



Minutes of the Board Meeting
January 24, 2010

Call to order – 9:00AM by Joan Blankenship, President, at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Clarksville, VA.
Minutes - Motion to approve by Bo Copley and second by Chris Merritt. All approved.
Treasurer's report - Motion to approve 2009 year-end report by Ed Clayton and second by Jeff Franklin.
All approved.

Role Call:

- Region 2
- ✓ Region 3 Bo Copley
- ✓ Region 4 Stephen Davis
- ✓ Region 5 Mike Bryant
- ✓ Region 6 Chris Merritt
- ✓ Region 7 Craig Owens
- ✓ Region 9 Bert Seymour
- ✓ Region 10 Ed Clayton
- ✓ Casting Kids Bert Seymour
- ✓ Tournament Director Jeff Franklin
- ✓ Vice President Mike Bryant

Welcome Craig Owens – New Region 7 Director

Old Business:

- 2009 Budget year-end; Motion to approve by Chris Merritt and second by Stepehn Davis. All approved.
- 2010 budget – Motion to approve Bert Seymour and second by Bo Copley. All approved.
- Executive session

- 2010 Budget: Vote to approve and whether to purchase patches for everyone
- Motion to purchase 250 patches by Jeff Franklin and second by Bert Seymour to give new members and anyone who requests a patch. We will send all youth a patch. All approved.

- Vote to purchase printer for weigh-in scales – Approx. \$600. Motion by Bo Copley to purchase printer for scales while at the Bassmaster Classic at a reduced rate and second by Bert Seymour. Research the software to go with the scales and printer. All approved.

- Donations: \$100 in honor of Jim Geiser and Charlie Beale. Vote where to send donations ACA or Jimmy V, or Youth scholarship. Motion by Jeff Franklin and second by Bo Copley to send ½ to ACA and ½ to Jimmy V. All approved.

- Calendar: All dues deadline January 31, 2010, except youth.
- Mr. BASS – March 24-26-2010 (Odd# region is to send 2 region workers)
- *Review Entry Forms, dates and rates (Discounted rates)*

- Fundraiser: 2009 Boat Purchase – Status Report – Boat to ship to dealer 1/31/10.

- State Team: Mid-Atlantic in WV- Funding Status? Skeeter boat ordered.
- Jeff Freeman on to the Classic – A vote was taken to give \$500 donation to Jeff Freeman to help with expenses because we did not have any funds to help with the national. A motion by Chris Merritt and second by Stephen Davis to give Jeff Freeman \$500 for the classic. All approved.
- Magazine – “Hook Set”: Year-end issue deadline February 7, 2010, for online issue.
Editor Needed. Send articles to Joan Blankenship
- Alliance Program 2010 contract: Signed w/ Triton; Mercury; Lowrance, Motorguide
- Evan Williams sponsorship and commercial for 2010 - Extended contest for video you could win \$5,000.
- Lowrance contract 2010 – No longer give discounts or benefits for the state. Only the state team can get a discounted rate.
- We will send in a notebook again this year for the overall competition with Lowrance. Any news clips and pictures help a lot.
- Craig Owens of region 7 is to contact Deka batteries for sponsorship for our state tournaments.
- Conservation Director Needed – Will Seymour has agreed to help Joan Blankenship, with
- conservation issues and meetings. A lot of bills that affect the fisherman are an issue right now.
All new bills are listed on DGIF.web page.
- Group of individuals have decided that there are problems with bass fishery on Kerr Lake. A Meeting is being held on 1/29/10 at the Best Western in Clarksville, VA, to discuss the issue. Joan Blankenship has checked previous dates and data and it has not changed very much in the last 4 years. Ed Clayton will check previous weights also.
- All the board is welcome to attend the meeting. Region 6 and 10 want a letter to ask Gary Martel of DGIF to check on the quality of the fish on Kerr Lake at this time along w/the Dan and Stanton River. There are so many issues w/water quality in our state. Last shocking of Kerr Lake was in 2002 per their website.
- Will Seymour gave Joan Blankenship, the report on the conservation meeting he attended in Richmond. We need to enforce and uphold regulations already in place. Topics discussed were funding for land conservation. Protect our natural resources was the most important. A motion by Mike Bryant to allow Will Seymour to become a member of the board and assist with conservation duties and second by Bo Copley. All approved.
- Pay Ed Rhoades \$50 as a registered lobbyist? Motion by Ed Clayton and second by Jeff Franklin to pay Ed Rhoades \$50. He will break down costs by job or just be a registered lobbyist. All approved.
- Berkley Award for conservation is still available. We will look at the Region 3 conservation project emailed to Joan. Also, Region 6 will send a report. We will check on the Clarksville pump project also to see if any of these could qualify for the Berkley award.
- Youth report from Paul –Ed Clayton sent a letter to Alan Weeks for sponsorship of the Claytor Lake youth tournament. Also, Paul is updating youth bylaws and will post them on the website. Youth advisors need to work closer w/regional directors. The Jr. six man on SML in 2010 date to be set.

- Our youth directors do not have a meeting on a yearly basis. We need to address this. We will have them meet the same day that we do.
- OCHS show – We should have a booth and sell pigs for youth. Also take the clothing to sell.

New Business:

- By-laws updates: November meeting.
- Ed Clayton made a motion to change payout matrix and send to board for review and vote at the March meeting and a second by Mike Bryant.
- By-law 4.7-2(b) - A motion by Craig Owens and second by Bert Seymour to change the words to say tournament director instead of tournament committee and the tournament committee is the board of directors.
A vote will be taken at the March meeting.
- By-law 7.3-1; 7.3-2; 7.3-3; 8.1-5 - Motion by Mike Bryant and second by Chris Merritt to change the refunding fees to will be discussed and approved by the board. All approved.
- By-law 8.1-17 - Motion by Ed Clayton and second by Jeff Franklin to delete Under water camera rule. All approved.
- By-law 8.1-9 - Motion by Craig Owens to delete the section #9 about the paid guide and second by Stephen Davis. All approved except region 3.
- Vice President: New nomination vote for Mike Bryant. Region 2 – yes vote by email, region 3- yes, region 4- yes and region 6- yes, region 7- yes and region 9- yes and region 10- yes. All approved.
- BFN VA board members are discussing purchasing matching shirts with each club and sponsor different on the back of the jerseys. They were priced approx. \$65 w/your club & sponsors. We want to get a company to do our shirts at a reduced rate. A motion by Mike Bryant and second by Bert Seymour to table the vote and get more information. All approved.

Report from Region Directors & Youth & Casting Kids & Conservation & Tournament

Region 2 – will donate extra set of scales for backup.

Region 3 – No news just starting the year.

Region 4 – No news.

Region 5 – Need a new region director

Region 6 – Loosing LCBC this year. Totally Hooked doubled their roster.

Region 9 – Getting more new adult members.

Region 10 – No news.

Tournament Director – Jeff will be fishing the team championship and needs a worker in his place.

VP – No news.

Casting Kids – New letter or guidelines. We have a new sponsor to keep Casting Kids in VA . State champions will now receive a bond to be held in trust No longer advance beyond the state level. Now send Bert Seymour only the 2 winners of each event. Clubs have to print all of their own paper work including the certificates. We will have to ship a kit to each region which will cost \$5-9. Each region could prepay for the kits. . Bert Seymour is getting a price on banner plastic for our targets. Instructions and paperwork can be downloaded directly from our web page.

Motion to adjourn by Bert Seymour and second by Stephen Davis at 3:15 pm.

Mileage Reimbursement Forms

Next board meeting March 14, 2010 at 9:00 AM, Lamplighter, Clarksville, VA