

MISSOURI B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The January 29, 2011 meeting was held at Boone Tavern in Columbia, Mo. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Zieger. John Blankenkemper, called roll with 30 clubs present. Minutes from the February meeting were presented and a motion was made by Billings with a second by Smithville to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Financial report was given by treasurer, Glen Roe. Motion was made by Mossback and second by Westside to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Jim Zieger presented the 2010 State Tournament plaques based on the per man average weight. Third place went to Backlashers Bass Club of Joplin, second to Simply Bass, and first place to Elite Anglers who will have a free entry for a four man team in 2011.

The nominees for Vice President were presented. Greg Voss, Duane Case, and John Blankenkemper were each given a chance to answer questions and review their qualifications. A secret ballot was held with John Blankenkemper being elected to fill the remainder of the term which was vacated by Ted Broker. As a result of the election the position of secretary was left open and Kathy Blankenkemper was appointed interim secretary until elections at the next meeting. She was nominated by Mark Twain with a second by Benton County MoBass. Motion to close nominations was made by Lost Creek with a second by Mark Twain. Motion Passed.

Brian Maloney was congratulated for representing Missouri at the Nationals and finishing in second place. Kathy Blankenkemper represented Missouri at the president's meetings which were held at the Nationals. The main topics of discussion were the sponsors and the upcoming sale of BASS which was completed about the same time. Attitude seems to be quite positive for BASS' future.

Jim Zieger recently attended the President's meeting held with Jerry McKinnis, one of the new BASS owners. Between 32 and 36 of the 48 presidents attended. Discussions were held about trying to bring back the casting kids competitions and promoting High School bass fishing. Other topics of discussion were Bass Pro Shop becoming a premier sponsor, the Toyota bonus bucks program, continuing the divisional payouts as they are now done by the states, Bass Times editor requesting articles for the magazine, drop in membership due to the current economy and ways to increase participation. Also, clubs will be receiving a release of liability form which needs to be signed and returned. If holding an event on a Core lake they require an insurance form which can be obtained on line. This form is also necessary if holding a money making event. Also, there was a request for support for Brandon Palaniuk of Idaho who qualified to be an Elite angler. Motion was made by Mexico and second by St Louis Area to support the top elite angler. Motion was amended that Idaho would have to give a break down of expenses. Motion passed. Motion was made by Mexico with a second by Mark Twain to send \$250.00 if a break down of expenses was provided. Motion passed. Also, Skeeter will allow each state to purchase one new boat at a discount to be used for fund raising.

2011 Central Divisional was presented by John Blankenkemper. The team met prior to the director's meeting. Funding will be discussed at the April meeting. Sixteen rooms have been reserved for the June 6 to 10 tournament at Table Rock. It appears that we have a very good team going this year.

2011 State tournament was presented by Randy James. It will be held October 5 to 7, 2011. A disabled veteran's tournament will be going out of Long Shoal, so we will be going out of Sterrett Creek instead. The Warsaw Community building will be used for the captain's meeting and Friday evening meeting. The youth can sell hot dogs. Everett Allday, St Joe Bassmasters, offered to get the hot dogs donated. Elite Anglers made a motion with a second by Wapello to eliminate the rule for being off the water by Noon. Motion was made by Elite Anglers with a second by Wapello to amend this to stop fishing by 3:00 pm. Motion will be voted on at the April meeting. MoBass will be receiving \$5000.00 in April from the Triton

Alliance program and three of the state team anglers will be receiving \$650.00 each for participating in the program.

Both scholarship recipients submitted curriculums and will be issued scholarships for the second semester.

St Louis boat show will be February 9 to 13, 2011 and will provide MoBass with a free booth. St Louis Area will set it up and Mark Twain will work the evening shift. Volunteers are needed for other times.

Pro Tournament scales has a promotion for a free case with purchase of a model 357. Pocket Hercules has sent out an email reference samples for clubs. Info about purchasing shirts both long and short sleeve like the ones provided to state team members will be posted to the web site. If there is enough interest an order will be put together in the future.

Jim Zieger is serving on the board of the Conservation Federation and is assistant chair to water resources. They will be holding a meeting February 25 and 26 at Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. The Spring Fling will be a fund raiser for the Conservation Federation and members of both organizations will be fishing.

Chet Winans presented a marketing report on sponsorships.

Summer Sizzler will be held June 5, 2011 out of Long Shoal.

Tickets for the Mo Bass raffle will be on sale until the April board meeting at which time the winners will be drawn. Money from raffle will again go to the clubs that sell the tickets.

Youth director, Gil Kauffmann, was not able to attend this meeting as he was receiving a national award for his work with youth in scouting. Bill Lewis gave the youth report. Colt Love and Brian Pahl will attend the divisionals as the top youth. The youth will have six tournaments starting in April. There will be a casting kids at the St Louis boat show. Also, Bill presented a thank you from Jeanine Lewis for the quilt that was presented to her at the state tournament.

Environmental director, Shawn Veninga, talked about using extra tanks for the state weigh in and on getting a release boat. Noreen Clough is the new Conservation director for BASS and is working on a national plan.

New computers have been purchased. The existing printer is not compatible with the new computer. Simply Bass with a second by Benton County MoBass made a motion to spend up to \$200.00 on a printer. Motion passed. Glen Roe has a new printer he will donate; if it is compatible we will use it instead.

Motion made to adjourn by Camdenton Castaways with a second by Benton County MoBass. Motion passed.