

TBF of CT monthly meeting minutes September 19, 2013

Present were: Southern, Valley, Southeast, Bio Bass, Bass Fin-Addicts, Midstate.

Minutes were approved as written.

Youth: Rich S. said he still needed three boats for the Sept. 29th tournament on Candlewood. Amy & Don Coffin volunteered to Captain for the Jr. Club.

Tournament: In 2013 we had 62 entries in "A" and 54 in "B".

State Team: We won the Divisional on the Connecticut River. The prize money went to the State Team members. Dino Moutogiannis won the overall tournament with a three day total of 30-08 pounds. Keith Cleary was second for Ct. with 25-11 pounds. Both Dino & Keith will be going to the Nationals in the spring.

Cabela's hosted the Divisional contenders to a Dinner at Cabela's on Monday night of the Divisional and they paid for the pairings dinner on Tuesday night. Since we won and now have a trophy cup to have for the year, it was suggested by Norm B. to have Cabela's display the cup in East Hartford for the next year. Everyone thought that was a great idea - so Fred & Amy are working on a display case and working with Tracy at Cabela's to find it a home for the year.

This years' Divisional cost us just under \$5,900. This included paying for the majority of the boat gas.

Next year the Divisional will be held in the St. Lawrence River in New York out of Clayton.

R.I. is suggesting we move the Eastern Divisional from September to the last week in June. After much discussion a vote was taken that we leave it where it is in September.

There was discussion on the Divisional just held in Middletown. It was mentioned that Middletown was looking to build a new ramp & complex to draw more tournaments to Middletown. Jerry Marks says Middletown had been working on this complex with Hotel and Launch for a number of years and it is to include dredging the small creek and using the expansive old industrial acreage in the area. It was mentioned that this complex should hold parking for 100 trailers & trucks and 50 additional cars.

Solar bat glasses that were sent when we signed the contract are still available. It was discussed and decided that we give them away at the upcoming Opens as a free raffle.

Proposed 2014 TBF trail:

April 27 - Sun - Lilly

May 10 - Sat - Candlewood

June 15 - Sun - Zoar

July 20 - Sun - Ct River - Haddam

Aug. 10 - Sun - Candlewood

TWO-DAY Aug 23 & Aug 24

State Team Opens for 2014

March 29 - Sat. - Candlewood

May 1 - Thursday - Candlewood

June 1 - Sun.- Ct River Haddam

July 12 - Sat. - Candlewood

July 27 - - Ct. River Haddam

Oct. 18 - Sat - Candlewood

Nov 11 - - Candlewood

Nov 30 - Sun.- Candlewood

There was discussion on adding a December Open THIS year if weather is good. A last minute schedule - there was no opposition.

Since Jeff Misaiko & Keith Cleary were running for Co-Tournament Director unopposed, Amy placed one vote for the duo and they will continue thru the 2014 year.

Dom G. brought up the idea of having a set tournament committee to help the tournaments run smoothly. With the hope of having a more cohesive team running the Scales and ramp, as well as putting the scale back in the case correctly.

A discussion began with Dom.G. stating we should get rid of "C" Division. If you want to make the State Team from the Trail you should have to fish the "A" Division. "B" Division should be a cheap way to fish and learn the water.

There was a good amount of discussion on how to qualify state team members from the trail. It was proposed to have members that want to qualify from the trail put the \$75.00 fee in the kitty at the beginning of the season. Members will have to fish in "A" Division to participate. With the understanding that these anglers will always have two in the boat & no pre-pairing.

There was a suggestion that to fish the two-day you

would need to fish at least 3 of the 5 trail tournaments. If you do not there would be an extra charge to fish the two-day. It worked out to \$25. For each of the three tournaments you don't fish. This could increase the two-day cost for any member who had NOT fished the trail events to \$200 instead of \$125.

There was talk of a points system for the trail events to work with this - but it was too confusing to go any further.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Perry TBF of CT Secretary