## TBF of CT Meeting minutes of meeting held on April 18, 2013

Present were: Valley, Bio Bass, Bass Fin-addicts, Midstate, and Southeast.

Minutes were approved as written.

Youth: the next youth tournament is June 9<sup>th</sup> on Candlwood. Newtown Bait & Tackle donated gift cards for the junior tournament trail. Thank you!

In 2014 youth membership will be \$25 Nationally. High School fishing will be taking the place of the older division in our current system.

Tournament Dir. There are no proposed tournament trail rule changes for 2013. The March 30<sup>th</sup> open had a FULL Field... 30 boats.

This year you need to read and FOLLOW the Tournament Director's directions... if you don't you will be disqualified!!! The tournament committee should get their boats out of the water FIRST!! Joe Rackiewicz will be the check in boat for all the trail events.

## Old Business:

Website: Pat is not updating as needed. Amy will be talking to the old webmaster on Monday to learn if she can do it... or get Peg, the old webmaster to take it over again. (\$65 an hour).

See if there is a way we can get a "fish gallery" going that can take posts from your smart phones.

## **New Business:**

TBF cards for 2013 are being e-mailed and you print them yourselves.

Power pole sponsor???

There is now a app for the phone to get info on any lake you want to fish.

DREAM TEAM event on Sturges' Bay. You qualify to fish this event by fishing in tournament events set up by each state. Last year the entry fee was \$200 a team and for every 25 teams - ONE team qualifies to move on and get a stipend to help cover gas, food & lodging costs. Top three finishers get a small payout. More exact info to follow. There are other trail options out there just waiting for someone to step up and be the tournament director. Fred has more info for an interested individual.

Eastern Divisionals: Ben W. from N.Y. plans

2014's Divisional on 1,000 Islands out of French Creek. Questions on Canadian Waters? (You need to call in each day to say you are fishing their waters and get permission.).

At the Nationals Fred asked Robert about jet boats and the Enfield Dam. Robert said no jet boats and no Mass. Waters.. "propeller driven boat".

At the Nationals the Cabela's Anglers' Cash award went to the third place finisher .... Because the 1<sup>st</sup> place was not entered; the 2<sup>nd</sup> place did not wear the shirt across the stage.. #3 place says THANK YOU!

This year the top Co-angler from the Nationals will have his entries paid for the trail of this choice next year.

Berkley - nothing new.

There was discussion on asking the State Team to captain for the Junior Club once a year and receive credit for working - like an Open.

Respectfully Submitted, Amy Perry, TBF of CT Secretary