

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings were held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Federation Meeting: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM. 19 clubs were in attendance.

Open Remarks – Mark Gomez

Mark apologized for the change of location. The Medina Entertainment center was not available for our meeting. Mark is working on ensuring that the remainder of our meeting dates are reserved at Medina.

The meeting dates for this year are:

- Dec 5, 2009
- Jan 16, 2010
- Mar 6, 2010
- April 17, 2010

Our new club from Duluth, UAC, was in attendance.

Tournament Director – Peter Perovich

Fat Belly began a club challenge this year after the TOC. This year the clubs fighting it out were Fat Belly vs. Sportsmen, on Lake Waconia. Participants fished two anglers to a boat. Each club fielded 5 teams for the club challenge. Additional teams fished as individuals for the prize money, but their weight did not factor into the club challenge. The 5 teams from Sportsmen won 58.38 vs. 31.14 for the 5 teams from Fat Belly. Sportsmen is now the proud owner of the “Fat Belly Jug”. Club Fat Belly received the loser’s trophy, a skunk. Both clubs will display their trophies at Federation meetings throughout the year.

The 2009 TOC went well. Peter has received a lot of good feedback and it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Tim and Mark for helping with the TOC. The alternate workers did an excellent job. Weigh in went well with little or no waiting. Rick Pelletier, the 2009 state champ was present and will do a seminar before the December meeting.

Club tournament lists are due Dec 1. First come, first serve. Send them to Peter.

We got the 2010 TOC DNR permit for Lake Minnetonka. For people fishing money tournaments, we are first big tournament in September. There are several money tournaments after our TOC in September. Remember, you cannot be on the lake during our off-limits time (14 days before the start of pre-fishing, Aug 20 to Sept 3).

The West region (Steve Hurlburt lead) is hosting the TOC. We have a letter of intent (E-Mail) for Lord Fletchers to host the weigh-in. Parking will be an issue. We will work on this ASAP to let anyone know. We need the clubs and club members from the West region to step up and help.

Any club interested in presenting a 2011 TOC proposal needs to submit it by the January meeting. Voting on the lake choice will occur at the March meeting. The submission form is on the web.

This year, Peter will come to your club meeting if you want. Peter went to two club meetings last year. Call Peter if you want him to come to a meeting.

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

There are a number of changes to law for fishing contests due to work of Peter Perovich and Vern Wagner. Highlights of the changes:

- You now need a DNR permit if you have more than 25 boats (50 contestants). This is a change from the old limit of 15 boats (30 contestants).
- The DNR permit fee structure is cut in half, approximately.
- By March 1, 2011, the DNR must develop best practices fish handling standards. Federation and other fishing organizations are working with DNR on setting these standards. Working to get a draft out by March 2010 so there is time to promote them and ask for feedback.

Creel survey participation was roughly the same as last year with 7 clubs participating. MG Lures is donating prizes to people that participate. Mickey will try to get the DNR to come to a meeting to present their findings based on our creel survey data.

Youth Director – Paul Perovich

Casting Kids has been handed over to Sportsmen's Alliance by B.A.S.S. The national Casting Kids competition has been eliminated. We will run a state version of casting kids next year. Paul has some materials and supplies and will work on coming up with remainder of materials, such as registration forms and certificates. We are targeting a minimum of 50 events and tentatively want a state final next September. Contact Paul if your club wants to run an event.

The 2009 JR TOC was on Waconia. Weights were excellent and almost everyone got a limit. Winners in both age groups won with over 15 pounds for 5 fish.

The 2010 JR TOC is going to be north, in Brainerd area. Lake has not been set, but a number of lakes are possible in that area.

Camp Confidence and Steve Soukup (Skeeter Boats) are looking for someone to run the Camp Confidence tournament, the third Friday and Saturday in June. Paul is proposing the MN BASS Federation take over this tournament.

Paul is creating a 501 C (3) organization for the youth organization and this will allow donations to the youth program. The 2010 JR TOC is tentatively scheduled for the Sunday after the Camp Confidence tournament. Paul is always short volunteers and needs help. Perhaps with anglers up for the Camp Confidence tournament, some will stay around to be boat captains for the juniors.

There are new requirements for the youth program. All JR members must attend at least one state federation meeting; each JR club will be required to do one conservation project.

Secretary – Jim Battin

Get club membership forms off web within the next week. The new form has a new address for clubs to use when sending their membership forms and dues. Dues for clubs are due December 1. Clubs must be registered to vote at the December meeting.

Treasurer – Jim Battin

Total cash:	\$51,273.53
Divisional fund:	\$2,400.00
Trailer fund:	\$3,222.00
Capital Equipment:	\$2,054.04
Conservation:	\$2,000.00
General:	\$41,497.49

One note, the \$2000 in the conservation fund is grant money given to the Minnesota Federation for conversation projects. We are going to donate this money to the DNR to improve the public access at Turtle Lake (Otter Tail County).

Old Business

The West region needs to create a TOC planning committee. Currently we are looking for organizations to donate raffle money.

Election for secretary: We have been without a secretary since last December. Mark Gomez has been filling in as the acting secretary, but with work obligations, Mark is not able to continue. Nominations are still open and with the new season coming this December, the need for a secretary is critical. Mark Gomez nominates Jim Battin, the outgoing treasurer. No other nominations were made. Voice vote, Jim Battin was elected as Federation secretary.

New Business

Nominations for Officers:

- President – Peter Perovich
- Vice-President – Mark Gomez
- Treasurer – Kent Mittelstaedt
- Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting
- East Region –Richard “Rocky“ Kaupp
- North Region – Shawn
- South Region – Chuck Campbell

Nominations will remain open until the December meeting.

Paul Perovich was appointed as the new Federation Marketing director.

Marketing report – Paul Perovich

Bass Tackle Depot. Discount code “nation discount”, see web site, gives a 10% discount. Be sure to use the discount code. The Federation then gets 5% rebate for use by the youth organization.

Mud Hole gave the Federation two \$50 gift certificates.

Jann’s Netcraft is offering 5% rebate back to the Federation on purchases. Need to register member names to get credit.

LamiGlas is offering a deal, details to follow.

Gopher tackle is offering 10% off for Federation members.

Cabela's wants to run a Bass event at the Roger's store. Cabela's wants to do it next April 17. They need 20 volunteers to run casting kids, Bass seminars. This conflicts with our April Fed meeting and Paul is trying to get the event moved to the previous weekend. Paul wants Cabela's to furnish state team uniforms plus other considerations that total around \$5000.00. Members that volunteer may get good discounts.

New Business continued

Chuck Campbell will be setting up seminars before the Federation meetings. In December, Rick Pelletier will be making a presentation before the regional meetings.

Contact Sportsmen concerning the 2nd Annual club challenge tournament.

Next meeting is Saturday December 5th, at Medina Ballroom.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM

Clubs in Attendance

Bass Rangers
Baxter
Bay La Croix
Classic 7
Fat Belly Bassmasters
Golden Hook
Lakes Area
Loon State
Northern Black Bass
Prior Lake Hooksetters
Red Lake
Reserve Elite
Sportsmen
Stellar
Sunrise
Viking
UAC Bassmasters
West Central
Zumbro Valley