

TBF Membership Meeting

February 7, 2010

Bass Pro Shops – Auburn Hills, MI

Special Guest State Attorney General Mike Cox spoke on the current status of the Asian Carp Issue affecting the great lakes watershed. He stressed the most important thing our membership can do is call their local congressman/senator and stress how important this issue is. Secondly, call the Whitehouse and register your support there as well. Finally, check out his website www.stopaisiancarp.com and register there as well. The larger the numbers, the more seriously it is taken in Washington.

Board Attendees: Brian Belevender, Anthony Adams, Jeff Kellog, John Serniak, Dave Reault, Jeff Cox, Jack Cahn
Dennis Beltz was given an excused absence

Roll Call: ROI, Rapid City, Great Lakes Bass, Dakota, Monster B(ass), West Side, Motor City, Team Nemesis, Fish Fanatics, Wonderland, Saginaw Bay Bed Busters, Eastside Bass Anglers, Silver Strike, Oakland County Bass Masters, Combat Fishing, Lunch Money

Meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm.

Agenda Items:

1- The meeting minutes from November were approved.

2- Explanation of a new board member

A- Any member in good standing in an active club for the previous 12 month period.

B – member must be nominated, someone must second nomination, and the nominee must accept the nomination.

C- Open board seat to be voted on at the general meeting 2/7/10 is for the Dan Kimmel vacancy, and is for the rest of that term – until the April General membership meeting.

3-Vote on the new board seat procedures will be:

A- Secret ballot by club President or Representative

B- Ballots Read out Loud

C- Majority winner to take seat immediately

4-Ballots recorder, taken and read aloud – Josh K was elected over James Hobson.

5- By-Law Vote discussion

A- Every President was e-mailed proposals more than 30 days prior to vote – If they did not receive them, fix- e-mail address issue.

B- Each club will get one vote from President or representative, and each board member will get one vote.

C- Roll Call Vote – 2/3 Majority needed to carry.

D- Eric Bond Proposal 1 – 13 no, 3 abstain – motion failed

E- Eric Bond Proposal 2 – 13 no, 3 abstain – motion failed

F- Eric Bond Proposal 3 -12 no, 4 abstain – motion failed

G- Jack cahn Proposal 4 – 12 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain – motion passes.

H- The passed by-law proposals from November and Feb will be updated to the website shortly.

6-Treasury Report.

- A- John Serniak presented a balance sheet with the total cash balance on hand as of 1/28/10
- B- Budget dollars already covered include conservation, youth, and State Team hotels and Jerseys for 2010. We are working on raising travel expense dollars for the junior members to the NGWJC in case money is cut from the travel vouchers. We are also working on travel money for the state team.
- C- Some prototype Solar Bat glasses are in, but not the TBF printed ones. The deal is the same with \$16 per pair, or 2 for \$30. Every pair your club sells they get \$1.00 in return for club activities and an extra \$10 for every 10 pairs sold.

7-Youth update

- A- Reel kids and trout pond events for fundraising. See upcoming events below for details.

8- Conservation Update

- A- We will be purchasing the conservation project materials needed and setting up a March date for construction. We will need both Adult and youth help on this.
- B- We will be funding conservation officer Josh K to attend the National Conservation Conference in April.

9- 2010 State Fish-Off:

- A- Official rules to be out by the April General Membership meeting.

B-July 11, 2010

Registration – 5-6 PM Meeting – 6:30 PM

Water goes offlimits at 5:00 PM

- A- The MTCB will be hosting a meal at 4 PM through the registration meeting. The TBF will pay \$2/member.
- B- A motion was presented by Jeff Cox and seconded by Jack Cahn. The vote was 14 yes, 2 abstention to extend the free tournament registration deadline has been

extended through 4/1/10 after the Grand Rapids show.
The motion passed.

C- The State Team will be made up of the top twelve anglers (top 6 will be boaters, next 6 co-anglers) and 13th place is the alternate. Each team member will have 5 nights hotel stay paid for (double occupancy with another state team member required) beginning 9/5/10 through 9/10/10. Any additional nights on either end of these dates are the anglers full responsibility. The team will be provided team Jerseys from Gemini Products. The team will also get travel expense dollars which is now guaranteed at last years level of \$100.00.

D- The tournament will be limited to Michigan waters only. The big lake is open unless there is a small craft advisory in effect that morning. All decisions are up to the tournament directory whose sole focus is on the safety of the anglers.

E- There will be a \$250.00 big bass pot.

F- A motion was presented by Jeff Cox for a tie breaking procedure. It was seconded by Jeff Kellog and put up for vote. The fish off option won 13 yes, 3 abstain over the big bass option. In case of a Tie for 1st, 6th, 12th, or 13th, there will be a 1 hour fish off to break the tie with largest weight. If there is still a tie – a coin flip will determine the winner.

G- TBF of Michigan sponsors will be given a free table to sell their products throughout the registration day and weigh-in.

10- 2011 State fish-off

A- 8/29/10 at Metro Beach

B- More info to follow at the April membership meeting

11- Membership

A- We currently have 126 paid adult members. There are an additional 25 members that are pending payments. This

is 50 members short of 2010 goals. Get the word out to everyone to push membership.

8- Upcoming Events

- A- 2/13/10 – fundraiser at BPS passing out free hotdogs for donations. Youth are welcome and could really help. We expect approx \$300 from this event.
- B- 2/25-2/28 Outdoorama – help needed for the booth on the 25th and 26th.
- C- 2/28/10 poker party on the west side near Grand Rapids. All friends are welcome. See Jeff Cox for Details.
- D- March 2010 – Poker Party in Davison at Anthony Adams house. Details to follow.
- E- 3/13/10 – BPS – Brian B. and the youth will be running the reel kids event. If you can help out, please contact Brian. We will also be running the Trout Pond, and keep 100% of the proceeds.
- F- April 2010 – Poker party in Livonia at Dave Reault's place. The last one had great turnout and we hope to surpass it this time. Get the word out.
- G- We are always looking for fundraising ideas, so submit them to Jeff Cox and we can make them happen.

12- New business

- A- The By-law committee has finished rewriting the current by-laws, and has handed them to us today. We will be looking them over in the next few weeks, giving the board Ok, and sending a copy out to each president. All questions on these documents goes to Ralph Blasey directly. He can be reached at 734-417-5550. We will be voting on them to replace the current by-laws at the April meeting.
- B- If chapter Presidents feel there needs to be a special committee to look at something, submit it to Jeff Cox and the board can make it happen. Any thoughts and

ideas that have the best interest of the TBF as a whole would be welcomed to be heard.

C- Mike Schoeman made available a neck brace he found online for \$35. Contact him directly for more info at 248-808-3198.

D- Ralph Blasey will put up fliers at the upcoming Birch run Show the first week of March, and the Novi boat Show as well.

3:15PM – Jeff Cox made motion to adjourn

Anthony Adams – seconds motion

All in Favor!