

TBF of CT Nov. 21. 2013 monthly meeting minutes

Present were: Bio Bass, Midstate, Southeast Bass, Valley.

Minutes were passed as written.

Tournament Dir.

Volunteers were reviewed for the next two Opens. State Team:

Fred said the trophy case is all but ready. We have been waiting for members to help us photo shop two members into the group picture. Norm asked Amy to email it to him and he would see if he could make it happen.

Old Business:

We still need to produce a Lowrance video for our website. Anyone who wants to help can contact Fred.

By-Law proposals:

1. Any person wishing to fish the Two Day State Team Qualifier must either fish three of the TBF trail tournaments (in either division) or pay an extra entry fee of \$25.00 per tournament for each of the required tournaments that were not fished. (Example - Fish only one trail tournament and pay an entry fee of \$175.00 to fish the Two Day Qualifier (\$125.00 regular entry fee plus 2 times \$25.00.))

Discussion on this point: Amy remarked that "I pay my dues as everyone else - I should be able to participate at any level I choose. I should not be penalized for wanting to fish the two day and not the trail.

2. Each year a number of anglers will be selected from the TBF tournament trail to be members of the State Team. Members who wish to advance to the State Team from the trail will do so in the following manner.

A. Members who wish to advance to the team must fish the trail as competitors in the A Division.

B. Members who wish to advance from the trail must pay an added fee of \$75.00 prior to fishing their first qualifying tournament of the season.

One in five of the competitors who choose to fish in this manner to advance to the team will become members of the team. (1 thru 5 fishing will receive 1 spot, 6 thru 10 will receive 2 spots. Etc.), with a maximum of 6 members who can qualify thru the

trail events.

Positions on the State Team will be the same as if qualifying thru the old "C" division (Covered elsewhere in our rules).

3. In the year following participating in the Divisional Tournament the members of the State Team and alternates as determined at the state team qualifier will be required to fish A Division when fishing the TBF trail events.

Not an empty boat if fishing A+ division. No pre pairing for members fishing A+ Division.

It was suggested it would be better to be able to pre pair - it's a positive to new members coming in to the fishing clubs.

Tournament Rule Proposal: All tools of the boat used by the boat owner during the allotted time at the front of the boat will be available for use by the non-boater during their allotted time in the front of the boat (trolling motor, depth finder, anchor, anchoring pole etc.)

State Team Contract Change Proposal:

In lieu of fulfilling the requirement of working for two of the "Open tournaments" a member of the State Team may fulfill one (only) of those requirements by serving as a boat captain for one of the TBF Junior Trail tournaments (as needed by the Youth Director.).

There were no new nominations for officers for the 2014 year.

New Business:

State Team looks like it's going to Thousand Islands in New York. May need Canadian license and Canadian Sports Card, Your passport too. We will verify and keep you posted.

Dues are due before next month's meeting.

Are there any clubs looking for new members?? Everyone should sign up for Cabela's cash in January - can do thru the ct-tbf.com website.

Discussion on where we should go from here... suggestions on things we might do for membership.

More recognition for trail event winners and A & B division winners annually. Fred said he had some

award certificates in mind. Do an annual banquet.

Fishing Show booth fee \$150.00 for 2014 show.

Feb. 14- 16, 2014. Looking for volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

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