Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting

1/7/2018 Chula Vista Resort, the dells

President Jim Jones called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, Bass Assasins, Bayview Bassmasters, Belle City, Blackhawk Bass Casters, Black River Bassmasters, C&R bass anglers, Castlerock Bassmasters, Hartland Bass, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Marshfield Bass Club, Midwest Bassmasters, Northern Illinois Bassmasters, Racine County Bass Addicts 1,2,3, Rockford Hawg Hunters, Stateline Bass, Team Interstate, Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters

-Not Present: Antigo Bass Warriors, Iola Bass, Lake Ripley Lunkers, Packerland Bass Club, Park City Bass Anglers, River Country Bassmasters, Shawano Red Nek Bass Busters, and Tri-County Bass

-Clubs still listed on website that are not active:

-Beaver Dam Bass, Big Sacks, Cranberry Country, Skoolin Bass, Statewide Bass, Stevens Point Bass Busters, need to update website

Motion to accept meeting minutes from October reps meeting, motion accepted.

Secretary’s report given, Becky Smyers

-All clubs must turn in either a conservation or youth project, volunteering at one of the qualifiers as release boat, bump fish, etc. will count. Please fill out sheet from downloads page and email or mail to Becky. Info is on the website. IF your club does not turn in a report, club will not be eligible to send a boater and co to NSF, this is written in bylaws and will now be enforced. Reports are due by next reps meeting March 25.

Treasurers Report given, Mike Watson

-Approx. $39,000.00 in account with more to be deposited with this years club dues coming in.

- there will be some expenses coming out in future, new trailer wrap, bags, pumps, nsf payouts, divisional payouts.

Conservation Report given, Nathan Greawin

-Please turn in old/new plastics to be recycled or given out at youth events, etc

-2 year study done on lakes in Wisconsin, aobut 82% are healthy but 18% are impaired, mostly due to runoff from fertilers, farms, wastewater etc. may notice increase in algea blooms in some of these lakes which could pose danger to dogs etc.

Youth Report given by Adam Barnard,

-Junior State championship, youth do not need to belong to clubs but will need to sign up through website, they will need boat and it is a 2 person team. Youth must be 15 or younger to compete, we will try to help out with boats if we can with proper notice.

-June 23 Madison chain, 7am-1pm, 6 hour tournament

-Kids Casting at Madison Fishing Expo, Feb 23-25

-great opportunity for youth project, always need volunteers

-will also be promoting Junior State Championship at kids casting, maybe through email sign up sheet.

Vice president/tournament director report given by Chris Morgan:

-due to schedule/permit conflict, we will be switching Big Green with Pool 10

-Qual. #1 Pool 10, May 12

-Qual. #2 Sturgeon Bay, June 9

-Qual. #3 Big Green, June 3

-NSF Pools 5A, 6, 7 out of Winona, MN. Sept. 22-23

Trip sheet with more detailed info can be found on TBF website

-Brian Coyne will be media director for our FB page, friend request him and send photos from club outings, fun fishing, etc.

Old Business Jim Jones:

-sponsorship updates, all set just waiting on Lowrance, will have discount codes that will be handed out based on finishes from last year, please use these, overall with the entire federation not very many were used and we don’t want to possibly lose anything because people aren’t using

-must be current/active member to receive code

New Business Jim Jones:

-talk about not doing dropped tournament, make points based off of participating in all 3 qualifiers, reps will take back to clubs to discuss before voting on it at March reps meeting

-participation points, it is written that everyone who participates should receive 10 participation points, that will be enforced this coming 2018 season

-will work on getting ACCURATE trip sheets out faster

-Troy Shull will design new wrap for trailer, we will make final decision on who will be removing and installing new wrap, Larry H was going to get a price Chris M already has one.

-New president Kurt Scheer said a few words, he is going to be looking into hosting NSF tournament in Minocqua area, they have paid other organiations in the past, he will see what they are willing to offer and will come back and let us know, he would like to grow federation in the north but not at the expense of the majority of members being from central and southern part of the state.

-we do have to have NSF for 2019 location into TBF by June 2018

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-Meeting adjourned by Kurt Scheer/Becky Smyers