

TBF Michigan General Membership Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2009  
1:00 am-5:00PM  
Bass Pro Shops – Auburn Hills, MI

**Attendees:**

Board Members:

Jeff Cox  
Dennis Beltz  
Anthony Adams - Absent  
Jeff Kellog  
Jack Cahn  
John Serniak  
Brian Belvender

Clubs:

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

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## **Opening Introduction**

Raising Membership Goal - 3 years ago we had 300 members. Past 2 year average was approximately 100. Every current member needs to recruit new members.

The meeting will be run according to Roberts Rules of Order. Everyone will have an opportunity to be heard.

## **Youth**

Brian Belevender is the youth committee chairman. His recap of 2009 was:

Reelkids Casting competition – held 8 events with great turnout  
The Reelkids Casting state championship was Oct 24, 2009 at Bass Pro Shops.  
Turnout was lighter than expected, but all kids had a great time, and the winners took home plaques and gift packs.

The Junior State Championship was held 6/13/09 on Lake Nepessing. The turnout was 40 kids. We had 20 boats with 3 extras for picture taking. There were over 200 spectators. Michigan Out of Doors TV program was taping all morning, and aired over 15 minutes of coverage. DVD copies for anyone wanting them will be made available for purchase. The Date for 2010 Youth state Championship is 6/12/09. We plan on using the same date every year as the second Saturday in June.

Cody Harris and Nick Marsh wee the two winners that advanced to the National Championship in Pittsburgh. Cody Harris made the cut to Day 2, and won himself a \$1000 scholarship, and a \$1000 Berkley product certificate for the TBF of MI.

We expect Growth for 2010, and are looking for more boats to help out. Please alert your club members to plan on helping out the kids next June.

Age Brackets for 2010 11-14 years old, and 15-18 years old.

\$5 dues structure for the TBF National was previously covered by the TBF of MI. 2010 – Kids must now Pay individually. In addition, the TBF is highly suggesting each kid have a Dual FLW membership as well(\$25) for a total of \$30 dues for 2010.

State Championship entry fees were set at \$20 for 2010.

A copy of the DVD goes to Ralph Blasey for use at the boat shows in spring 2010.

Please ensure all Junior Clubs from 2009 renew membership by year end to qualify for sponsors prize packs.

## **Conservation**

2009 conservation efforts were put into 2010 planning. We did not have a Director right off the bat with the resignation of Dan Kimmell. Nick Agreed to take over. He has since gained employment out of state and is not able to continue as conservation director. Josh Kolozike is willing to be assistant director, and will be at the Feb and April meetings for assignment and introduction.

In the interim, grant money was freed up from the TBF national. Our Application was submitted last week prior to the 10/31/ deadline. The project consists of building and placing fish habitat shelters in the Huron river watershed in the spring of 2010. We applied for \$800 in grant money, but will take on this project with or without the grant money.

This is a great youth project as well, so get your youth members fired up for a spring event.

## **Budget**

A handout for the 2010 budget was given to every club president. It showed all general debts for operation were paid for by member dues. The budget cuts for 2010 were outlined in each area of the budget for a total reduction of \$910.00.

[For a copy of the budget please contact Jeff Cox](#)

## **2010 State Fish Off**

The 2010 state fish off will be held 7/11/10, on Muskegon Lake.

Winner to take home the “Michigan Living the Dream” Package with a signed contract

5 sponsors stepped up to fund this program

KMR Lures

RFJ Investments

Lunch Money Lures

2 others TBD

Package includes a state champion jersey, all 2011 BFL entry's (any combo of boater or co-angler) pre-paid. Winner must be up on stage at the registration meeting and discuss how the TBF has helped him.

Late fees will be imposed using the postmark dates on all entries.

In addition, the no entry fee format should help push up membership numbers. Other options for marketing include media events taking out sportswriter and execs from companies. Hold paper events in May when weather and fish are cooperative.

Host a club fish off with 1 member from each club competing in a small event for bragging rights.

Fund Raising – We Went over Fund Raising opportunities – [See Attached Sheet](#)

New members 50 @ \$25 each = \$1250

Sales of contractual Items- Be tactful and gain maximum value

Raffles – 1 day fishing trips on LSC, Pistons Tickets, other donated items.

Gift Wrapping at Bass Pro Shops – We have the opportunity to staff the gift stations over the holiday weekend period and work for tips. We need 3-4 members per station for each shift.

Please send in member names and availability as soon as possible so a schedule can be constructed.

Trout Pond staffing at the sport shows – Brian Bennett to get more details

## **2011 State Fish Off**

The 2011 State Fish off will be held 8/22/09 on Lake St. Clair out of Metro Beach.

We will have use of the BFL trailer for the weigh in.

Entry Fees will be \$50.

Winner to get a “Michigan Living the Dream” package with BFL entries for 2012.

Payoff Schedule to be developed based on \$25 per person payback to spots 14 and down on A 1:6 plus one format. This is not finalized, and will be developed for publication after the Feb Board meeting.

## **By-Law amendment Changes**

Eric Bond (President of Monster Bass club) proposed 6 By-Law changes to be voted on on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to conflicts in how our by-laws are currently written, the 30 day notice to all club members was not enforced. When Eric was asked why we need to vote on these in light of the by-law committee

Two clubs, The Bass Boys, and Combat fishing want it noted that without proper notification this is not a legal vote.

Vote was on 6 items, labeled A-F and Attached.

A – Ralph Blasey suggested wording too vague, 7-14 days should be hard numbers.

Eric Proposed Motion, Jeff Cox Seconded

1 yes vote, 22 no votes Motion –failed.

B- 4 Yes Votes, 19 No votes – Motion Failed.

C- 11 Yes Votes, 12 No Votes – Motion Failed.

D- 2 Yes Votes, 17 No Votes, 4 Abstentions –Motion Failed

E/F – Eric Bond withdrew from voting.

Eric Bond Made a motion to eliminate Standing Rule#1 from the standing rules. No support for a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Failed.

## **New Business**

Dan Kimmell added that this is an important issue to ensure clubs participate and not just form paper clubs. This will be tabled until the Feb Board meeting.

Jeff Cox offered all TBF members personal Jerseys in the state team format for \$85 each. Place orders with Jeff by Feb meeting, and will deliver at the April Membership Meeting.

Wayne Carpenter brought up a concern over the cash winnings history of our state team members and has a proposed solution. Jason Knapp alone won \$250,000, and the state team combined was \$750,000. Dennis Beltz agreed to work on this with Wayne and report to the board in Feb..

A Motion to Adjourn by Jack Cahn

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Cox

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm.