

**Crabtowne Bassmasters
Minutes of December 12, 2017**

Approved 1/9/18

Meeting Started: 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Attendance: Present: Andy, Bill, Charlie, Chip, Denis, Franco, Glen, Mike, Kevin, Steve and Terry.

Prospective Member: Ernest Reio (boater)

Absent: Alan, Fred, Jim.

Steve called the meeting to relative order in the AAC Police Station at 7:00 PM. He asked us to keep Jim's wife in our thoughts and prayers.

Prior Meeting Minutes: The November 14 minutes were emailed and distributed before the meeting. They were accepted as presented on a motion by Andy, seconded by Chip.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reported:

Last month report balance: \$1,134.67 (10/27/17 Statement)

Account activity for month: " - \$100 & \$300 checks + \$220 (Fred, Terry dues + \$20 cash) -\$5 fee = \$949.67 (11/28/17 Statement)

Current available balance: = \$949.67 + \$25 cash = \$974.67

Steve asked us for our \$100/ member dues. All have complied, after Alan mails his to Terry.

Southern Region Report: No December meeting. Steve and Denis will summarize the executive board work sometime.

Conservation: Fred absent, but Steve noted the National Harbour project was completed last weekend.

Membership: We are at 13 members (9 boaters, 4 riders). Glen announced his decision to stop fishing with us next year. All expressed that his gentle and genuine presence will be sorely missed. We would welcome his attendance at any of our events whenever he can.

Ernie, "Easy E", Reio introduced himself as an avid bass fisherman for years. He has a BassCat boat. Steve noted prospective members need to attend 3 events, including a tournament, before we vote on admission. Any points or lunger fees he pays before admission would be credited to the year's membership.

Steve stated, with Ernie's potential addition, we would have 10 boaters and 3-4 riders, so we were all asked to invite new riders to be members. We could add 2 easily in the next year.

Safety: Kevin noted he will need copies of boaters' insurance forms at the March meeting.

Unfinished Business: New hats from MD Monogram are available for \$15 from Terry. "Wear your damn hat!" is the only required club attire rule. If you want other logo clothes, contact Steve.

The 2018 Officers were elected in November. All are retreads except Bill is Tournament Director, and Franco will document our shenanigans as Historian.

By-Law reviews: Article 5, Section 5-1 Tournament Selection: change January to October and February to December in sentence one, and change December to October in the "Steps 1, 2 and 3" sentence. This corresponds to current practice. Approved unanimously.

Section 5-10 Lunger Pot: the proposal that lunger awards only be paid for a 3 lb. or larger bass was not accepted.

It was proposed that the \$5/tournament lunger fee be collected for the year at the March meeting. The Treasurer calculates a standard 75% payout per day and awards it. Members

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who opt out do so for the whole year, and guests or new members pay \$5 for the day, but the payout does not change. Approved on a vote of 7 for, 2 against with 2 abstaining.

A proposal that meeting attendance earns 2 points toward Mr. Bass during the season was unanimously defeated.

It was proposed that a Classic Tournament with a 100% payout for the winning boater and rider be scheduled at the end of each year. Mr. Bass points would determine eligibility to fish. Unanimously defeated.

A proposal to form a bylaws review committee was unanimously defeated. Unanimous support was expressed for the Bylaws as currently written and amended.

New Business: The 2018 banquet was discussed. Steve will talk with Jim about scheduling it. A change of venue was suggested, with The Green Turtle (Annapolis Mall), Glory Days (Edgewater) and Christopher's (Rt. 3 Crofton) as possibilities. They each have separate rooms for us and have good reputations. They will be investigated.

Andy asked that Steve send him the sheets to make the award plaques, etc. During discussion, it was suggested we have a sample plaque available for photos of winners that get an engraved plate for theirs.

Tournaments: Bill and Steve presented a draft of next year's tournament dates and sites, after giving a summary of the process used. The June 23 date was changed to 6/30, but reverted to the original date after the meeting. A make-up date of Nov. 10/11 was added, and another possible alternate of July 28 might be added later, if needed. Bill will send out the final schedule shortly. The schedule was unanimously supported.

Fishing Discussion: After the meeting.

For the good of order (concerns, suggestions, complaints etc.): None

Motion to adjourn: by Denis and Andy at 8:25 PM. We left for home or Five Guys.

Submitted by Terry Helser, Secretary