

2014 SPRING REPS MEETING, MARCH 15, 2014, PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

1. **Mike Simonds, President**, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Club missing was the Green Bay Bassmasters.
2. **Brad Lemke, Treasurer**, read the report and it was accepted.
3. **Steve Hjort, Conservation Director**
 - a) Steve put a notice on our message board concerning the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act. Please ask your senators to support this legislation.
 - b) Conservation projects
 1. Contact local lake associations. Your club could rake weeds off of landings.
 2. Save all of your used plastics. Put in bags and save for our fall and spring meetings. We can send them to Oklahoma to be recycled.
 3. We all need to clean and dry our boats after tournaments.
4. **Adam Barnard, Youth Director**
 - a) Adam thanked the clubs who helped at the Madison Fishing Expo. Approximately 200 kids competed. He said that next year we need more club participation. Let him know if your club can help next year.
 - b) The Youth State Tournament will be July 19, 2014 on the Madison Chain. All youth will be eligible to participate. You do not need to belong to a club. You will have to pay \$25 for the TBF dues. At least one boat for 2 kids needs to be sent from your club. Kids need their own tackle. Ages are 11-14 and 15-18. The ages are as of August of the following year. July 1 is the deadline for the kids to join and register.
5. **Dave Aldrich, Tournament Director**
 - a) The State High School Tournament will be July 27. TBF will be handling everything.
 - b) Dave said, "he has some big shoes to fill as the Tournament Director and he needs help".
 - c) Mr Bass will be on Lake Winnebago out of Rainbow Park – May 31, June 1. The meeting will be May 30 at 5 PM. May 1 is the deadline for the paperwork and fees, etc. Bring an observer.
 - d) 4 Man Classic will be on Big Green – September 27-28 at Dodge Park. September 1 is the deadline for the fee and paperwork. You can send as many teams out of your club as you choose.
 - e) The Reps Tournament will be October 11 on Mason Lake out of Briggsville.
 - f) Adult State
 1. There are issues with holding state on Oconto.
 2. There are limited motels'
 3. There is only a five-mile radius that we can fish.
 4. Biggest option is to move it to Madison – Lake Farm Park – shelter # 2.
 5. There is a problem with holding it at Prairie du Chien – can't get a permit.
 6. Oconto has promised us a lot but hasn't come through with any thing.
 7. We will be paying the top 20% at state.
 - g) We are looking at increasing the Mr Bass fees from \$100 to \$200. This will be brought up in October.
 - h) The election results for President were: Mike Simonds- 183 votes and Jim Jones- 115 votes.
 - i) Cabela's Cash no longer exists as our sponsor. We need to thank our sponsors.
 - j) Power Pole is a new sponsor. They will be giving out rebates. You need to buy one through a dealer.
6. **New Business**
 - a) In the past, clubs have either donated \$25 to the raffle or donated prizes. So far only 4 clubs have donated. Wayne and Stuart from Red Nek Bass Busters donated a cart full of prizes. We thank them for this donation.
 - b) Tournament rule # 2 – Participation and eligibility states that clubs need to hold at least one annual youth Or one annual conservation project per year.
 1. Conservation can be shoreline work, building handicap piers, or picking up trash at a landing. You need to put the club name on the bag of trash.
 2. Youth consists of taking kids fishing, forming a youth club, Kids casting or your own casting kids project.

3. This will be required by the end of the year by every club. You will be able to get the forms on the website. These will be returned to the Secretary. If your club does not turn in either a conservation or youth project, they will not be eligible to fish the following year. This is a mandatory rule.
- c) If a member qualifies as Mr Bass in the 2 clubs that he belongs to, he needs to use his mother club to fish
To qualify
 - d) In order to fish the state tournament, a person had to be a member of the Federation last year.
 - e) Tim Campbell from the WI C Grant was our guest speaker.
 - 1. They are looking at preventing the spread of the Asian carp. Asian carp eggs were found by Prairie du Chien in the Mississippi.
 - 2. New Zealand mud snails were found west of Madison. We need to prevent the spread.
 - 3. After our tournament fishing, we need to clean everything and do away with the evasive species. You need to clean, drain and dry your boat. You can keep records. Hand removal is the best way to eliminate these species. Use bleach and water. A salt solution works, too. You can research this more by going to the C Grant website or emailing Tim at tcambe3@aqua.wisc.edu.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pat Loendorf – Secretary WBF