

2014 FALL REPS MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 2014, WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

1. **Jim Jones, President**, called the meeting to order.
 - a) Roll call was taken and the following clubs were absent – Anglers Edge Bassmasters, Big Sacks Bass Club, Madison Bass, Northern Illinois Bassmasters and State Wide Bass.
 - b) Minutes from the Spring Reps meeting were accepted.
2. **Brad Lemke, Treasurer** – the Treasurer’s report was read and accepted.
3. **Steve Hjort, Conservation Director**
 - a) Steve encouraged everyone to attend the spring meeting.
 - b) Things that clubs can do to help
 1. After your club tournament, clean up the landing.
 2. Leave a tag on the filled bags with your club’s name on it.
 3. This project is good for the environment and very simple to do.
 4. Every club needs to save their used plastics. They need to bring them to the reps meetings. They will be melted down and refurbished. They will then be donated to the kids youth clubs. This saves the process of ending up in the landfills.
 5. There are all sorts of ways that our clubs can help – it will make you feel good, it is good for the environment. Forms will be on the website.
4. **Adam Barnard, Youth Director**
 - a) Adam said that the Madison Expo’s Kids Casting needs help with their event. It will be held the last weekend in February. He has the materials for running a Kids Casting event. Contact him if you need signs, targets or the paperwork to hold an event.
 - b) The Youth State Tournament was held. 32 kids participated in the tough fishing day. Noah Carter and Luke Loehe were the winners.
 - c) Only one kid will be sent to the Jr Championship next year. The older kids will be joining the High School competition.
 - d) The Youth State for next year will be July 18 on Big Green.
 1. Any youth who has a boat captain (with a boat) can compete.
 2. The Federation fee is \$25.
5. **Dave Aldrich, Tournament Director**
 - a) The Reps Tournament was held yesterday on Mason Lake.
 1. 17 fish were caught.
 2. Rex McTier limited out and won the tournament.
 3. Dave Aldrich caught the biggest bass weighing in at 4.30#.
 - b) Dates for tournaments
 1. 2015 State will be August 15 and 16 on Pools 4 and 5 out of Alma.
 2. 2016 State will be August 20 and 21 on Winneconne.
 3. Mr Bass will be May 17 on Big Green
 4. The 4 Man Classic will be held on September 26 and 27 on Pools 5 and 5A out of Fountain City.
6. **Old Business**
 - a) A discussion about Mr Bass was brought up
 1. Do we want to raise the entry fee from \$100 to \$200 or \$250?
 2. Do we want a one day or two day event?
 3. It was decided by the reps to keep the fee at \$100 but make it a one-day event.
 - b) The \$25 club donations or a gift from your club could maybe be sent with your 2015 dues.
7. **New Business**
 - a) We are thinking of having the 2015 convention at the Chula Vista. Jim will check on dates and prices. Our meeting room today is free.
 - b) Going back to zones were brought up for next year.
 1. Last year we had a trial year with no zones.
 2. Hauling the trailer to the zones was the biggest expense.

3. There was a motion to go back to our zones. There was a second to the motion.
- c) Dates and locations for zones
1. Zones 4 and 5 – June 6-7 – Madison Chain – out of Lake Farm
 2. Zone 3 – June 13-14 – Pool 8 – Our of Clinton Street
 3. Zone 2 – June 20-21 – Boom Lake

d) Elections

1. Zone 3 Director – Adam Eisele
2. Zone 5 Director – Jack Stahulak
3. Vice President/Tournament Director – Kris Haines
4. Treasurer – Brad Lemke
5. Youth Director – Adam Barnard

8. Jim Jones, President

- a) There has been poor attendance for the reps tournament over the years.
1. Federation will not give out any prize money any more.
 2. There will be an entry fee with 100% payback.
- b) There are goals to be set for 2015
1. Recycling of soft plastics
 2. Try to grow our membership by 10% next year. Flyers will be going out to help.
 3. The board will do their part with the other members helping.
- c) Convention for 2015 – will check on prices and deals.
- d) A rep asked if maybe we could have a reps meeting located more north?
1. More members live centrally so that's why we hold them where we do.
 2. We could maybe hold one meeting in Stevens Point and one in Wisconsin Dells.
- e) Our website needs updating – we may need to have to start a new one.
- f) There was a motion for the winner of Mr Bass to have a boater's spot on the state team. Motion was failed by a hand vote.
- g) It was suggested that we keep our tournaments centrally located.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pat Loendorf – Secretary WBF