

# Summit City Bassmasters

## January 2007 Newsletter

President: Wendel Brown  
Vice President: Phil Scribner  
Secretary: Jim Graham  
Treasurer: Doug Haines  
Tournament Director: Mark Kirk

### **Next Meeting**

**Location:** Gander Mountain, Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 6th, 2007 at 7 pm

### **In Attendance**

Wendel Brown, Gary Sanderlin, Doug Haines, Mike Uptgraft, Kevin Galbreath, Bob Bruick, Mark Kirk, Bill Hovermale, Nate Fox, Jim Graham, Glen Edwards, Bill Hovermale, Phil Scribner, and Chris Spurr.

### **Meeting Minutes**

*Summit City Bassmasters Minutes of January 2, 2007 Meeting*

Minutes of *December 2006* meeting as distributed in the newsletter accepted on a motion and seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund	1,769.05
Civic Fund	150.00
Classic Fund	<u>40.00</u>
Total	1,959.05

*(as reported by Doug Haines's)*

## **New Business:**

1. Club Dues. Wendel Brown would like to remind all that if you are intending on being a member this year, your Dues are due now. Our current roster sits at 17 paid members. One member has committed but yet to pay and that will bring membership to 18.
2. FLW Dues. As a reminder, anyone wishing to join Summit City Bass Masters will also need to join the FLW as part of their club membership for the 2007 fishing season. You need to join at the Competitor level. You can get a discount on your membership by joining through TBF.
3. Top Eight. The top eight competitors will be as follows. Greg Rekeweg, Bob Bruick, Mark Kirk, Max Egley, Jim Graham, Bill Hovermale, Doug Haines, Keith Schroder. The 4 alternates are Gary Sanderlin, Nate Fox, Phil Scribner, and Kevin Galbreath. The Top 8 tournament has been scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 on Wawasee.
4. Membership Committee. Phil Scribner and Kevin Galbreath are heading up the Membership Committee and are looking into running a club ad in the outdoor page about the club, functions and meetings. Phil reported that an announcement will run in the paper one week prior to the club meetings each month. Phil also advised us that there will be an announcement in the weeks proceeding the Ice Breaker Tournament in April.
5. Ice Breaker. Bob Bruick Reports that the 2007 Ice Breaker held on Sylvan April 21 is proceeding. Wendel Brown has the tournament permit in hand. Bob is going to contact Greg Rekeweg to get the list of 2004, 2005 and 2006 attendees to mail a flier to. As a reminder ALL members should make plans now to be sure that they have this date left open to help.

6. 2007 Tournament Schedule. Tournament Director Mark Kirk presented the following schedule to the club for a vote. Hours for the tournaments to be announced but tournament will be 8 hours.

Sun.	4/15	Webster
Sat.	5/5	James
Sat.	5/19	Hamilton
Sat.	6/23	Lake Erie (Michigan Waters Only)
Sun.	6/24	Lake Erie (Michigan Waters Only)
Sat.	7/14	George (Evening Tournament 7pm – 2am)
Sun.	8/5	Chapman
Sun.	8/26	Klinger (Michigan)
Sat.	9/15	Classic TBA
Sun.	9/16	Classic TBA
Sat.	10/6	Coldwater (Michigan)

The purposed tournament sidepot will be \$5.00. \$3.00 will go toward the first place finish and \$2.00 will be contributed to the Classic Fund. The side pot is optional and limited to SCBM members.

7. Newsletters. Wendel Brown announced the change in format to the Website newsletter as well as the distributed copy via email. Jim Graham will be publishing newsletters in PDF format. This ensures that all documents you receive will be viewable and printable as they were first published. If you are unable to view newsletters you need to download and install Adobe Acrobat Reader from Adobes website. If you are having trouble with or trouble getting Acrobat Reader contact Wendel.
8. Club Shirts. Phil Scribner and Jim Graham had an example shirts with the embroidered logo with them for the club to inspect. The shirts design and logo were liked. The club voted to go with a Teal colored Guide Sheet. It was agreed that the shirt could be either long or short sleeve, be each club member is encouraged to have one shirt in the “Club Teal” color. Phil will take a head count to the Manager of Gander Mountain, to firm up a price for the shirts. The embroidery will run \$12.50. Look for an Email from Phil later this month with an exact price for the shirts. Phil will need your shirt size and desired sleeve length. Plan on bringing money to pay for your shirt to the February Meeting.
9. Bowling Add. Gary Sanderlin brought in a copy of the 2006 / 2007 High School Bowling Ad that Chris Spurr put together to the meeting. Chris did an very nice job on it. Thanks from the club for a Job well done and our thanks to Gary for putting it together and getting it published.
10. Followup Book. Gary is still interested in putting together a booklet of tips from the tournaments we fished this year. It was suggested that Gary send out a information questionnaire. Please take the time to answer Gary’s questions as the goal is to make us all better fisherman.

