

Summit City Bassmasters

January 2006 Newsletter

President:	Wendel Brown
Vice President:	Kevin Galbreath
Secretary:	Rob Stroupe
Treasurer:	Doug Haines
Tournament Director:	Bill Hovermale

Next Meeting

Special Note : This meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to a schedule conflict at Gander Mountain.

Location: Gander Mountain, Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Date: Tuesday, 14 February, 2006 at 7 pm

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	1570.10
Civic Fund	150.00
Classic Fund	<u>33.50</u>
Total	1753.60

In Attendance

Rob Stroupe , Wendel Brown , Phil Scribner , Bill Hovermale , Greg Rekeweg , Paul Cavanaugh , Dave Urick , Greg Rekeweg
Bob Bruick , Dan White , Nate Fox , Jim Graham , Carl Parrett , Kevin Galbreath , Jack Burks , Mark Kirk .

Guests : Matt Harris , John Pennington

Old Business

1. Discussion on the BASS vs. Federation issues were gone over briefly . Due to the lack of information given to us from the Zone meeting this issue will be further dicussed after the State meeting in December. There could be and Advisory Board and Officers meeting called before the January Club meeting if more details come up that need the clubs attention.
2. Please bring any ideas for Constitution and By-Laws changes that you would like to see to the January club meeting.

3. Our tournament director has picked his committee and will be calling a meeting to set up our 2006 tournament schedule. Committee members are as follows. Bryan Thurman , Phil Scribner , Bryan Ziegler , Bob Bruick . Congratulations and good luck on keeping Bill from having 12 hour tournaments .
4. Also welcome Bryan Thurman as our new Awards committee chairman. Git-R-Dun-Son !!!!!!!
5. Motion to the table passed to discontinue the Blue lake ramp clean up. But now we need to find something for Mr. Bruick to do in the summer ??
6. It was brought to my attention the the banner on top of the news letter causes some timely downloading for dial-up members. Guess not everyone can download at the speed of a BULLET , so it has been removed.
7. Motion to the table passed that when we run out of carbon copy tournament weigh-in forms that we will go to single sheet style forms. Some how I think this is going to be another one of my tasks ???
8. I have all the forms such as Top-8 , New roster updates . The only one I have yet to recieve is the National Dues and roster form. Klye check the office please . Gary , did you by chance recieve this ??? Thanks Rob .

1. **November 19th Zone meeting info.**

- A. 2006 Zone meeting schedule
 - January 21st 9:00 a.m. Warsaw Legion
 - March 4th 9:00 a.m. Warsaw Legion
 - August 9th 7:00 p.m. Warsaw Legion
 - Novenber 4th 9:00 a.m. Warsaw Legion
- B. 2006 Top-8 proposals
 - District #1 lake Shaeffer To be determined
 - District #2 Salamonie day 1 , Missisinewa day 2 May 20th & 21st
 - District #3 Wawassee June 10th & 11th
 - District #4 Wawassee May 6th & 7th Meeting at Moore boats friday before <<

This is our Top-8 >>
- C. Our Zone Director is Paul Holobaugh
- D. InvitationalTournament Trail dates
 - March 19th Patoka
 - April 23rd Monroe
 - June 25th Patoka
 - July 16th Madison Ohio River
 - August 20th Rockypoint Ohio River
 - September 10th Wawassee
 - October 21st Classic To be determined Only the top 25 boaters and non-boaters will be allowed for this.
- E. Tournament of Champions

1st saturday in October at Wawasee

F. 2006 State Finals
July 29th & 30th Monroe

G. Club tournament schedules need to be sent to Mitch Hayes for updating the web-sight . Please use "Word" or "Excel" . Contact can be found on the IBF web-sight.

H. Top-8 Packets as well as updated rosters need to be turned in no later that Feburary 1st , Please see your club secretary for info. on this!!!!!!

I. And as we all know the discussion between the Federation and BASS . We were asked to hold off on sending in dues and rosters until after the December state meeting. Alot of possiblities were discussed but nothing in concrete yet . BASS is mandating a yearly dues increase from \$15 to \$20 and there is more to the story . You can check for updates on the continueing saga at bassfan.com as well as the IBF web-sight.

J. Boaters , make sure to get your insurace upgraded to a \$300,000 liability coverage before this season begins. It will be a requirement starting this year.

2. December 10th State meeting info.

A. Adopt an Angler program needs old or extra tackle , contact Corey Thompson for details. Contact info. can be found on the IBF web-sight.

B. WISH Tournament to be held saturday April 8th at Monroe.
Riley Hospital Tournament to be held June 11th at Monroe.

C. Indiana Bass News = please send any advertising including club news , pictures , kids outings that you would like published . Contact Paul Holobaugh. Contact info. on the IBF web-sight.

D. Northern Divisional Tournament
Alexandria Minnesota September 15th & 16th <<<<<< Bob this means YOU !!!!
Also it was requested that State Team Members attend the Feburary State Meeting <<<<<<< This also means you BOB !!!!!!!

E. DNR Issues

Launch fee Permit to be replaced by a Lake User's Permit. This must be on your boat , not on your trailer !!

