donate to youth events
9. Tournament Director Report
 - a. Mr Bass Public Launch Thirsty Moose
 - b. Div 1 Big Green County K Rd boat ramp Gov Dodge
 - c. Div 2: Tomahawk Chain, Coffin Lane Boat Ramp county park on L Tomahawk
 - d. Div 3: LaCrosse 7-9 Clinton St ramp
 - e. 4Man Madison Lake Farm
 - f. Uncle Josh Federation discount code available- watch email blast
10. Presidents Report-
 - a. WI MN Semi Finals- tournament moved d/t permit: to Gull Lake, Brainard. Sept 22-25: 2 pre fish, 2 tourn days. Mon- Wed off limits. Working on a 6 yr schedule for future. Online registration directly to TBF- pay with credit card.

- b. Promotions: flyers distributed for clubs, add to website, let us know if your club has an event we can get multiples printed for clubs. Also trying to set up booths at BFL or other tournaments- would like volunteers to help run these booths to help promote.
- c. Review website
- d. Trip sheet donations- if you are in area help us get local donations of places in area- advertise on trip sheet in exchange for raffle donations or member discounts
- e. Excellent job getting emails in roster. Passed around current list on online roster as of today.
- f. Recycling plastic donations- will continue program- give to Mike Hoffman- keep saving and bring to any state event or reps meetings.

11. Tournament Committee Proposals:

- a. Thank you to tournament committee members who met in March: Jake Willems, Pat Anderson, Larry Hildebrandt, Brian Saari, Chris Morgan, Brady Farrell, Kevin Fassbind, Adam Eisele, Roger Modrzejewski, Dru Appelhans, Joe McMinn, Jim Schulenburg, Jim & Barb Jones
- b. Payout for tournaments: Will work on payout schedule published for each boat number, will announce before each tournament and checks available payout at the ramp. 75% payback payout 1 in 5/ 20% of field
- c. Tournament Committee Proposal:
- d. "Team Pride"- 4 Pro & 4 Co Team competing against other state teams: Top winner from each Div Qualifier and Mr Bass: Pro and Co, Shirts provided- accepted unanimously
 - i. If one person wins more than one- their first one counts, go to second place in next tournament
 - ii. If same person qualifies through team pride or through club- they would have to choose which to give up
- e. Top 10 cumulative (each pro/ co) - pay entry fee to Divisionals aka Semi Finals- \$3,000 cost. Accepted unanimously
- f. Any sponsor package benefits offered to top cumulative pro/ co winners, depending what is offered. If winners don't use a benefit, it will go down to the next in line. Accepted unanimously.
- g. All other expense money, lodging, dinner, gas \$ eliminated for Divisionals. Accepted unanimously.
- h. If there is excess funds available, at Board discretion to provide additional benefits.

- i. All Nationals qualifiers (SD& MN): Shirts, Pay hotel expenses not covered by TBF (ie Sat-Mon fish off), \$500 & \$250 travel expense. Accepted unanimously.
- j. Cumulative points system: Accepted unanimously
 - i. 200 points to first place, 1 point less per placing. Separated for pro and co anglers. 10 points for participants not weighing in fish. 0 points if d/q.
 - ii. Best 2 out of 3 tournaments are added together for total points. (not including Mr Bass)
- k. Tournament Rules Changes: Reviewed, Approved by Board earlier
- l. Section 2: Participants and Eligibility- delete this section- see bylaws
- m. Section 3: TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION: All fees for Federation tournaments must be made payable to the Wisconsin Bass Federation. Any refunds or late entries will only be allowed with special permission of both the State President and the respective Tournament Director, for very outstanding circumstances(R-10-06). Each club member is responsible for submitting a properly completed and signed official entry form to the Tournament Director, by the designated deadline. No one will be allowed to compete unless an entry form has been properly received. LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
- n. Delete all tournament fees listed in tournament rules- see bylaws
- o. Section 10: Boat operation and expense- replace with TBF rule: Boaters will fish from the front deck of the boat only. Co-Anglers will fish from the back deck or seating area of the boat only. Boaters will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, Co-Anglers may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish anytime from the front deck. Boaters may NOT request that the Co-Angler not fish. Any Boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her Co-Angler and any Co-Angler who unfairly handicaps his/her Boater may be disqualified. Co-Anglers are not allowed to record GPS waypoints or use any type of handheld GPS during any competition day nor share information about their Boater's location or tactics with any other Boater.
- p. Section 18. Pairing of contestants- replace with TBF rule: All Boaters and Co-Anglers will be paired by random draw. All contestants must contact their assigned Boater or Co-Angler following the pretournament meeting. Partners should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place AWAY FROM THE RAMP so you can be launched at least 30 minutes prior to the following morning's takeoff. The tournament director, at his sole discretion, may reassign partners at any time.

Once you are paired by the draw you must inform Tournament Officials if you cannot fish or fines and penalties will apply. Event Boater and Co-Angler numbers will be even, no one can fish alone, if an angler does not show up or must withdraw and a Standby Angler\Observer cannot be found, Boaters or Co-Anglers will be removed based on those without a linked angler to even the field based on last registered/first out. Register early if you do not want the risk. When possible contestants from the same Club will not be paired together until there are no other options left and nor shall two competitors fish together more than one day in any single event. Tournament Officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners. A contestant must not allow any fish caught by them to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such a case, both contestants shall be disqualified from this and all future tournaments conducted by WBF.

- q. Section 22: Tournament hours- strike this section- see bylaws
- r. Questions/ Clarifications:
 - i. If someone doesn't show up- the person they were linked with is the person to be pulled
 - ii. If emergency- we will do what we can to find observer, but no one can go out alone
 - iii. Allow entries without link to sign up on waiting list? No
 - iv. Discussed what handicaps mean. Co angler may not come up on front to fish, not even if invited. Can come to front to land a fish, can net a fish from front. Boaters cannot fish from back. No imaginary line in the boat, can cast over head, etc. No 4 hours, no say in where they fish. DQ examples: telling someone they can't fish an area, drifting in deep water so partner cant fish.
 - v. Will have partners initial their partners catch at weigh in
 - vi. 30 minutes after weigh in to protest
 - vii. Time for pre tournament night meetings- 6:00 pm ish. Practice ends 1 hour before meeting. No off limits to pre-fishing before that. Raffle at each pre-tournament meeting- need members to help get donations.
- s. Liability- clubs taking guests out are covered? Guests attending an event- questions is if someone is competing who is not a member. Jim will get clarification from TBF and email info out to Reps.
- t. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Jones for Becky Smyers