

TBF of CT Monthly meeting minutes of Sept. 21, 2016

Present were: Bass Fin-Addicts, Southeast, Bio Bass, Fishing Crew, Valley and Midstate.

Charlie Jedlica & Martin Schaffmeier need to pay the balance to participate in the National Semi Finals. We have 26 anglers -13 teams fishing the NSF from Ct.

Divisional Report: Ct came in 3rd, out of second by 1lb 3ozs. State Team did not work together as they could have. Dom had a hard time getting the guys where and when he wanted them. This Divisionals is the last boater – non-boater format where the non-boater gets the front of the boat for half of the day.

Lowrance still not in yet from 2015. We still have boaters' cushions if anyone wants one.

Fall Opens still need volunteers and someone to coordinate them. Keith will coordinate the volunteers.

National Semi Finals: We need volunteers. Jim J. will send out an email to get volunteers for the event and invite them to the banquet dinner.

No more team concept. "State team Contract" will have to be revised to change to the new format. We still intend to pay some of the expenses in some form... depending on what funds we have raised.

Thursday & Friday practice; Saturday & Sunday are tournament. Every boater should practice with co anglers.

Questions were asked about wearing jerseys with personal sponsors. Will be handled on a case by case basis.

Speaking of Jerseys Dom G. suggest we have a source for TBF of CT members to buy jerseys that promote us. He said he would look into it.

Amy suggested that we group the 9 opens we hold into 3 sets of 3. She wants to set them up as mini trails. For any TBF of CT member team that fishes all the opens in the grouping (Fall Spring and

Summer) and pays an additional \$50 per open tournament be put in an additional category.

The Open would be held as usual. Which ever team comes in 1st, 2nd, etc. gets paid as the open rules designate. The teams that paid the additional \$50 would be ranked from top to bottom. No drops. The highest finishing team at the end of the 3 tournaments would qualify to fish the National Semi Finals. They would decide which one is the boater and which one the co-angler.

If we had at least 4 teams we qualify 1 team.

If we had at least 9 teams we qualify 2 teams.

If we had at least 14 teams we qualify 3 teams.

We worked on setting the 2017 TBF trail. It was voted on and it is listed on the website. (ct-tbf.com).

Amy mentioned it was brought up to her that we might start our trail in October or November. Have an early bird tournament for the following year.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Perry – TBF of CT Secretary