The DNR is also trying to instill an Application Permit Fee. This fee will pertain to tournaments held with 15 or more boats. It also will have a graduating cost scale ranging from \$20 to \$150 bepending on the amount of boats . The director of the DNR is Klye Hupfer , please please give him a call on this issue and state your concerns in a polite fashion. Phone number 1-317-232-4020 or use the Indiana DNR web-sight. **Note:** None of the surrounding states has such a fee ?

There is also a bill in the works to add a lodging tax . This would increase the amount you

pay for hotels and such when traveling for out of town tournaments and events in Indiana. Please contact your state representative or governor and express your concerns on this issue. I have a list of contact info. that i will be bringing to the next few meetings if you need them .

F. Boat show needs assistants to help with raffle ticket sales , if you plan to attend please make some time to assist with this.

G. Cating Kids state finals will be in the fall , to be detrmined.

H. There will be a Federation meeting on January 9th between the State Directors. Hopefully there will be some information from this as to the goings on between BASS and the Federation or the FLW or ect. ect.

I. Motion to the table PASSED to let the decisionof our state directors be taken to the Federation national meeting. In case your wondering it an 11 to 5 vote to stay with the Federation

Alot of discussion from club members at the state meeting on what to do with rosters and fees , since the deadlines are fast approaching. some clubs only sent enough money and member rosters to BASS to keep there club active until somekind of decision can be reached. It's kind of like playing both sides of the coin , keeping your butts covered so your ready for what might happen with only minimal risk . There will still be a regionals and nationals but we are unsure of the status concerning the BassMasters Classic spots. I guess time will tell so please use the links that Mr. Hovermale has sent and keep yourself up to date and we will do our part to keep you informed on up comming issues and info.

If there is something that I have forgotten , I appologize. As you can tell I am a wealth of useless infromation and have been far to busy chasing it.

New Business

1. Motion Passed to adopt the Incentive Program as listed below for 2006.
Kevin Galbreath would like donations for prizes , for the incentive program. Please try to make these new items.
2. Program Committee volunteers : Mark Kirk & Dan White
3. Motion Passed to accept the 2006 tournament schedule as posted below.

4. Motion Passed to update the By-Laws Article 4 , section 21 . This will mandate the increase of boaters liability insurance from \$100,000 to \$300,000. This will be brought up at the February meeting for a 2/3 majority vote.
5. Motion passed for the club to supply gas reimbursement for appointed member attending zone and state meetings. State meetings at Indianapolis to be \$35.00. Zone meetings at Warsaw to be \$15.00.
6. It was decided by the Tournament Committee that this years tournament payback will be 100% on the day of the tournament.
Payback could be up to 3 places depending on attendance. Also an optional Big Bass pot could arise. Remember that tournament fees and big bass pots are OPTIONAL not mandatory. To qualify for winnings you MUST pay into the pot.
*This also means that the amount of entry fees will probably rise for the classic. This will be decided on by the Classic Director at a later date.
7. There were some dicussions for other by-laws and or constitutional changes. But no formal motions were brought up at this time.
8. Ice Breaker Open : This is out club sponsered fund faising tournament . To be held on Sylvan Lake on April 22nd . A volunteer list will be needed when the time arrives to run this tournament . More information to follow at a later date .
9. There will be some changes made to the format of the next news letter to aid in the record keeping of the meetings , thanks for your patience in this matter . Rob S.

Other notes

SUMMIT CITY BASSMASTERS 2006 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

I am going to try an incentive program this next year. It will award points for things that you do with or for the club.

There will be different points awarded for different activities based on

their importance. For every 10 points that you get, you will receive a ticket for a raffle drawing at the yearly Banquet. That should give everybody a chance to win if they gather points.

The program will start January 1st, 2006 and end October 31st, 2006.

Some of the prizes that we discussed were things like fishing tackle, dues paid for the following year, gift cards, ect. The list will be depending on what I can get together by the Banquet. Below are the points that will be awarded for the activities:

Activities	Points
1. Attend monthly meetings	5
2. Fishing a tournament	5
3. Attend a state or regional meeting	10
4. Clean up at Blue Lake ramp	10
5. Special functions of the club like our Ice Breaker Tournament, the Kids Outing or Casting Kids	20
6. Bringing in a new member	20

Also, you must be present at the year-end Banquet to be able to win the prizes. I will try and have more by the next meeting.

Kevin Galbreath Vice President

Tournament News

2006 Tournament Schedule

DATE	LAKE		TIMES
2-Apr-06	ADAMS LAKE	PUBLIC	7am-3pm
20-May-06	DEWART	PUBLIC	6am-2pm
3-Jun-06	CLEAR LAKE	CLEAR LAKE MARINA	6am-2pm
17/18 JUNE 2006	St. CLAIR, MI	HARLEY-ENSIGN	5:30am-2:30pm
8-Jul-06	HAMILTON	PUBLIC	5:30am-2:30pm
30-Jul-06	WAWASEE	DNR	5:30am-2:30pm
26-Aug-06	CHAPMAN	DNR	6am-2pm
23/24 SEPT 2006	CLASSIC TBA	TBA	6:30am-2:30pm
8-Oct-06	COLDWATER, MI	DNR	7am-3pm
14-Oct-06	PALESTINE	DNR	7am-3pm

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Club Meeting 7:00 pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Zone Meeting Warsaw 9:00a.m.
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Deadline for Roster mailing	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

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