

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 12:14 PM. 26 clubs were in attendance.

President's Report – Peter Perovich

Thanks to all that braved the winter weather to attend the meeting.

Welcome to Jeff Gilmer, our new youth director. Jeff has some great ideas for the youth program and will be presenting later in the meeting.

Peter introduced the state team members present. If anyone can give help them with the divisionals tournament, it would be appreciated.

The board is planning on hosting a banquet next year. We are looking for a keynote speaker and are considering using the banquet as a substitute for the March meeting. Anyone that wants to help organize the banquet, please contact Mark Gomez.

We should have a new non-profit youth organization registered by May of this year. The organization will be a 501 C 3 which allows the youth program to accept tax deductible donations.

Vice-President – Mark Gomez

The Governor's office has requested the BASS Federation sponsor a Governor's Bass Opener. Mark is heading up a committee to organize this event for spring of 2012. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Mark to volunteer.

Tournament Director – Tim Allen

Club tournament schedules are due. We will be updating the web site for those clubs that turned them in.

For Whitefish 2011, the Lions Club will furnish a release boat. All TOC paperwork is due August 19. Friday night August 19 is beginning of the 2 weeks off-limits, lasting until Saturday morning September 1. On the insurance policy, please highlight the coverage information and the policy dates. If you are borrowing a boat, make sure your name is written on the policy.

Alternates tournament is on the Mississippi River in Brainerd between the dam to the south and highway 6 to the north.

Secretary – Jim Battin

We have 307 members in 31 clubs. State TOC percentage is based on club membership as of May 1st.

If you have club members that are not getting E-Mails from the Federation, have them go to the web (www.mnbfn.org) and register their E-Mail address. If you have problems, please contact Mickey.

Membership requirements for state TOC:

- Membership in state Federation (\$50 dues)
- Membership in national Federation (\$30 dues on website)
- B.A.S.S. membership (individual magazine subscription)

Youth Director – Jeff Gilmer

Jeff Gilmer went through his presentation on the short and long term objectives for the youth program. Some highlights of the presentation:

- Introduction, background on Jeff and his bass fishing experience.
- Short term goals. The 2011 Jr. State TOC will be Friday June 24th. Jeff has been working with other youth organizations in the state to avoid conflicts between youth circuits. This year we are looking at Lake Minnetonka for the Jr. State TOC. It is a problem for some families to qualify in late June and then fish the Divisionals tournament in early August, so we are going to start qualifying the kids one year in advance.
- Long term goals. Meetings, raise revenue by holding adult tournaments, solicit donations, a board of directors.

If anyone is interested in helping with the youth program, please contact Jeff.

Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting

At the sports show, we handed out three hundred information sheets on AIS (aquatic invasive species).

We have product survey's from 80 members. Anyone that has not filled out a product survey, please do it on the website.

The Skeeter boat auction is over and the winning bid was \$26,000.

As part of the 2012 banquet we will be handing out awards for outstanding members in various categories. See the website in the next few weeks for details on those awards.

The Wisconsin culling bill passed in the legislature and needs a second reading and vote that should occur in early May.

Minnesota legislative update:

- The fishing license increase and boat surcharge is in conference committee because of differences between the house and senate bills.
- The legislature is looking at having inspectors at ramps and the inspectors have the power to forbid boaters from using a lake if a boater refuses an inspection.
- The two line fishing change is in the bill.
- There is a proposal to double the side of the no-wake zone on the river at Wabasha.

Marketing – Paul Perovich

There is a block of rooms at the Whitefish Lodge for the TOC.

To take advantage of the Lamiglas deal, send an E-Mail to Paul and make sure you send your full name, address and day time phone number. The E-Mail will be sent to Lamiglas and they will contact you directly about your order. If you order a rod that is out of stock, you may not hear back until Lamiglas gets your rod into inventory.

Frankies Marine has discounts for oil. The price is 10% over dealer cost when you buy in bulk. There is also 15% off for parts and 10% off labor.

Capra's is giving BASS Federation members a discount. Any BASS member that is purchasing electronics or a trolling motor,

Old Business – Peter Perovich

The votes for the bylaws update have been turned in and the votes tallied. The proposal was approved with 20 clubs turning in ballots, 131 yes votes and 13 no votes.

State merchandise is now available for sale. Several members bought hats and shirts. The website will soon be updated with a list of product and prices.

New Business – Peter Perovich

The Cabelas discount applies to our meetings when the State Federation is holding an event, such as casting kids.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.