

# November 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 Board and General Meeting Minutes @ Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills, Mi.

Meeting Called to order 10:30 am

**Roll Call:** Jeff Cox, Skip Johnson, Jack Cahn, Dave Reault, Josh Kolodzike, Brian Belevender, Matt Belletini, John Serniack, Luke Winstrom, James Hobson.

Vote to accept August 3, 2010 minutes: Accepted

## Treasury Report:

The board was brought to current date by John Serniack, the duty was transferred to Matt Belletini.

## Youth:

The 2011 youth tournament will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. At this time Brian B has to finalize the lake details.

Brian is working on having the tournament video taped.

## Conservation:

The TBF National Presidents voted to fund conservation projects; the paperwork must be filled out properly and still will need partial funding on a state level.

On May 6th, Josh Kolodzaike represented the TBF of Mi at the Great Lakes Compact and Regional Coalition Meeting held in Ann Arbor, hosted by the National Wildlife Federation.

A few years ago, concerned environmental groups from states and provinces of Canada along the great lakes decided to come together and unite as one in order to protect the great lakes' water supply. The group over the past 2 years has driven political issues to ensure that water draws from the great lakes watershed are returned to the watershed.

The meeting featured speakers from groups like the Alliance for the Great Lakes and Great Lakes United discussing the current issues that the great lakes faced like the issue regarding water diversion within the city of Waukesha, WI. The city of Waukesha located outside of the Lake Michigan watershed wanted to draw from Milwaukee's city water supply in order to support their increasing population. Under the Compact, it's okay for areas outside the great lakes watershed to use the water, as long as the water is treated and returned. Issues arose due to the method that the city was planning to use in returning their treated water to Lake Michigan; they had three plans all of which were scrutinized by the group. Some of the expected outcomes were to introduce a water conservation model

template for the conservation groups to use; enhance the understanding of the latest science of flow change and water use; as well as, increasing communication and collaboration within the conservation organizations involved in the Compact.

### **Lake Erie/ St. Clair Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee**

The meeting of Lake Erie/ St. Clair Advisory Committee held on August 25th at Lake Erie Metro Park met to discuss proposed regulation changes. The Committee made up of the Michigan DNRE, Michigan conservation organizations, and university researchers meets two to three times a year in order to open discussion between the DNRE and the conservation groups. Also, the DNRE used this meeting to present some of the preliminary results of their ongoing research projects like the sturgeon habitat construction in the Detroit River and the studied effects of the catch and release season on the bass population.

The most interesting research was that presented by Jim Breck, who had been leading the study of the Bass population over the past 5 years since the catch and release bass season began.

His research showed much of what bass anglers from Michigan already knew that since the start of catch and release season the bass population has not shown any negative effects. The new research brought to light the fact that a majority of the bass in Michigan spawn after the catch and keep date; making many wonder why the seasons are set the current way.

Jim Breck's research is to be completed at the end of January 2011 and Josh is going to try to have Jim Breck at our April meeting with the details and results of the research.

### **Assets:**

There has been a list of Assets made and will be kept by both the Treasurer and President to see list please contact one of them.

The Board discussed the need of a trailer to haul weigh in equipment, tents, etc. It was agreed by all board members that TBF of Mi does need a trailer and plan on looking for an affordable 12' to 16' enclosed trailer and preferably with double axles.

### **2011 State Championship Tournament:**

The board voted on the 2011 entry fee, all were in favor of \$100 with \$15 of that \$100 going towards a Big Bass pot.

Holding the Tournament the first weekend of June came to a vote and was approved by all in favor but exact details of the date and lake will be decided by replies of a couple host cities.

Two lakes are under consideration Houghton and Saginaw Bay.

TBF of Mi President Jeff Cox is still waiting for replies from a couple Chambers of Commerce before the decision of the exact lake.

The Regional Qualifiers will be fishing the Mississippi River in La Cross, Wisconsin.

Jeff Cox brought up a new concept called "Fishing with the Stars".

Jeff has been working on this with Brandon Inge and would be something like 20 athletes and 5 media personalities teamed up with 25 local pro's, the 3<sup>rd</sup> seat would sell for something in the range of \$300 (to be determined later) and donated to local charities. Final details of seat price and charities to be discussed at a later date.

Board meeting ended at 1:00 pm

General meeting began at 1:00 pm

There were several people that trickled in during the board meeting including Dennis Beltz, Mike Smith, Don Laporte, Tommy Robinson, and Chris McDonnell, there were no other attendees so the board caught them up to the board meeting and continued on to the general meeting.

### Clubs Represented:

Combat Fishing Team, Dakota Sports, Eastside Anglers, Great Lakes Bass, Motor City Bass, Oakland County Bass Anglers of Mi, ROI, Saginaw Bay Bed Busters, Silver strike 1, Team Bass II, Team Lunch Money, and The Fishing Fanatics.

TBF of Mi will have a booth at Show span; if anyone wants to do a seminar please let Jeff Cox know.

### New Board Members:

There were two vacant board positions and only two nominees, Luke Winstrom and Matt Belletini will fill the empty seats.

### Fundraisers:

Jeff Cox brought up that he is in discussion with MUCC and that TBF of MI may join MUCC, they have a large building in Lansing that we could have meetings or events at plus a higher level tax exemption that may help TBF of MI in some of TBF fundraising, more details to follow.

TBF of Mi needs volunteers for events that may include gift wrapping at BPS, a trout pond at BPS, hot dog vending at BPS.

Jeff Cox discussed that he would like to start a TBF of Mi open tournament trail with a \$150 entry, 85% cash pay back plus prizes to be at or above 100% payback at the ramp. 15% of the cash would go to funding the state team, the tournament would be Ranger Cup Qualified and Angler of the year would receive a cash award.

Jeff said it would be formatted something like 1 west side tournament, 1 east side tournament and then a championship that would possibly be in the middle of the state. More info to follow.

Dakota Sports Bass club President Dennis Belts brought forth the idea to add a TBF of Mi sponsor reward that includes 1 free year of membership to TBF of Mi and 1 free entry

to the State Championship, these free entries would go to the person of the sponsors choice.

Further details to follow at the February meeting.

### **Fish with Kim Stricker Tickets:**

Jerri Toner of Zipper Worms won the raffle.

The 2010 Michigan State team won the division at Patoka Lake for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row and Don Watts won the Michigan division.

**Motion to adjourn** at 2:12 pm by Jeff Cox, seconded by Dennis Beltz.

After the General meeting the board met again to vote on board member positions.

**President:** Jeff Cox

**Vice President:** Jack Cahn

**Secretary:** Skip Johnson

**Treasurer:** Matt Belletini

**Youth:** Brian Belevender

**Conservation:** Josh Kolodzike

**Tournament Director:** Dave Reault

**Media and Sponsorship:** Luke Winstrom and James Hobson