

TBF Michigan Board Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2009

Bass Pro Shops – Auburn Hills, MI

Attendees: Dennis Beltz
Dan Kimmel
David Reault
Anthony Adams
Jeff Kellog
Jack Cahn
John Serniak
Brian Belvender

Guests: Jeff Cox
Jon Jezierski
James Hobson
Chris Standhardt
Danny North
Eric Bond

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

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Money Handling:

Discussion on how money is actually handled. A hard copy form was distributed for all Cash \$\$\$\$ taken in for accounting purposes. Multiple People can write checks, but communication in a timely manner is needed back to the Treasurer. Dennis is to provide an inventory all hard assets to the board. This inventory list to be kept/maintained by the secretary.

Income Taxes:

Need an update at the April Board meeting

2008 – Due by 5/15/09. Fiscal year is calander year.

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

Board Elections

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

6 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

Derrek Cummings – The Bass Boys

John Jazierski – Dakota Sports

Eric Bond – Great Lakes Bass

Each candidate spoke 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.

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

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.

Location for future State championships discussed – In the future, due to our short season and qualifying in the same year for Regional Team, there is a need to break away from the FLW-BFL and move the location around State. To date, we have had one in the West, East, and North. This is the first repeat location. We will solicit existing club suggestions, and contact non-member clubs for info that may lead to them joining based on a different state championship location.

State Championship Prize Money Disbursement

Expenses to put on tournament - Permits, ramp fees,...

5 Room nights for state team plus 2 alternates at regional(14 members) subject to a minimum participation level.

If travelling alone – must share room to save TBF-MI costs

Balance split equally among qualifying team members

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

Fund Raisers

3 Boat sold in 2008

Product Bonus

For Each new Boat Purchased by Current TBF members:
Ranger Voucher Money – \$1900
Yamaha/Evinrude Voucher Money - \$1100 / \$1100

Must be spent by December 31, 2008

Dennis to provide a list of purchased product and sent to the Board for Accounting and fundraising potential. In the future this responsibility for this activity will be by the sponsorship committee.

20% of Product bonus returned to each club responsible for purchase. This needs to be voted upon and resolved at the April Board meeting.

An agenda item for the next board meeting is forming a boat buyers dump club. The TBF would pay 1 year of FLW, National, and state dues (approx \$60). The idea is that we get significant rebates form Ranger and Evinrude/Yamaha. One of the committees formed will be responsible to discuss this with the Ranger dealers statewide, as well as the Evinrude and Yamaha motor dealers.

Lowrance: Contract good from National Championship until year end.

State team pricing good until 4/1/09. 3 state team members did not get their units –
Dennis to investigate.

Minn Kota:

Kimber Austin – Minn Kota Rep

2009 Proposal – 6 serialized VIP Pricing motors – 1 to Jon Jazierski.

Board agenda item on how to use the remaining 5 vouchers

Additional fundraising ideas: Raffle off donated boat trips by TBF members.

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

Youth

Youth President is invited to attend all board meetings.
Out of 22 youth grants submitted, MI was one of 13 approved.

Each club with a roster on record on 12/31/08 will get a youth package. This is a box of product from various FLW and TBF sponsors.

From the November meeting:

Oakland County Bassmasters entire club to provide boats for state championship
Additional boats may be needed.
1-page document on the Boat Captains responsibilities – coaching of kids, safety,... needed.

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

TBF School Information

Distribute flyers to club presidents on the student angler federation program
9 lesson plan to be taught in a school minded program. Bernadette Phillips is the point contact person.

MSU vs. UM(go blue) Championship for the Rusty Reel

8 kids on each team - 1st Saturday in October

MSU took home the trophy

This is something we want to support as an Org – get boats lined up for next year

Grow the participation to include Western and other schools in 2009

Future Meeting Dates

Board Meetings	4/5/09 9-12 Board Only , BPS- Auburn Hills
	1-4 Mandatory General Membership

Additional 2009 meeting dates confirmed at 4/5/09 meeting

Notice of dates and times to be sent via e-mail and regular mail to president on record for the above meeting schedule.

Memberships

Currently we are at 17 active clubs (95 members)

Youth members are at 54 members.

Club Online Memberships - \$15 TBF, \$15 MI, Due by 12/31/08. \$10 late fee after that.

Expired FLW Memberships – Club memberships need to ensure all are active

Shows and Events

2 Showspan events -	March 12-15 – Lansing (Jeff Cox, James Hobson)
	March 19-22 – Grand Rapids (Tulip City Club manning booth)

Clubs can volunteer to man booth, and sign up new club members for their club.

Contact info for all Shows is:

Eric Bond
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There is much help needed at these events – Set up, booth manpower, fundraising, reel kids events, kids teaching kids to fish, seminars, take down. Lets make sure all clubs are aware of the help needed, and sign up for at least some volunteer time.

Motion by Dennis Beltz to Adjourn.
Second by Jack Cahn – All voted in Favor.
The meeting was Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Action Items

- Dennis to get Treasurer full access to TBF Membership website
- Dennis to Provide RFQ for 2009 costs for Go-Daddy Website hosting and Amy fees for maintenance and additions
- 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.
- Dennis to provide actual wording of by-laws revisions for the board meeting to approve prior to the vote at the membership meeting.
- Dave Rowe to look into sanctioned Tournament \$\$\$ available for the state championship – skeeter, triton, nitro, ...etc
- John Serniak update of 2008 tax return status.
- Dennis to send out list of Committees and initial definition
- Each board member to respond to committee list with revisions to finalize

New Business for the 4/5/09 Board Meeting

- 2009 Future meeting dates
- Treasury – do we distribute left over State Championship funds?
- 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 4/5/09 Membership Meeting

- Info on the BY-LAWs vote
- Elections Ballot
- Committees formed and volunteers needed
- 2009 St. Championship Prize money Distribution Formula
- New Executive Board members to be put in place by 4/30/09
- \$400 Ranger product bonus for Boats purchased
- Flyer with State Championship Information
- Flyer for youth State Championship
- Package on student federation program
- College Tourney – get volunteers for Boats (Date needed)
- 2009 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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