

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
01/26/2019 Chula Vista Resort, the dells

President Kurt Scheer called meeting to order.

-A moment of silence for Chris Truman

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, Bass Assassins, Bay View Bassmasters, Belle City Bass Anglers, Blackhawk Bass Casters, Black River Bassmasters, C&R Bass Anglers, Castlerock Bassmasters, Heartland Bass, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Marshfield Bass Club, Midwest Bassmasters, Packerland Bass Club, Racine County Bass Addicts 1,2,3, River Country Bassmasters, Stateline Bass, Team Interstate Bassmasters, Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters

-Not Present: Anchor Management, Northern Illinois Bassmasters, Park City Bass Anglers, Rockford Hawk Hunters, Tri-County Bass

Motion to accept meeting minutes from January reps meeting, motion accepted.

Secretary's report given, Becky Smyers

-All clubs must turn in either a conservation or youth project, volunteering at one of the qualifiers as release boat, bump fish, etc. will count. Please fill out sheet from downloads page and email or mail to Becky. Info is on the website. IF your club does not turn in a report, club will not be eligible to send a boater and co to NSF, this is written in bylaws and will now be enforced. Reports are due by March Reps Meeting (convention).

Treasurers Report given: Mike Watson

-Approx. \$42,000.00 in accounts, that number will change due to the amount of dues coming in and we won't have the expenses that we had last year, trailer, scale, bags, etc.

Conservation Report given: Nathan Greawin

-had a speaker come in from DNR, Alana, she went over the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) program, it is a program that deals with rivers and streams throughout the state. This is a program that was started back in 1996. It would require groups of people (3-4) who would be trained in certain types of testing done on a selected stream or river and testing would run either March through October or May through November. It would require a 6 hour training course and all equipment is provided by the program. It is not recommended to try to do testing on Mississippi River as you have to be able to walk/wade across body of water to collect samples. There is another program for lakes, however there is only one group per lake that would do the testing. This would be a good project for conservation, if you would like more information please see website: watermonitoring.uwex.edu, or contact Peggy Compton at WAV Baseline Monitoring and Outreach, University of Wisconsin-Extension. Her email is peggy.compton@ces.uwex.edu, her phone number is 1-608-342-1633.

Youth Report given: Adam Barnard

-Madison Fishing Expo will be February 22-24, we will have a smaller space again this year so it will be a flipping and pitching event. Adam will need volunteers to help and with it not being a competition it should go much faster. Again, a good way to complete youth or conservation project for 2019. If you have any questions Adams contact info is on the website.

-Youth Stated Champions ship will be June 22 at Madison Chain, we will not be sending a team to Nationals this year as we do not have one to send. Please spread the word, it is a team format, 7-14 year olds, would need a boat captain who provides boat.

Vice president/tournament director report given by: Troy Shull

- All permits have been submitted and are pending approval
 - Qual. #1 May 3, LaCrosse, pools 7,8,9 out of Clinton St. ramp
 - Qual. #2 June 1, (June 2 is blow day), Oconto out of Breakwater Park
 - Qual. #3 June 29, Fence Lake Chain, launching out of Fence Lake
 - Mr. Bass July 28, Pewaukee Lake, out of public launch *3 fish limit*
 - NSF September 21,22, LaCrosse, Pools 7,8,9 out of Clinton St. ramp
- Trip sheets will be updated on website once all permits are approved.

Old Business Kurt Scheer:

-Election results for treasurer, we had 5 clubs not return ballots, Becky and Troy opened and counted ballots today, results are as follows:

-149 for Jim Jones and 36 for Mike Watson, Jim is new treasurer, they will work on getting things switched over and it should be much quicker this time around. In the mean time, please continue to send things to Mike Watson.

-Convention/ reps meeting dates are set, sign-up sheet will be on the website once all details are finalized.

-Banquet will be a late lunch on March 9th at Chula Vista, should be finished by early evening and allows everyone to socialie, etc. and reps meeting will be Sunday morning March 10th at Chula Vista.

New Business Kurt Scheer:

-With the loss of member Chris Truman, we would like for this year that he be boat #1 in all of the tournaments and we would like to do a remembrance sticker to sell at Convention, qualifiers, etc. in the amount of \$10.00. This will cost approx.. \$375.00 to have the first 250 stickers made and we would like to do this without recouping our fees and all proceeds go to Lake Mills Fire Department to give to his fiancé Amber. Since they were not married yet everything is in probate and this would be a way for us to give everything to her and help her out in this truly difficult time. The sticker will say something to the effect of friend, fisherman, hero with maybe a picture of him holding fish, Troy and Kurt will work on designing and also speak to Lake Mills Fire Department to possibly do a "fill the boot" type fundraiser at the convention and tournaments and to make sure we are not stepping on their toes as well.

-Motion made to have stickers made at our expense and all proceeds to go to Amber, motion accepted.

-Welcome new club Anchor Management from Racine and welcome back Tri-County Bass

-Chris Morgan is now running Facebook page and submitting info to TBF for website.

-Sponsor contracts are just starting to come together, again people were caught buying and selling units, products online, etc. If you continue to do this we could lose sponsorship. PLEASE do not do this, after a year it is fine but not in the first year.

Roll call taken by Becky Smyers: -

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-Meeting adjourned by Kurt Scheer