

TBF of CT Monthly meeting minutes held February 21, 2013

Present were: Bass Fin-Addicts, Southeast, Bio Bass, Southern, Valley, Schaghticoke, Mid State.

Minutes were approved as written.

Tournament Director: Scale & laptop still not talking. Dom will get Jeff the disk & printer he has for the scale and Jeff will keep trying. Jeff wants to get several members of the State Team copies of the Zebra Mussel sheets from the DEEP. That way if he is late we will not have the problem we had in the past. Amy suggested he bring copies to the State Team meeting and distribute them there.

State Team:

We have no secured house as yet.

State Team meeting to be held on March 7th at 7pm at J. Canning Assoc. Insurance office in Meriden.

OLD BUSINESS:

The website is looking better, but still needs work.

Keith said his sister is going to the Nationals and is willing to write a story from her perspective. Amy encouraged Keith and Gary to do the same - to get more content for the website.

Fishing Show in Hartford was so so. But we did get a few names of interested adults and kids. Keith and Jeff will follow up on these leads.

Keith mentioned that he gave away a lot of the guest applications for the 2013 trail. He was suggesting that the individual could "Try before you buy". Try fishing with us and see if they want to join.

A question was asked about the Berkley sponsorship program - Fred was not sure if it has been renewed - but you should check for the email that is sent out when the program is activated.

Fred brought in State Team contracts adjusted for the 2013 team. There was discussion on an added rule concerning minimum boat requirements to be taken to the Divisionals. After some discussion it was decided we remove the current rule and replace it with language similar to the following: "Boaters and alternate boaters have to be willing to take out their boats during the tournament (not just practice). If you bring a boat and are not willing to take it out during the Divisional, leaving us a boat short in the

tournament. You will sit out the rest of the tournament and the alternate will fish. (This does not apply if your non-boater in the Divisional takes their boat)."

There was also discussion on the way the State Team treats our National and State Sponsors. There was the request that we add a rule to the State Team contract. "Any State Team members that violates the National or State Sponsor guidelines will be immediately dropped from the team".

It was mentioned that State Team members need to remember if they sit out a day of the Divisional - you are out for the REST OF THE TOURNAMENT. You can not go back in.

It was pointed out that the Ranger Cup Results were sent in wrong. Joe Rackiewicz was sent in as winning two and he only won one. Larry Mansy was the winner on Lake Zoar... Joe was asked to give the \$50 to Larry. Joe agreed... everyone happy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy has contacted Cabalas' and has requested to have a table for the weekend of March 16 & 17 to highlight the TBF of CT. It would be Sat. 8-6 and Sunday 10-5. We will be looking for volunteers to man the table. If you do you are entitled to the Vendor Discount that Cabalas' offer. It varies by item, up to 25% off Cabalas' items.

Gary, Keith, Fred & Amy are going to the Nationals in April. We need to decide what funds we have to give them to help defer the expenses.

There was discussion on if we should pay for lodging for the Divisionals this year since we are on the Connecticut River. We could have a meeting a half hour after each day for a team meeting. Current State Team members were not in favor.

Joe Rackiewicz mentioned that his club paid the dues for Bill Carpenter for 2013. He requested the return of the dues due to Bill's death last month. A motion was made and second.. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Perry TBF of CT Secretary

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