

WISCONSIN BASS FEDERATION
Reps Meeting- Portage, WI
October 14, 2012

- I. **Mike Simonds – President**, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Secretary’s Report – Pat Loendorf** – Roll call: Clubs missing: Anglers Edge Bassmasters, Belle City Bass Anglers, Big Sacks Bass Club, Flambeau Bassmasters, Green Bay Bassmasters, Iola Bass, River Road Bassmasters, Sheboygan County Bass Anglers, State Wide Bass, Superior 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**,
 - A. There was a meeting in August. We are trying to get back a good relationship with the DNR.
 - B. The DNR is deciding whether to go with the 3 fish limit versus the 5 fish limit. They are basing everything on the wrong input.
 - C. Budget law recommendation- contact your State Representative. Make your voice heard.
- V. **Adam Barnard – Youth Director** –
 - A. Junior State Championship was held on July 28th on Mason Lake.
 1. Luke Lowe won in the 11-14 year old age group
 2. Kyle Chelminiak won in the 15-18 year old age group
 - B. The 2013 National Guard Junior World Championship will be held on July 27, 2013 in Georgia. The lake is to be determined.
 - B. If you are holding a Kids Casting next year, you need to get the date and location to Adam so he can order the kits.
 - C. We want to hold the High School Championship on July 28, 2013 on the same body of water as the Junior State Tournament or a body of water close by.
- VI. **Andy Ritchie- Tournament Director**
 - A. Andy said that our state tournament went well.
 - B. The Divisional team worked well together and they all had fun. They had a 25# lead the first day and close to 50# the second day.
 - C. Tournaments for next year:
 - Mr Bass – May 18-19- Pewaukee Lake
 - Zones 4 & 5 – May 31, June 1-2 – Big Green Lake
 - Zone 3 – June 14-16 – Mississippi River Pools 9 and 10
 - Zone 2 – June 21-22 – Shawano Lake
 - High School State Championship-July 27, Madison Chain
 - Youth State Championship-July 28, Madison Chain
 - Adult State-August 17-18- Long Lake by Rice Lake
 - 4 Man – September 13-15 – Lake Wisconsin
 - Reps Tournament – October 12 – Lake Puckaway
 - D. 2014 tournaments
 - Mr Bass – May 17-18 – Holcombe Flowage
 - Zones 4 & 5 – June 6-8 – Castlerock Lake
 - Zone 3 – June 13-15
 - Zone 2 – June 20-22
 - 4 Man – September 19-21 - Big GreenThe calendar on the website will need to be updated.
Wisconsin Valley won the 4 Man Classic.
Mike Simonds awarded Andy Ritchie with the President’s Award for his dedication to the Federation.

VII. Mike Simonds- President

- A. Spring Reps Meeting will be March 30, 2013 at 1:00 and the Board Meeting will be at 8:00am. Both held at the Best Western Resort Hotel in Portage.
- B. In 2014 we will resume having a banquet again.
- C. Sponsorship for 2013:
 - 1. Sponsors: Lowrance, Hummingbird and Minnkota, Ranger, Cabela's Angler's Cash (Costs nothing to join – wear a patch at your tournament)
 - 2. Best Western will stay on.
- D. The Madison Fishing Expo is February 22-24, 2013.
 - 1. Clubs can help out with the Kids Casting. The Championship will be on Sunday.
 - 2. Larry Nixon will have a seminar.
- E. October 15th is when the 2013 TBF memberships start.
 - 1. Sign up through TBF for the rod program-spinning and bait casters.
 - 2. \$100 for two rods (plus shipping) and your national dues will be paid for.
 - 3. There is a limited quantity of them – they are IM7 rods.
 - 4. Once you pay for the rods, your dues will be \$50 for the state.
 - 5. You can find this deal on our message board.
- F. Mike said that the Boards positions are all volunteer positions and that if anyone thinks that they can do better at a position then run for that position.
- G. We are trying to get the tournament results on the website posted faster.
- H. There is a Lowrance performance-marketing booklet, which is put together as a sponsorship program. Nine questions need to be answered in order to be eligible for their sponsorship. Last year Mike Simonds put a book together and Wisconsin's Marketing Book won first place in the Northern Division, the first time Wisconsin has won, and our Federation received an additional prize of \$1,500.00.
- I. We need a By Law change and it needs to be updated on the website. Article 4 Section 5: 4 Man Classic – the old rule states that each club can send one team to the 4 Man Classic and the new rule would change it so that any club can send as many teams from their club. The contestants must belong to that club.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Elections of Officers:
 - 1. Andy Ritchie was nominated and seconded for Tournament Director/ Vice President. Unanimous vote.
 - 2. Brad Lemke was nominated and seconded for Treasurer. Unanimous vote.
 - 3. Adam Barnard was nominated and seconded to Youth Director. Unanimous vote.
 - 4. Dan Degner remains Zone 3 Director
 - 5. Dave Aldrich remains Zone 5 Director
- B. Divisionals will be held in West Virginia next year.
- C. In 2013 we will be coming back with the achievement books.
 - 1. Only one winner in each category – Conservation, Youth and Community. Awards will be given out at the banquet.
 - 2. The conservation and youth pages on our website will have ideas as to what to do for the projects.
 - 3. You will be promoting yourself as a club and the federation by doing these projects.
 - 4. There will be one first place in each category.
 - 5. The deadline is January 1, 2014 and they need to be sent to Mike Simmonds.
- D. You need to turn in your census report to Steve Hjort – Conservation Director. Include the number of members participating, body of water, and total number of fish, weight and how many hours fished.

- E. You no longer need to turn in your lake selections.
- F. The 2013 Divisional will be hosted by the Ohio Bass Federation and held on the Ohio River in Wheeling, West Virginia. September 1st thru September 6th.
- G. Mike Simonds thanked his board for a job well done during the year.
- H. Brad Lemke said that when you send checks to him, send everything as a club and let him know what tournament it is for.

There was a motion and 2nd to adjourn.

Pat Leendorf – Secretary/ Wisconsin Bass Federation