

TBF of CT Minutes from the February 17, 2010 monthly meeting.

Present were: Bass Finn Addicts; Midstate; Bass Hunters; Bio Bass; Southeast Bass.

Minutes: Jerry Marks - motioned; Dom Gambardella - second. Passed as written.

Treasurer's Report: There are a few questions about current rosters; Amy and Rich will get together to get it straightened out. Jim Marenzana has given Bill Decoteau's receipts from the Divisional and has yet to turn them in.

Tournament Report: Tournament Director was not present. There was a brief discussion about tournament rules. Larry will be holding a tournament committee meeting before the next meeting. If you have any proposed tournament rule changes you want to propose - you need to get them to Larry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rich Schumacher has proposed a change in the C Division qualifying for the state team. It includes the same number of slots - 4; but finishing in a different order on the team. (See the proposal in the newsletter.)

There is still one H2O available, give Fred a call if you are interested.

Audit is still outstanding.

Fishing Show coming up in Hartford. Parking will be available in the parking garage attached to the Convention Center. Amy will e-mail the directions. We will have copies of the four Opens and a general write-up about TBF of CT to hand out.

Sponsors: National TBF is still working on finalizing the National Sponsor Roster. Wal-Mart and Castrol are no longer. Shakespeare is looking to expand the youth program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Johnson, a rep for the Hotels in Bethel-Brookfield has contacted us about offers the motels have available for anglers. They are encouraging anglers to stay at their motels.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Perry TBF of CT Secretary

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi everyone and welcome to spring (fishing time) in Connecticut. Daylight Savings Time starts in a few days and that usually means it's time to get on the water around here. Some of us do the ice-fishing thing, but it just doesn't compare to being out in the boat on soft water.

Before I forget, I want to thank each of the volunteers who came out and worked our booth at the fishing show and at the Cabela's show. Dominic Gambardella and his step-son Brandon, Jeff Misaiko, Jerry Hammond and Amy Perry all came out and worked both shows. Other members came out and worked one show or the other. I cannot express my gratitude for the help from each of the volunteers who came out. We had a number of people who said that they were really interested and planned to join us, so we'll see what comes of it. In any case we talked to a lot of people and handed out a lot of applications for our "open tournaments".

I have been told that our Vice-President, Jim Marenzana will not be able to continue to serve in that position. Jim has some issues that he has to deal with which will be taking his time for the near future. I have not spoken to Jim personally, but have been assured that this information is correct. If I get no other information prior to our March meeting, we will be accepting nominations for Vice-President to fill the term for the next two years. We will hold a special election at the May meeting to fill the void. For anyone who is interested, I ask only that you be seriously committed to help us move the Federation forward, and realize that there will be some work involved. Experience is not required.

We still are not sure of what will be happening over the next year when it comes to national sponsors, but from what we have been told Lowrance will be with us once again. All of the sponsor programs are finalized at the "Nationals" and from there I will be able to give everyone the details of our programs.

That's all that I have for now, so I won't waste any more of your time. Stay safe and I'll see ya on the water.

Fred