



March 14, 2010
Minutes of the Board Meeting

Call to order – 9:00AM by Joan Blankenship, President, at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Clarksville, VA.
Minutes - Motion to approve by Scott Taylor, region 9 and second by Bert Seymour, Casting Kids. All approved. Treasurer's report read - Motion to approve by Chris Merritt, region 6 and second by Ed Clayton, region 10. All approved. Joseph Thomson Scholarship Fund report by Sid Ryan.

Role Call:

✓ Vice-Pres	Mike Bryant
✓ Youth	Paul Thomson
✓ Conservation	Will Seymour
✓ Casting Kids	Bert Seymour
✓ Region 2	Steve Woodroof
Region 3	Bo Copley
✓ Region 4	Stephen Davis
✓ Region 5	Mike Bryant
✓ Region 6	Chris Merritt
Region 7	Craig Owens
✓ Region 8	Ralph Milsapps
✓ Region 9	Scott Taylor
✓ Region 10	Ed Clayton

Old Business:

- By-laws updates posted to website. Other changes – Motion to change Mr. BASS free entry to two teams and second by Chris Merritt. All in favor.
- Payback vote – Demonstration of program to calculate payback and pay 1 for every 7 people.
- 2010 Calendar - Mr. BASS on-- March 24-26-2010 (Odd# regions will send 2 workers)
- Team Championship – All regions send 2 workers. Motion by Steve Woodroof, region 2, to split the Clarksville raffle of \$1000 to 2-\$500 and second by Ed Clayton, region 10. All approved.
- April 14-18, 2010 – Toyota and CK – we need 6 Volunteers to help both days of the weekend.
- Youth clubs that will help w/Casting Kids on April 17-18 will be Frederick Co. Jr., OCHS and Warren Co. Jr. and Lynchburg Jr. Bass Anglers.
- Fundraiser \$\$\$: 2009 Boat Purchase – Status Report-\$5,000 check received 3/13/10 for sale of boat.
- State Team Expenses for 2009 were reimbursed to all members. The state team still has a Skeeter boat for sale at Foothills Marine in NC, \$29,950. Great buy; please give them a call if you are interested. Anyone can purchase this boat and you do not have to be a federation nation member.

- Bassmaster Classic - Report – Jeff Freeman finished 9th place. This helped promote the BFN of VA.
- Magazine – “Hook Set” - Year-end issue deadline February 7, 2010. We will get the new issue out in the next couple of months. We still need an editor.
- Alliance Program 2010 contract: Triton; Mercury; Lowrance, Motorguide, Evan Williams sponsorship should be received by April. Lowrance contract 2010 signed. We will participate in the notebook again.
- We will also benefit from Skeeter, Yamaha, Minn Kota & Hummingbird.
- Conservation – Director Will Seymour reported Kerr Lake is being followed by biologists from the department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Joan attended the meeting in Clarksville. Vic Diconzo chaired the meeting. Joan Blankenship applied for a grant for Boat US. The funds would be used to print a brochure for conservation “Show Your Love, Keep Virginia clean” to be distributed to interested schools. Motion by Ed Clayton, region 10, to put trash containers at the public boat ramps if we can get a design that will ensure proper use and approval of the person owning the ramp. Chris Merrit is checking on a boat wash for region 3/6.
- Youth report – We will order raffle tickets (1500 for \$2) for youth prop & trolling motor and send them to all youth advisors to sell until the Youth Championship.
- There will not be an offlimits on youth tournaments except the Junior State Championship. Per Paul Thomson, we are partnering an event w/Gander Mountain. We are looking at possibly have one week BASS camps. Motel cost sponsored in Texas according to Dutch. Make eligibilities like grades, and have intense classes. One suggestion was to have someone like Jeff Freeman to teach and Lane brothers to help youth. Motion by Paul Thomson, Youth and second by Mike Bryant, Vice-President, to make the November board meeting to include all youth advisors. They will break off into a youth meeting after meeting with the board.
- Ralph Millsaps will serve as Region 8 Director and youth director. Gloucester, VA. 254-392-0212.
- OCHS outdoor show March 6-7, 2010 was good exposure w/Casting Kids event both days. If you need kits for your club or region Bert Seymour has targets, rods and reels. You put the jigs and trailers on yourself. New age groups are 6-10 and 11-15. We would like to get medals for CK w/state logo and CK logo on back. We hope to find a sponsor to donate medals.

New Business:

- State Sponsors for 2010 are: Deep Creek Lures, Rick Morris Custom Rods, Dobyys Rods, SWATS, Captain Gary’s Marine Products, Marinco, Glass Baron, HC Bait, Deka batteries, Murphys Propeller Shop, Hot Shot Lures, Pro Tournament Scales, Anglers Choice, Conrad USA (Clarksville Lake Motel and Best Western), South Hill Hotels (Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Hampton Inn), Days Inn of South Hill.
- Tournament Equipment: We purchased the scales printer for a discount at the Bassmaster Classic from Pro Tournament Scales. Tried to order the software and found out the federation software would be \$500. The new scales are wireless and we can add a chip to ours and make them wireless. We are purchasing new baskets for our tournaments. They will discount any new scales or take ours as trade-in. Motion by Jeff Franklin, Tournament Director to purchase the new scales and keep ours for back-up and second by Mike Bryant, Vice-President. Email the board the price of new ones and they will vote by email.
- We would like to purchase matching shirts for all the board members to wear at all events including working with sponsors. You can add your club & sponsors to each shirt. Jeff Franklin made a motion to get matching shirts and second by Bert Seymour, Casting Kids Director.

Motion for the state to pay for the shirt w/Alliance on it and each member pay any difference for their own sponsors. Vote by region 2 – yes, 4- yes, 5 – yes, 6- yes, 8-yes, 9-yes and 10 – yes, youth – yes, Casting Kids- yes and conservation – yes.

- We have added all Triton dealers in VA and Foothills in NC to our website with contact information. If a B.A.S.S. Federation Nation of VA member buys an Alliance boat from any Triton dealer we will get paid an incentive. We need to promote the Toyota Bonus Bucks with all of the local car dealers.
- Report from Region Directors & Youth & Casting Kids & Conservation & Tournament
- Tournament Director –All OK for Mr. BASS. New tournament rules posted to website.
- Region 10 – Just starting the year.
- Region 9 – Have new members this year and want to fish state events. Will also have club events.
- Region 8 – New director and club getting started.
- Region 6 – First tournament next weekend at Gaston.
- Region 5 – Had first region tournament and open tournament. Still need a director. Three new clubs.
- Region 4 – Had first tournament at SML yesterday and took 18 lb. to win. Youth director picked up sponsor for youth. Blacksburg Feed and Seed. Region sponsor DLW lures.
- Region 2 – Three new clubs. Reel Drag, AWA, and another new one. His region wants us to keep the His and Hers tournament. Last year we had 27 boats. We will get a date and ramp and post to the website.
- We can use Grassy Creek and reserve the picnic shelter for \$10 and 6 fish 3/12 and 3/14 will cost \$25 per team. There could be a conflict with out CMN and TBF CMN classic on the same date.
- Motion to adjourn – Will Seymour and second by Bert Seymour.

Next board meeting will be August 15, 2010 at 9:00AM, Lamplighter, Clarksville, VA

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pam Bryant

ADDENDUM: 3/30/10 We received a quote for new tournament scales and upgrade our current scales. The vote was unanimously approved by all members to order the new tournament scales.