

**Crabtowne Bassmasters**  
Minutes from August 12, 2008

**Meeting Started:** 7:02p  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:44p

**Attendance:** (Steve)

-Present: Aaron, Roger Jr, Fred, Jeff, Jim A., Jim P., Roger Sr., Steve, Shawn, Alan, Joe L, Denis

- Absent: Joe M, Glen, Rob, Matt, Sam

- Guest: n/a

**July Minutes:** Approved as written

**Treasury Balance:** (Steve)

Current actual Balance is \$632.08 (\$597.08 checking + \$35 cash)

- Reflects income from MH Team tournament fees, dues, hat sales and luncheon money
- Payouts from MH tournament, tub/basket purchase, BASS & MBFN membership fees

Given the transition of treasurer duties and slight differences in the tracking and reporting of club money, Steve offered to open the books to the membership upon request for review/audit. As the club VP, Jim Adair is provided a balance summary. Going forward a copy of the bank account statement will also be provided.

**Southern Region Report:** (Glen)

Glen attended July meeting, but was not present to provide a read-out. Denis provided insight from recollection. More boats are needed for the 'kids qualifying tournament' on 8/23. MBFN is obtaining more fingerling bass from Wheelabrator. Development impacting the Mattawoman watershed was also discussed. Southern Region meeting notes are available on the MBFN web-site on the 'Regional Forum' message board.

Shawn is slated to attend the August 25<sup>th</sup> SR meeting.

**Conservation Report:** (Jim A.)

Jim Adair reported on the proposed Mattawoman project, including the cross-county connector highway. He indicated that some restrictions may be placed on the developers to reduce soil erosion and to protect the watershed

**Old Business:**

- Marshyhope Tournament: Profit was \$253.75. There was discussion on how we can improve next year's event. There was considerable discussion on possible ideas for 2009, including publicizing it better with earlier flyers; developing a mailing list of participants in our previous tournaments; and that we needed a director for the tournament. It was agreed that fliers should be sent and distributed earlier, as early as January when the Expo is held. Steve suggested next year's tournament be scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. A better tide occurs on that date. This was accepted by all.
- Our BASS roster is current. There are no outstanding roster issues. Steve will follow-up with Glen Pittman on the status of our MBFN roster.
- Many members have not taken advantage of the BASS Insider on the Bassmaster/ESPN website. Free Bass Insider access is available to all Federation Nation members.
- The Secretary/Treasurer position is vacant. Fred volunteered to be the secretary until the December election. Steve will be the 'acting' treasurer through the end of the year. Aaron agreed to help out with the Treasurer job.
- Shawn indicated that he's been too busy at work to complete the boat inspections. He'll resume his inspection at the next tournament and provide a status read-out at our next meeting.

***New Business:***

- Club Logo Embroidery: Jim Adair will be collecting shirts and apparel for 'club logo' embroidering. Bring your apparel to the next club meeting.
- Steve suggested the club consider the possibility of a dues increase to cover club expenses. There was much discussion about pros and cons of a dues increase. No decisions were made at this time.
- There was some discussion regarding the possibility of selling 'sponsor' space on our web-site. It was agreed that we provide basic 1 year advertising for sponsors for \$50 a year. Members interested in soliciting sponsors are encouraged to follow-up on this opportunity.
- Non-Boater Contributions for Boating Expenses: There was discussion regarding what non-boaters can expect to contribute during club tournaments. As a guideline, it was agreed that non-boaters can expect to pay between \$35 and \$55 for each event per day. It was also expected that boaters and non-boaters should discuss expenses prior to and during the tournament so there was agreement on any possible expense above the \$55 guideline.
- The club discussed the upcoming two-day tournament scheduled for Lake Gaston on October 18-19. The club confirmed we are going to Lake Gaston as planned.

***Fishing Discussion:***

Roger Shirkey Sr. gave an overview of how he was able to win the Marshyhope club tournament. In the spirit of the goals spelled out in our Club Charter to help all of us become better bass fisherman, Roger said, 'worms'.

***Tournament*** (Jeff)

The draw was conducted for upcoming Middle River club tournament. Pairings as follows:

- Boat 1. Jeff and Roger Jr.
- Boat 2. Roger Sr. and Matt
- Boat 3. Denis and Shawn
- Boat 4. Sam and Little Joe
- Boat 5. Jim Pitt and Big Joe
- Boat 6. Glen and Fred
- Boat 7. Jim Adair and Steve.

***Draw:*** (Jim)

-No Draw this month

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