

## **Crabtowne Bassmasters**

Minutes from March 11, 2008

**Meeting Started:** 7:10p

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50p

**Attendance:** (Gary)

-*Present:* Aaron, Denis, Fred, Gary, Glen, Jeff, Jim A., Jim P., Rob, Roger Jr., Roger Sr., Shawn, Steve

-*Absent:* Alan, Matt

-*Guests:* Joe Mumsford, Joe Lanham

**Treasury Balance:** (Gary)

Current Balance:\$450.10 (\$430.10 in bank \$20.00 in cash)

- February Balance: \$1161.86

- Income: \$736 (\$680: Banquet collection, \$56: Hat sales)

- Paid Out: \$1447.76 (\$174: Lunker, \$274.54: Trophies, \$100: Mr. Bass, \$168.56: Hats, \$730.66: Banquet)

**Southern Region Report:**

A detailed report from Fred was posted on the BB. In addition Denis added that the MBF was going to have a table set up at Bass Pro Shop this weekend (3/15 & 3/16) and volunteers are needed. In addition at BPS this same weekend help is needed for Casting Kids.

Matt will attend the March meeting and Alan will attend the April meeting.

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

Jim made a great presentation about the "Save the Mattawoman Creek" project. All club members were asked to support the effort of blocking the construction and save the wildlife habitat by filling out the "Save the Mattawoman Creek" form and returning it to him. He also requested we get our family and friends involved.

**Guests:**

We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet Joe Lanham for the first time and to have Joe Murnsford return for his second visit.

**Old Business:**

- Jim A. hand delivered the embroidered shirts and had new Club Hats for Sale.
- Steve reported that the 13 Kistler rods we ordered will be in on 3/13/08
- The club will be going forward with the Casting Kids project. Location and time TBD
- There seems to be little interest in meeting with the new Edgewater Tackle Dealer.

**New Business:**

- Steve reported on the highlight of the President Conference he attended earlier this month.
- Steve provided the membership with a letter entitled "Right to Navigate" which can be used by boaters to show proof we have the legal right to fish around public piers.
- Steve also informed the club that Smallwood Park now requires all clubs to complete a Tournament Package and pay a fee in order to hold a tournament from their site. In addition they have forbidden "weigh in" to be held on the parking lot. They also require that the fish will be released in water with the proper oxygen level.
- Our Safety office Shawn has requested that all boaters provide him with a copy of the boater's insurance policy along with a photo of their boat. He would like to have this before the first tournament.
- Shawn also gave notice that prior to launching at the March tournament there will be a safety inspection of each boat.

### ***Fishing Discussion***

- Jim A. made a presentation about how to keep fish healthier in the live-well using “Please Release Me” a chemical which helps eliminate the stress in the Bass.
- Jim A. also mentioned a magazine called BWB. He pointed out there are a number of articles he felt we could all find useful.
- Next month Denis will provide us with an overview of Tackle Storage,

### ***Tournament (Jeff)***

- The March tournament launch site has been changed from Smallwood Park to Marshall Hall.
- Jeff will confirm all start times for future tournaments and Steve will update the website as required.
- Shawn will be going to Mr. Bass May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The State Qualifier for those interested will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Marshyhope Team Tournament will be held on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The boaters and nonboaters were paired for the 3/22 Potomac River tournament.

### ***Draw: (Jim)***

- \$2 per person for the draw.

GL/SC