

Crabtowne Bassmasters

Minutes for January 9th, 2007

Meeting Started: 7:05

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33

Members Present: Steve, Rob, Clyde, Roger Sr., Glen, Denis, Jeff, Jim A., and Alan

Treasury Balance: \$xxx.xx

Southern Region Report: (Steve)

- New Club Joined MBF-Champions Choice
- New ramp now in Middle River-Wilson Point Park (ramp is free)
- MD may implement Black Bass Stamp-Funds to go back into tidal fisheries
- Scott Sewall, Rich Weldon and Jim Adair attended Mattawoman Educational Forum
- SR Team TX (Smallwood) is scheduled for 10/13/07 unless MBF goes to the Regional format, then it will be 10/13-10/14
- No SR Team event if MBF goes to the regional format
- President's conference is March 4th at the Gambler Fire Hall, Finksburg
- MBF received a Skeeter w/115 hp. MBF willing to sell it for \$12K if anyone is interested-Contact Roger

Conservation Report: (Jim A.)

- Ken Penrod and a few other notables in the local bass fishing community are trying to establish a "Black Bass Round Table" to discuss issues effecting bass fishing
- They will be looking into how to improve bass populations
- Looking at lessening pressure mainly from out of state anglers (PA, NJ, DE, NY, etc)
- Looking into the possibility of a "Black Bass Stamp" for people keeping bass to consume as a means to help repopulate the ones taken

Old Business:

- Banquet-February 10th-6:00 p.m. at the Olive Tree in Glen Burnie (Furnace Branch Rd & Route 2)
- Dteve asked to have two (2) folks organize the awards & plaques for this past years TX winners. Denis & Jeff volunteered to take this task.
- Bass Expo (at Timonium)-Clyde, Steve and Glen volunteered to assist

- Steve gave Denis & Jim flyers to put out at the Bass Expo & BASS Pros Shops in regards to the Money TX and new members

New Business:

- 7 Man Team TX-6 will be the team with 1 being the alternate. TX scheduled for March 31st-If anyone's interested...see Jeff
- Clyde took care of the membership renewal packet (Thanks Clyde!)
- Steve talked @ web page and the BB. E encouraged folks to start using the board and make any suggestions on how to improve it

TX:

- Jeff posted the tentative schedule and rivers for the upcoming season on the BB
- Roger Sr. suggested moving some of the Eastern shore TX's until after June due to the 15" rule

By-Laws:

Listed below are the potential new By-Laws to be updated/added/edited. Club needs to vote on them to be considered final/official/approved.

- Officer Term of duty is to be effective as of January 1st, and concludes December 31st. New officers will assume duties and responsibilities with the meeting following the elections.
- Safety Officer-This position is responsible for the following:
 1. Caucusing with the President and Tournament Chairman regarding decisions to cancel, postpone or "early call" tournaments due to inclement weather or other safety related matters.
 2. Conducts annual and spot safety inspections of boats used during club tournaments to include, but not limited to, USCG regulated safety devices and requirements, current insurance coverage and packets (if necessary) for the club records.
 3. Be the non-boater partner for new boater members joining the club in order to ensure new member is using safe boat handling skills.
- Guest Participation-Guests must be declared at the meeting when the drawing and pairings occur. If there is a situation where a club member would be without a ride for a tournament, the guest would not be allowed to attend that tournament so that the member would be able to fish..
- Boater Preference:
 1. Should a "declared boater get selected as a non-boater during a tournament draw, that boater will be guaranteed a boater position in the following scheduled tournament.
 2. The boater will participate in the draw for the purposes of determining "ooze-off" positioning.

- Point System-Starting at 20 points, each participant receives points in descending one (1) point increments based on the most weight caught.