

2015 SPRING REPS MEETING, MARCH 21, 2015, WISCONSIN DELLS,  
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**1. Jim Jones, President**, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Clubs missing was the Castlerock Bassmasters, Green Bay Bassmasters, Skoolin' Bass Anglers and State Wide Bass. The minutes were accepted.

**2. Brad Lemke, Treasurer**, read the treasurer's report and it was accepted.

**3. Steve Hjort, Conservation Director**

- a) Steve said that there is a change to the head of the fisheries. Justine Haas, who is from the Wisconsin Rapids area, will be the replacement. Steve thinks that she is going to be a very good person for the Federation.
- b) Steve missed the meeting, due to illness, but did get a copy of the 20 page – 10-year report. This report will be available on line on our web site.
- c) The spring hearings are coming. We need to voice our opinions on some possible rule changes. Please attend, if possible.

**4. Adam Barnard, Youth Director**

- a) Adam said that the Madison Kids Casting Tournament went very well this year.
  1. The clubs that helped were recognized and thanked.
  2. About 200 kids participated.
  3. Saturday's event ran all day long – from 10 AM to 5 PM.
  4. Next year there will be an expo – Wisconsin Expo – put on by Outdoor Magazine. All of the kids' activities will run out of the same area.
  5. There are 5 youth clubs in the state. The central areas are covered. We need more clubs from the north and south.
  6. State Tournament will be held on July 18 on Big Green. Competitors will be kids ranging from 11-14. The 15-18 year old age group will now be competing with the High School fishing group, which is run by TBF.
  7. The High School Tournament will be held on June 9 on Lake Wisconsin. Their web site is set up like ours so you can find all of the info on there.
  8. We should all try to get some more kids involved. They ARE our future.

**5. Kris Hanes, Tournament Director**

a) Tournaments:

Mr Bass – May 17 – Big Green – May 1 is the deadline for the entry forms.

Zones 4 and 5 – June 6 and 7 – Madison Chain – Lake Farm Park

Zone 3 – June 13 and 14 – Pool 10

Zone 2 – June 20 and 21 – Boom Lake

The deadline for the forms and entry fees is June 1.

Adult State – August 16 and 17 – Pools 4 and 5

4 Man Classic – September 26 and 27 – Pools 5 and 5A – Fountain City

Any questions – email Kris or contact him on the website (message board).

**6. Jim Jones**

a) Most of our last year sponsors will be staying with us this year.

1. We have a new shirt sponsor who is great to work with
2. Uncle Josh will be getting a code so that we can order at a discount online.
3. Power Pro remains the same.

b) Every club needs to get their club information updated online.

- c) Next year's convention – if we move the date to January, we can get the rooms for \$99 a night at the Chula Vista. January 29 and January 30 are the proposed dates.
- d) Jim wants to bring the newsletter back
  - 1. We need to get the information out.
  - 2. The newsletter would be online with no printing or mailing involved.
  - 3. A new issue would go out every 2 months
  - 4. There will be a link on the web site and we will remain on Facebook.
- e) We are currently working on the web site updates. Open tournaments have been sent in. If you find something outdated, let Jim know so it can be corrected.

### **7. Old Business**

- a) It was brought up in the last meeting about bringing in old plastics for recycling. Turn in to Steve when you bring them.
- b) The plastics can be recycled to help the environment.

### **8. New Business**

- a) The DNR meetings will be held April 13 at 7 PM in 72 counties. Please try to attend.
- b) Zone qualifying
  - 1. Zone maybe on a conflicting date so it was suggested that a member maybe able to fish in any zone that they want.
  - 2. Suggestions from reps – You can't pick and choose where you go.  
You can only fish one zone.  
It should be tabled for now and decide for next year.  
You may only go to one other zone.
  - 3. There was a motion to allow your choice of zone. This was withdrawn.
  - 4. There was a motion to fish one zone. Any member can fish the zone of your choice. You would need a none boater also. This motion was withdrawn.
  - 5. We need to discuss this with more details.
- c) We need to have a committee formed for our money trail. We could maybe get a sponsor for it.

### **9. Special Guest - Jon Hansen – DNR Black Bass Management**

- a) Black Bass Management
  - 1. Harvest regulation
  - 2. Monitoring
  - 3. Habitat
- b) There is a regulations "tool box" concerning what anglers target an catch
  - 1. Mostly pan fish
  - 2. Black bass
- c) About bass
  - 1. Bass are statewide in 6,000 lakes.
  - 2. There are 69% largemouth and 13% smallmouth.
  - 3. Fish caught per hour over the years is going up.
  - 4. DNR is concerned about the growth of bass.
  - 5. Catch and release is improving the population of bass.
- d) Management plan
  - 1. Form a bass stakeholders advisor group.
  - 2. Review goals.
  - 3. Address issues.

4. Focus more on habitat and bass

**10. Jim Jones - Summary**

- a) We will table the money trail. A proposal needs to be made up.
- b) We maybe need to make changes on the zones because zone 3 has 15 club members and the rest each have 5 clubs in them. Jim would like to even it out. We need to organize them.
- c) October 11 is the next meeting.
- d) Positions up for nominations are President, Treasurer and Zones 2 and 4
- e) It was presented to us that 11 Indian tribes would like us to run a \$5000 prize money tournament.
  - 1. They would pay out the prize money and give the Federation \$5000 for running it.
  - 2. We could try to work it into our next year's schedule and maybe run an open for this year.
  - 3. It would have to be near a casino
  - 4. Rooms would be \$45 a night.

The reps branched off to attend their zone meetings.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pat Loendorf – Secretary WBF