

Crabtowne Bassmasters
Minutes from November 11, 2008

Meeting Started: 7:06a
Meeting Adjourned: 8:57p

Attendance: (Fred)

-Present: Roger Jr, Fred, Jeff, Roger Sr., Steve, Joe L, Denis, Sam, Glen
- Absent: Jim A, Rob, Matt, Aaron, Shawn, Alan, Jim P
- Guest: Doug Southworth

October Minutes: Approved as written

Treasury Balance: (Steve)

•In: \$54 (Lunker & hat sale)
•Out: \$872.40 (Gaston Lodging & Refunds)
Current Balance: 666.98 (\$33 cash, \$633.98 checking).

Southern Region Report: (Denis)

Denis presented the report in place of Shawn who was the scheduled Crabtowne attendee but who did not attend. Steve pointed out the \$25 fine for a missed meeting without notice.

Denis highlighted MBFN officer openings, a vacancy on the Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board, the October 2009 SR Team Tournament, Conservation issues, the Bull Roast, and Flea Markets

Steve distributed a list of Crabtowne member participation for SR meetings going back to January 2007. He then presented a list of proposed future attendees: January – Roger Jr, February – Aaron, March – Jim Pitt, April – Sam, May – Jeff. The upcoming meetings will be attended by: November: Steve, December: Joe L

The Southern Region agenda notes are provided on the MBF 'region forums' Bulletin Board

Conservation Report: (Jim A.)

Nothing to Report

New/Prospective Members:

Doug Southworth of Kent Island attended the meeting.

Old Business:

- Safety Officer / Boat Inspections: Shawn was absent so there was no report.
- Crabtowne article was submitted by Steve for the upcoming MBF Update
- MBF and BASS Roster Updates - These are due by year's end. All of our information has been validated..
- Dues Increase - Steve proposed a dues increase from \$65 to \$80, providing a breakdown of income and expenses as justification for the proposed increase. Due to bylaw restrictions, we will have a vote on the issue during our bylaw review. If approved, the additional dues monies will payable after bylaw ratification.
- By-Laws Changes – Club discussed proposed changes in the following arenas: Dues, Tournament scheduling, Guest fishing and member cancellations, 'early leaving' during tournaments, tournament points system, and mid-year bylaw changes. Discussion items will be posted on the BB for further input. Discussion will continue at our December meeting.
- Banquet – It's been decided to hold the 2009 Banquet at Hella's in Millersville. The target date for the banquet is March 7th. Denis will reach out to Jim Pitt and Jim Adair to start the ball rolling.
- Officer Nominations for 2009:
 - Historian: Denis & Jim A
 - Safety Officer: Denis
 - Tournament Director: Roger Sr & Joe L
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Fred & Steve
 - VP: Jim P & Glen
 - President: Alan T

Nominations can be made at the December meeting prior to the vote.

New Business:

- 2009 Marshyhope Team Tournament – Roger Shirkey Sr. has agreed to be the chairman for the Team tournament. This year, we will have a smaller core team work the event, rather than try to involve all members of the club
- Proxy Voting. Jeff brought up proxy voting. The concept did not receive any support from the group.
- 2009 Dues are payable now: \$65. Payment must be made no later than our next meeting, 12/9.

Fishing Discussion:

Roger Sr and Glen shared insights associated with their recent tournament victories.

Tournament (Jeff)

- Congratulation to Roger Shirkey Sr. on his winning Crabtowne's Mr. BASS for 2009
- For the December meeting, members should be prepared to suggest fishing locations for the 2009 tournament season, as well as 'block-out' dates for 2009. This is so the new TD can have this information to build a proposed draft 2009 that will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Draw: None