

TBF of CT monthly meeting minutes of  
Nov. 18, 2011

Present were: Midstate, Bio Bass, Southeast, Bass  
Fin-addicts, Southern, Schiticoke,

Minutes were passed as written.

Tournament Report: The October Open raised \$650.00 and the Nov 6 open raised \$475.00. We still have the Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Open scheduled.

There was discussion on the proposed trail for 2012. After discussion a motion was made by J. Canning and second by B. Carpenter to host an Open on Candlewood on Thursday May3, 2012. The motion passed.

A& B From the 2011 trail need to be decided and the funds distributed.

Youth: We need more kids for the junior club.

Old Business: We are still waiting on the \$1500 Lowrance certificate to arrive.

Fishing Show in Hartford is February 17 to 19, 2012.

We will be looking for volunteers to man the booth. Anyone wanting to sign up can e-mail Fred at [fram4tbf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fram4tbf@sbcglobal.net).

By-Law Proposal:

Effective at the end of the upcoming tournament season, "Any and all tournament rule changes and rules which will affect the standings of the trail and or the State Team will be brought forth and voted on prior to the December meeting of the year prior to the tournament season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Perry TBF of CT Secretary

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi everyone, hope all is well. It' been awhile since I have written anything, and for that you have my apologies. Many of us have put our boats away and broken out the hunting gear, but there's no ice on the water and the fish are still eating.

Our "Opens" have been quite successful, and we intend to continue holding them until the water turns hard. Hopefully we will see some of you there. On a positive note - in the past it has been pretty much common to see that the majority of the contestants were members of the upcoming State Team. This year we are seeing more and more contestants from outside of the State Team and many who are not even members of the organization. We run a clean tournament and the payouts are pretty good, so apparently the general fishing community is beginning to show up.

I don't think that I have written anything since the Regionals, so I have to say congratulations to Gary and Larry on their qualification for the "Nationals to be held at the end of March. At the same time, my congratulations for those who made the State Team for next years Divisional Tournament on Lake Champlain. (The results are listed on the web site)

This year it seems that no one is interested in running against the current slate of officers. I'd like to pretend that it's because we're doing such a good job, but I suspect that it is more a matter of people not wanting the headaches. Whatever the case, we will go forward and hopefully move the Federation in the right direction.

We do have one By-Law proposal, put forth by the executive board as listed in the "minutes". The proposal was brought forth in response to a thngs that have happened in the last two years, specifically the extra points from the trail which applied to the "Two Day" standings. When people sign up for our organization, they should know what they are getting into. It does not make any sense (in my opinion) to change the rules which would affect people who are fishing for the State Team or even fishing just the trail events, after they have made the commitment to join us. These commitments have been made based on the current rules and those rules should not change through the life of that commitment (1 year).

If passed this By-Law will take affect at the end of the upcoming years tournament trail and Two-Day event. It is too late to change the rules for the upcoming trail and Two-Day event without causing the same problems which we are trying to eliminate in the future.

I haven't mentioned to this point that we now have a different Tournament Director (actually co-directors) for the upcoming year. Larry has some other commitments for the future which preclude him from running the trail. Jeff Misaiko and Keith Cleary have stepped up and will run the trail and the Two-Day for next year. Keith has also said that he will help to promote our opens, with his computer skills and contacts. Hopefully he will be able to take our opens to another level. In any case we are happy to see both Jeff and Keith step up to ensure that we will continue to have a trail and Two-Day this coming year. Thank you guys!

I think that everyone is aware by now that we are constantly looking to expand our membership. As usual we will be participating at the "Fishing Show" this year and need volunteers to man the booth. Please contact us if you can find a few hours to help us out. It is even more important to talk to your fellow fishermen and help them to see that it makes good sense to join us. We offer a number of benefits that they won't find anywhere else, and as all of our members know you can't beat the price. While you are talking to your friends, we are also still looking for more kids for our youth club. Any of the youth who have participated in the past have been thrilled with the program and those who have moved on to the National Championship will tell you that it has been the trip of a lifetime.

Well I have to go now, but hopefully I will see you at the upcoming December meeting or at the next "Open" tournament which will be held on Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at Candlewood Lake. Remember our Federation meetings are held at Cabela's, so that on it's own is a good reason to show up at the meeting. It is also always good to have your input at our meetings - we all can gain by your participation, and some great ideas come when fresh faces show up. Hope to see you all there.

See ya' on the water - Fred

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