

TBF Michigan General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2009

1:00 am-3:00PM

Bass Pro Shops – Auburn Hills, MI

Attendees:

Dennis Beltz
Dan Kimmel
Anthony Adams
Jeff Kellog
Jack Cahn
John Serniak
Brian Belvender

1:00 – Call to Order

Ralph Blasey made a short announcement – Wonderland Marine West Evinrude mechanic Jeff Tyler who serviced the BFL was diagnosed recently with stage 4 cancer passed away last night. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Roll Call

Bass Busters of Berrien County
Combat Fishing Team
Dakota Sports
Eastside Bass Club
Fishing Fanatics
Great Lakes Bass
Motor City Bass Anglers - Absent
Oakland County Bass anglers
Rapid City Bass
Saginaw Bay Bed Busters
Silver Strike 1
Team Lunch Money
The Bass Boys
Tulip City Bass Club
White Lake Bass Anglers
Wonderland West
Bass Lovers
Monster Bass
Team Nemesis

West Michigan Bass

19 Clubs, 163 members, 109 Adults, 54 Youth

Eric Bond proposed a motion that Motor City Bass Anglers not be counted as present w/o representation. Mike Schoemann designated as their representative per cell phone call from James Hobson.

General Membership Board member elections:

After vote taking and tabulation, Jack Cahn, Jeff Cox, and Dave Reault were elected to board member seats.

By-Law Proposals: A vote was taken on two by-law proposal changes:

Proposal 1:

Replace current introduction paragraphs 3,4,5 with the following two paragraphs:

Board of Directors meetings shall be regularly scheduled to occur at least once in each of the months of February, April, and November. General meetings with the chapter presidents shall occur promptly after each regularly scheduled board meeting. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or by a majority vote of the chapter presidents at any General meeting.

The Board of Directors shall annually elect by secret ballot a Federation President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall then appoint from the federation membership, a Chairman of the youth activities committee, a chairman of the environmental committee, a chairman of the tournament committee, and any special committees as needed. The elections of officers shall be held no later than April 30, of each year.

This Proposal was voted on, with 14 yes votes, and 13 no votes, which constitutes not passing.

Proposal 2:

Replace section VII paragraph A,B, and C with the following:

A: a bylaw change must be sent to the secretary by the last day of the month which occurs two months prior to any general meeting, to be considered during that meeting. More specifically, by December 31, Feb 28, and September 30, for the meetings in February, April, and November respectively.

B: The secretary will send out notice one month prior to that meeting

C: Each chapter president at that meeting will get one vote, each director will get one vote. A 2/3 majority will be required for the motion to pass.

This Proposal was voted on, with 18 Yes, and 8 No votes, which constitutes passing.

Treasury Highlights

The board voted on a Treasury report format change for future meetings only reporting the current time period from the previous meeting until current. Anthony Adams proposed this, and it was seconded by Jack Cahn. Everyone present was in favor – item passed.

Money Handling:

Multiple People can write checks, but communication in a timely manner is needed back to the Treasurer. Action Item – waiting for Dennis to provide an inventory all hard assets to the board. This inventory list to be kept/maintained by the secretary.

Income Taxes:

2007 Income taxes are completed and filed.

2008 CY taxes are due to accountant and be filed by 5/15/09.

CPA – Chuck Sowskalowski (Atto, MI). Fees are \$150/year

Board Elections

Nominations from last meeting for members wishing to run for the 3 expiring board positions are in.

5 Total candidates are on the Ballot:

Jack Cahn – Eastside Bass Club, and current Board Secretary

David Reault – Dakota Sports, and Current Board Member

Jeff Cox – The Bass boys (Anthony Adams to speak on his behalf due to medical emergency)

Derrek Cummings – The Bass Boys (Withdrawn)

John Jazierski – Dakota Sports

Eric Bond – Great Lakes Bass

Each candidate will speak briefly on why they should be elected to the board.

Elections will be by roll call, with each club present getting 1 vote. Should there be a tie, the tie breaking process will be a commonly accepted method. The non-running board members (5) less the president will vote to break the tie.

