



WISCONSIN BASS FEDERATION
Reps Meeting-Portage, WI
March, 10, 2012

- I. **Mike Simonds – President** called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pat Loendorf – Secretary** conducted the roll call. Clubs missing: Badgerland Bass Club, Stevens Point Bass and Ultimate Bass Fishing Club.
- III. **Brad Lemke – Treasurer** reviewed the Treasurer’s report. A motion was made and 2nd to accept them.
- IV. **Steve Hjort – Conservation Director** thanked everyone for helping to get the culling law passed.
 - A. We should be in partnership with the associations that have the weed cutters. Members of the clubs need to pick up the garbage after the tournaments.
 - B. Aquatic species – Netting has been done in Winona the Asian and grass carp have been found. We need to reduce the threat by emailing your state representative.
 - C. You need to make your own decision on the subject of banning lead in fishing lures.
- V. **Adam Barnard – Youth Director**
 - A. The Kids Casting at the Madison Fishing Expo had a great turnout. We had 236 kids participating. Austin Weber from West Salem won in the 12-15 age group. Tanner Branch from Janesville won in the 8-10 year old age group. 50 – 60 kids came to the Championship contest on Sunday.
 - B. The Junior State Tournament will be held July 28 – 29 on Mason Lake.
 - C. The Wisconsin Bass Federation will be hosting the 2012 Wisconsin High School Championship. It will be August 26th on the Madison Chain. Mike passed out posters for the reps to bring back to the clubs. The kids must be in 9th – 12th grades and must not have started college yet. You can sign up online. Once the kids advance, FLW pays for everything.
 - D. Adam receives a lot of emails from kids that want to join a club but no one wants to take the kids out. We need to step up and help these kids out. The boater can help but not do the actual fishing for them. They must pay the TBF dues of \$25.
- VI. **Andy Ritchie – Tournament Director**
 - A. 2012 Dates:
Mr. Bass – May 19 and 20 – Pools 5 and 5A – Fountain City Landing.
Zones 4 and 5 – June 1-3 – Pools 7-9 – Clinton St Landing.
Zone 3 – June 8-10 – Big Green – Dodge Memorial Park
Zone 2 – June 22-24 – Minoqua Chain – Landing in Tomahawk.
Youth State – July 29th – Mason Lake
Adult State – August 17-19 – Lake Winnebago – Menomonie Park
4 Man Classic – September 22nd and 23rd – Boom Lake out of Rhinelander
Northern Divisionals – September 5-7 – Pools 7-9.
Reps Tournament – October 13 – Buffalo Lake – landing by the restaurant
Reps meeting – October 14
 - B. Zone entry forms are to be sent to your zone director.
Mr. Bass and 4 Man entry forms are to be sent to Andy Ritchie.
All money must be sent to Brad Lemke, Treasurer.
All entry forms will be on our website.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Mike would like the updated rosters to include everyone’s email addresses. This is the quickest way for him to contact everyone.
 - B. The Alabama rig with the 3 lures on it is legal.
 - C. Mike would like a by-law change. We need more participation in the 4-Man Classic. Article 4 Section 5 states that each club is allowed to send one 4-Man team to the State Classic tournament. He would like it to read: 4 TBF and active members on a team. They do not necessarily need to be from the same club. We could vote on it at the meeting at the State

Tournament in August. This would be an open tournament for club members. Ballots will be sent out within 30 days. If you have 10 members in your club, you get 10 votes. (One vote per member). The member count will be taken off of the rosters. You must vote out of your mother club only. It was suggested that we have two things to vote on: Members don't have to be from the same club and whether you can send multiple teams from the same club. The ballots will be out before April 15th and August 1st is the deadline to send them back.

- D. Sponsorships this year: Atomic Bass Jersey, Berkley Pure Fishing, Best Western Hotel, Cabelas, Chevy truck, David's Sign Shop, Denali Rods, Lowrance, Elk River Custom Rods, Evinrude, Humminbird, Minnkota, National Guard, Oshkosh Business Bureau, Pops Garczynski fund, Ranger Boats, Solar Bats, Symbol Mattress, Truckstar Collision Center and Brovarney Baits.
- E. Proposed bodies of water for 2013:
 - Zone 2 – Shawano – June 21-23
 - Zone 3 – Prairie du Chien – Pools 7-9
 - Zones 4 & 5 – Big Green - May 31 June 1,2
 - Mr. Bass- Pewaukee – May 18 and 19
 - 4 Man Classic – Lake Wisconsin – September 20-22
 - Reps Tournament – Lake Puckaway – October 13
 - Adult State will be announced in October
 - Go to your spring hearings in April.
- F. It was suggested that we put a memory board on our website for the members who we have lost.
 - Iola Bass (Zone 2) is a new club this year.
- G. Convention – It was brought up in October to take the info about the convention back to your clubs. There will not be a convention for 2013 until we have more participation.
 - Last year a good year.
 - The awards will be handed out after the tournaments. We will have a raffle at the state tournament.

There was a motion to adjourn and 2nd.

Pat Loendorf / Secretary