Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting

Chula Vista Resort

January 23, 2016

President Jim Jones called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers, present

- 4 Lakes, Anglers Edge, Antigo Bass, Bay View, Bassassins, Belle City, Beaver Dam, Big Sacks Bass, Black River, C&R Bass, Castle Rock, Heartland, Lake Ripley, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Midwest, Northern IL, Packerland, Park city, Racine County 1,2,3, Red Nek, River Country, Rockford Hawg Hunters, Rod Benders, Shawano Red Nek, Stateline Bass, Stevens Point Bass Busters, Team Interstate, Tri County Bass, Wisconsin Valley

- not present Cranberry Country, Iola Bass, Skoolin Bass, Statewide Bass

-Minutes from October reps meeting motion to accept-yes

-turn in youth and conservation projects

-turn in club tournament schedules

Treasurers Report given by Brad Lemke

 -discrepancy from 4 man was put into different category, has been fixed

 -anticipation of approx.. $32000.00 in account after today

 -motion to accept-yes

Conservation Report given by Steve Hjort

 -last official duty as conservation director, being taken up by Nathan Graewin

 -no new info

 -in future, dnr new personnel, new guard

 -fisheries are as good or better from management

 -issues in northern Wisconsin, walleye a concern

 -happy to have served us

Youth Report given by Adam Barnard

 -Kids Casting contest Feb 26-28

 -need volunteers to run ¾ of a day Saturday 10-4 or 5 depending on numbers

 -promote more, more info on federation, awareness, new members and youth

 -see Adam after meeting for info on lists, etc.

 -under new management, should be full show, more emphasis on youth

 -Youth Clubs

 -State Youth Tournament

 -day after 3rd qualifier August 28th, Big Green Lake , need boats and volunteers

 -High School Clubs

 -not with state but TBF, go to highschoolfishing.org for rules, entry forms, info.

 -held in conjunction with BFL’s

 -high school age students 8th grade to 12the grade, 18 ok as long as enrolled in high school.

 -2 person teams

Review plans for 2016 Tournaments given by Chris Morgan

 -new format, learning curve

 -June 4, qualifier 1 Big Green Lake

 -July 10, qualifier 2 Lake Tomahawk

 -Aug 27, qualifier 3 Pool 7,8,9 run out of 8

 -goal to stay same weekends or as close in the future, most weekends were already existing

 -top 7% from qualifiers go to divisional, rounded down, 3% from cumulative

 -all members eligible to fish even if they are new members this year

 -up to clubs how they send automatic 2 boater/co from club

 -co-boater link asap, entry forms will be under downloads on website

 -possible message board link to find more co’s if uneven number in clubs

 -link club to club boater/co do not need to be in the same club

 -federation message board tab just for linking boater-co

 -timeline, can you show up night before tourney

 -day of tournament entries?

 -tournament committee meeting prior to first qualifier to discuss further

 -Local volunteers to help coordinate tasks on New Tournament Checklist

 -weigh in, bumping, computer slips, tents, tanks, etc.

 -step up if you see something needs to be done, don’t sit back and complain

 -Mr. Bass will be May 22, Lake Wisconsin

Federation Business given by Jim Jones

 -Updating Online Rosters Jan 1-emails especially please no email means no info

-insurance very important, not covered if something happens at event

 -Sponsor updates

 -minn-kota, hummingbird-Lowrance for state team

 -power pole rebate for all federation members through website

 -ardent is new, 40% off all federation members will get details soon

 -Berkley through TBF store all federation members

 -Cabela’s is a national TBF sponsor

 -Cabelas will pay $100.00 for having meeting there

 -Buzz giving nice seminar on rod building and rod kits, especially for youth

 -Will establish Ranger Cup when we know how much

 -pay outs at qualifiers and mr. bass, possibly cumulative trail

 -Next year- Convention

 -decent turn out this year, some not all staying for dinner, some come after

 -would like to see more participation

 --talked of trying a different location, possibly millford hills, chula vista, portage

 -lack of participation why?

- like to see more speaking seminars, equipment, tackle booths

-cost an issue, hotel costs, meal costs,

 -jim to host at his restaurant much cheaper if that is an issue

-email jim and let him and know any questions or concerns so next years convention can start being planned

-could possibly get same room rates if we have convention here in January again

 -Newsletters

 -Need club article, classifieds

 -video blog?

- Jim will look into, link to youtube, etc.

 -Website update

 -Google Calender

 -all info such as opens, get to Jim Jones asap

 -Committee participation

 -5 committees

 -conservation, youth, promotions, financial, tournament

 -help develop for future board members

 -key to success for new format

 -consistency

 -committee breakout after reps meeting like zones used to discuss

Old business given by Jim Jones

 -Bylaws revisions, copies handed out to reps

-motion to approve changes-passed

-Divisional Qualifier club event cut off

-motion to change 30 day cut off to 5 day cut off for club event

 -motion passed

-motion to accept changes in grey/blue

 -will table striking clause about non TBF member in a club, disqualifying club

- Jim will verify with TBF exact details, revisit at reps meeting in April

New business

 -Youth tournament bylaws motion to accept-yes

 -Add youth and affiliate memberships

 -non-competitive members in bylaws

 -affiliates have all benefits of membership without eligibility to participate in tournaments.

 -Vice president automatically to divisional

 -his choice as boater or co-angler, pull form cumulative

 -motion to accept-yes

Review topics for next tournament committee

 -Sponsor “team” discounts to cumulative series winners, Nationals

 -do we establish team? How?

 -list of products

 -spread down list of cumulative, vouchers for 1 product per person

 -table for now, research and discuss at tournament committee meeting

-fish off at nationals, 1 team from each state moves on to final days

 -TBF’s choice not ours, but more opportunities to move on

-Money saved/earned without zones, need to see tournament turn out before we really know

 -member numbers about same last few years, need more growth

-Need New tents

-Trailer decals

-future trailer stage

-pumps, etc.

-Roll call taken by Becky Smyers -present

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-Meeting Adjourned by Jim Jones

Next board and reps meeting tentatively April 3, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Smyers, Secretary