Club dues must be fully paid prior to the April meeting to get full Voting and fishing rights for the 2009 season. A Ballot will be mailed and e-mailed to the club presidents and posted on the website shortly after 12/31/08.

After the April meeting vote, committees will be formed with a board member heading up each one. They will solicit additional membership (volunteers are encouraged) help to fulfill their deliverables for the upcoming season. These committees include, but are not limited to:

Youth
State Tournament
Sponsorship/fundraising/Product rebates
Conservation
Membership
Communications/Marketing/Bylaws/Policies and procedures

Of the newly elected board members, the executive positions (Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) will be voted on and put in place by 4/30/09.

2010 Terms expiring:
Dennis Beltz
Dan Kimmel
Anthony Adams

By-Laws

Currently there are some contradictions in the By-laws. In order to get these fixed, the current by-laws need to be voted on to change. By laws should be generic in nature, difficult to change, and opposing viewpoints heard. The details should be in our policies and procedures. A committee to address this will be put in place after the Board member vote in April. Proposed wording changes were submitted to the board, and will be voted upon at the April general membership meeting.

The current bylaws, and the proposed amendments, can be summarized as follows:

1. The board is currently required to meet regularly at least two times annually, plus one additional irregular meeting which is not followed by a general membership meeting. The first amendment will require the board to meet regularly at least three times annually, and allow for a general membership meeting to follow each of those meetings.
2. The adoption of amendments to the bylaws is currently permitted only during the April meeting. The second amendment will allow the adoption of amendments at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Per the bylaws, "Each club present at the April meeting will get one (1) vote, each board member will get one (1) vote. A 2/3 majority will be required for the motion to pass."

2009 Prize Money Disbursement

Northern Divisional

\$2000 minimum payout currently

80:20 split of prize winnings where:

20% - with a \$1000 minimum (\$500 ea) up to 20% total earmarked for the two state winners to attend the National Championship. Funds made up from general funds if payouts do not meet minimums set. Potential \$600 shortfall possible at minimum levels.

80% - \$150 expenses per boater paid from winnings (\$900 total)
The balance then split equally 13 ways (12 team members plus alternate) \$85 each @ minimum.

Formula above is ok

5 room night – 7 rooms up till deadline

Must double up occupancy

If you room alone, individual pays 50% of room cost

Lone room for President(or Alternate) ok

Jeff Kellog – made motion vote

John Serniak – second

Dennis Beltz Opposed, All else in favor – motion passed

State Championship

When: 6/7/09 We can use FLW Trailer, Draw Format

Where: Burt/Mullet – Aloha State Park

Off limits: Lake Huron and Cheyboygen River from the Locks out (no locking up)

6:00 pm 6/6/09 – off the water

Registration: 6:00 pm 6/6/09

Pre-tourney Meeting – 7:00 pm 6/7/09

Times:

5:30 am Morning check-in/ Livewelll check

6:30 am Launch

2:30 pm Check-in

Computer Pairing Program: looking into Options

Tournament Chair:

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Open to all TBF MI members – no qualification process
Draw format with each club determining qualifications and sending an even number of boater/non-boaters.
Existing clubs - \$100 priority entry fee postmarked by 5/22/09 With Roster and Waivers
Big Bass Award - \$500.00
Optional Side Pot – potential
Ranger cup Money Eligible!
Top 13 comprise Michigan State Team for Northern Divisional in September

Flw contact to include a flyer with info on the TBF state fishoff.

Dave Reault to check on sanctioned tournament \$\$\$ available, including Skeeter, Triton, and Nitro bucks.

Ranger Cup money paid at state championship
2008 – paid out \$2250 with 150-300 membership levels
2009 – estimated \$400 payout due to reduced FLW and TBF national support

Dennis Beltz motion for \$400 to the highest Ranger Cup finisher@ state championship – John Serniak seconds the motion – All in favor – motion pass

Dennis Beltz motion for \$100 for the Castrol/Walmart Maximum performer award to give to winner of the state championship. Dan Kimmel – second the motion. All in favor – motion pass.

