

Crabtowne Bassmasters

Minutes for May 8, 2007

Meeting Started: 7:12

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00

Members Present: Jim A., Jeff, Shawn, Matt, Roger Sr., Roger Jr., Steve, Denis, Glenn, Rob S., Jim P., Rob B.

Treasury Balance: \$xxx.xx

Southern Region Report: (Jeff)

- 63 Clubs in MBF with 675 members
- PVA TX will be on July 8th. There's a need for roughly 30-35 boat captains
- The next SR meeting will be on the 3rd Monday!!!!

Conservation Report: (Jim A.)

- Jim asked for all clubs to come up with any ideas/ways to improve our fisheries, and to contact him with those ideas. There's Federal funding that can be obtained for the state if there's sufficient evidence that efforts are being made to clean up fisheries. See/contact Jim for details or if you have any ideas how our club (or others) can help.

Old Business:

- Steve went over the proposals for the By-Law update/editing. Listed below are the new updates:

1) Denis motioned for a vote on: Lunker Pot Proposal. Club voted 7 to 4 to accept proposal #1 as described below:

Club tournaments will have an optional "Lunker Pot" for each tournament. The cost of participation is \$5, payable on tournament day. The member who catches the largest fish (by weight) of that tournament will be awarded 75% of the moneys collected (rounded up to the next whole dollar). The remaining 25% will go towards an "end of year" fund that will be awarded to the member who catches the largest fish (by weight) of the year. Ties for individual tournaments or "end of year" Lunker will be split between the winners.

2) Denis motioned for a vote on: Awards proposal. Club voted 8 to 2 to accept proposal #1 as described below:

Awards: At the conclusion of the tournament season, awards will be presented to the members who achieve the following accomplishments: Tournament Winner, Mr. Bass, Heavy Stringer and Lunker. The following is a description of each accomplishment and the award to be issued:

- a) Tournament Winner: Each member who wins an individual tournament will be provided with an engraved plate that indicates the location, date and weight of the event. When required, the club will procure the perpetual plaque for it's member(s).
- b) Mr. Bass: The member who achieves the highest "point total" for the tournament season will be awarded a Mr. Bass plaque or trophy, as well as a check in the amount of \$100. Mr. Bass will also be awarded the club's perpetual plaque with an engraved plate for safekeeping until it is handed off to the next year's Mr. Bass. The club will pay the "entry fee" for the member who fishes in the Mr/ Bass tournament.
- c) Heavy Stringer: The member who catches the largest "stringer" of the year (by weight) will be awarded a plaque or trophy.
- d) Lunker: The member who catches the largest fish (by weight) of the year will be awarded a plaque or trophy

Awards will be administered by the Tournament Director.

- Dues Increase: Club agreed to table this discussion until later in the year around the time for dues renewal.
- Steve handed out Marshey Hope money TX flyers for anyone to distribute.
- Jim A. mentioned about previous year's discussion about club members being able to participate in the money TX. Discussion was tabled for a later meeting closer to the TX date (June meeting or July meeting).

New Business:

- Steve introduced the three prospective members looking to join the club (Chris, Gary and Rich). Steve gave them a brief overview of the club and what we're about, and then allowed each prospective member to tell a little about themselves.
- Steve went over the cap for members in the club. Everyone agreed that "20" would be the limit for members in the club.
- Jim A. informed everyone that he will be doing another "embroidery run" in the near future. If you're interested in having a shirt embroidered, make sure you have the shirt ready by the next meeting (June 12th).
- Rob B went over club get together. So far there's approximately 20 folks planning on attending, with another 19 that's unsure at this point. Rob asked for those uncertain on their attendance to let him know before that weekend to be able to plan accordingly.

- Muster location for eastern shore TX's was discussed. Club is looking at having a "second muster location" on the eastern shore to hook up with those members who live on the shore to be able to caravan together for safety reasons. For this weekend's tournament at Wicomico, the club will have the second muster location at the first exit once across the bay bridge at the Kmart/park and ride on Kent Island.
- Matt mentioned that the Odenton Fire Dept. is getting ready to have their carnival for those interested.

TX:

- Jeff handed out a TX Procedure sheet for everyone to read over and follow. See Jeff if you have any questions or need clarification.
- Next TX is on the Wicomico River. Muster #1 is at the WAWA on Route 50 by Cape St. Clair at 4:15. The second muster will be at the Kmart/park and ride on Kent Island (first exit off the bay bridge).
- Pairings for Wicomico:
 - 1) Glenn/Matt
 - 2) Steve/Rob S.
 - 3) Jeff/Chris*
 - 4) Jim A./Shawn
 - 5) Jim P./Rob B.
 - 6) Alan/Gary*
 - 7) Denis/Rich*

Roger Sr. & Roger Jr. will not be fishing
 * Denotes Prospective Member