\$1140 leftover State Championship funds
Dennis Beltz motion to distribute funds
Dan Kimmel – second
All in favor – motion passed.

2009 Northern Divisional

Dates: September 2009
Host State: Illinois
Lake: Mississippi River – Fort Madison IA

Launch Site: TBD
Lodging:
Banquets:
Sponsors:

Costs:
Volunteers:
Tourney Shirts:

Places 1 and 2 move on to the Nationals Pittsburgh PA

National Meeting Update

Jeff Kellog attended the national TBF meeting at Bull Shoals.
Seminars on professional grant writing were very beneficial.
For 2010, it was suggested we send 2 reps from Michigan.

There are big financial cuts coming due to the economy:
Castrol Max Performer award – 50% cut – states didn't use it \$100 - \$500
Yamaha – No contingency \$\$\$\$

There will be a TBF online store later this year, including state team pricing

We should submit sponsor friendly photos of our events
Submit updates/stories of our events for Publicity

Fund Raisers

Minn Kota - \$500 Trolling Motor Raffle
Solar Bats – State Team (14) plus Youth (2) = 16 pairs
Lowrance – buy product at discounted pricing
Need info on timing to buy, and what to do with it – raffle, craigs list/ebay, or membership sales

Items needed in future

EnclosedTrailer
Spare TM and parts
Scales
Sink Pumps
Banners
Chairs
Canopies
Weigh Bags
Please Release Me

2009 TBF Member Benefits

Listed on Website – Update for 2009

Join with FLW walleye clubs to give additional insurance?

Increase membership

More opportunities to fish

Run state championship qualifiers

General membership meeting use as a hub location, or move around

New boat buyers within TBF – send it to committee, and wait on the renewed Ranger contract.

Youth

We need to sign up our youth as a premium membership. Otherwise we lose insurance \$\$/kid.

Reel kids program cost \$50 K.

2010 FLW contract up, and they may not renew

Brian Belevender to investigate and report back.

Robert Cartelege will attend youth event with enough advanced notice.

State Championship

When: June 13, 2009 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Lake Nepessing
Kevin Moore House
3829 S. Shore Dr.
Lapeer, MI 48446

\$20 entry fee

RSVP by 5/31/09

Two age brackets 11-14, 15-18 by 8/1/07

TBF membership, \$5 national TBF dues --No FLW membership required

FLW youth membership Optional - \$25, includes Tackle Pak, Magazine, FLW and TBF

2 kids – winner from 11-14, and from 15-18 qualify for the tour championship

August 2009 Pittsburgh, PA

Chair: Brian Belevender

Motion by Jack Cahn to Adjourn.
Second by Anthony Adams – All voted in Favor.
The meeting was Adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Action Items

- Dennis to provide list of all current hard assets include product purchased in December, as well as MK vouchers and Lowrance product.
- Dennis to investigate 3 state team members not getting Lowrance units.
- Dave Rowe to look into sanctioned Tournament \$\$\$ available for the state championship – skeeter, triton, nitro, ...etc

New Business for the 11/1/09 Board Meeting

- 2010 Future meeting date
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- Volunteers for committees
- Should not allow President and VP terms to expire in same year
- % of product returned to clubs that bought boats – resolve this issue
- New boat buyers dump club – TBF to pay 1 year of fees?

Agenda Items for the 11/1/09 Membership Meeting

- Info on the BY-LAWs vote
- Committees formed and volunteers needed
- 2010/2010 St. Championship formats
- Flyer with State Championship Information
- Flyer for youth State Championship
- 2010 future meeting dates
- Presidential Contact (preferably e-mail) for each club present

Website

www.michigantbf.com

Keep current
Update with stories, info, photos
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writes articles if info is mostly together and organized

Website was audited 3/26/09, and it complies with all membership and sponsorship requirements.

Website RFQ for \$60.00. Motion by Jack Cahn for a \$60 RFQ. Dan Kimmell second. All in favor – motion passed approved for payment.

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