## **Old Business:**

1. No old business was discussed.

## **Other notes**

Bill Hovermale reports the following from the IBF State Meeting on 09Dec2006

Larry Watson addressed the IBF tournament trail. I missed the dates but they should be posted on the web site. There will be two stops at Wawasee. There is an off limits period starting the Sunday night prior to the tournament and ending on the Friday morning before the tournament (can pre fish Friday, Saturday for Sunday tournament). (If I misunderstood this it is supposed to be stated in the rules.)

To fish the tournaments you must be an FLW member (for insurance purposes) but do not need to be a TBF/IBF member. To qualify for Ranger Cup you must be TBF/IBF member. IBF is working for the top angler & co angler to get a slot on the BassFan tournament.

Riley Tournament July 8 on Patoka. There will be a drawing for a Ranger boat from participants.  
WISH June 16 on Patoka. IBF co sponsors but ran by Skeeter.

WEB Site:

Send club tournament schedules in WORD or EXCEL. Avoid conflicting with other clubs/events.

ELDON: conservation

\*Kyle Hupfer resigned as head of DNR to accept position with private firm. IBF maintains a position on state FWCC (Fish & Wildlife.....) They meet every 3 months with the DNR from 9-12 and then from 1 till ? without the DNR as a PAC to be a watchdog of the Natural Resources Commission (who propose new rules/regulations/laws to the General Assembly)

Eldon addressed a question by someone about the Red Bridge Marina area of the Mississenewa and the off limits to fishing - He stated he was told it was Public water open to Public use. He also stated the Marina concern was people using the pretense of fishing as a cover for theft of items from the boats docked in the Marina. It was suggested that the Marina be notified of any fishing tournaments if people were going to be in the Marina area and try to resolve conflicts before they occur. It was also noted that if a fisherman snags a cover or damages property they are liable for those damages and that they would be subject to trespass laws for boarding private docks or boats.

The DNR will be assessing a \$3.00 fee per boat for tournaments (up from \$2.00 per boat or \$1.00 per fisherman). He stated the #1 DNR complaint was boats violating the IDLE ZONE by running through it. They will be increasing enforcement of idle zones and they do have the right to escort violators to the ramp and trailering their boat as well as barring them from the lake for 1 day - kind of blows your chances in a tournament. Eldon stated he fully supported this position and felt it was only fair that everyone played by the same rules.

There is a proposal for a Seniors fishing license (I assume hunting as well) of \$3.00 per year or \$17.00 lifetime (65 and older). In return the state DNR would receive \$9.00 per year per license from the Federal Government.

Manitou - may be closed for 3 to 4 years until Hydrilla is eradicated. No access unless you live on the lake and then it is very controlled. If necessary they will close the lake to all access. They have sprayed the lake already and the creek it flows into (they did find hydrilla in the creek but think they have killed that growth).

### Fishing the state properties (reservoirs) –

This year there was an exemption for the day of a tournament. Next year there will be no exemption. If you are fishing on the reservoirs you will have to have the permit on your boat.

Eldon talked about the Minnie Hartman school, an inner city school in Indy which has 88% kids on free lunch and 7% on reduced lunch. They did a summer camp trip for 4th graders this year with the help of sponsors. They were looking for sponsors for next year: need at least \$4510.00 for 55 students to cover costs. IBF donated \$1000.00. Another \$307.00 was collected at the meeting. Anyone or any clubs interested in donating to help the school can contact Eldon.

### New Public Relations officer:

Jeff ?? He is writing some generic press release statements/forms and these will be posted on the web site for use by any of the clubs to help get coverage for events they would covered.

Boat Sport and Travel show: Advance tickets \$8.00. Any tickets the club sells they will get \$0.50 per ticket. At the door the tickets will be \$9.00 unless they decide to raise the cost to \$10.00. There are supposed to be some sheets on the web site for the club secretaries to do with boat raffle tickets. It was also stated it would be a big help if the tickets were in sequential order when turned in.

Dave Dick Z2D5-6 will be the raffle boat chairman for 2007.

Bob Toppe Z4D9 will be the Boat Show Booth coordinator.

The boat show is Feb 16 to 25.

Booth coverage is:

Zone 1 24/25 Feb.

zone 2 16, 19, 20 Feb

Zone 3 21, 22, 23 Feb

Zone 4 17/18 Feb

Kenn Gibbs: Youth Coordinator

IBF/TBF/FLW will be running Reel Kids Games/Contests at the State Booth for the boat show in Indy and also in Fort Wayne. For clubs wanting to do Reel Kids events they can contact Ken Gibbs for information. These will top out at the State level - no national level at this time.

Conservation officers camp is June 21 at Raccoon Lake. Will be looking for volunteers.

State Finals for 2007 will be at Rocky Point on August 11 and 12. Wally Burns and Bob Toppe will be running it. Congratulated 2007 state team qualifiers. 2006 State Team members spoke of their experiences this year and expressed their thanks to Doug, Eldon and the IBF. Eldon stated this was the best TEAM he has ever traveled with because they did work as a team at the divisional. Quinn Hoyer and Aaron Ivy will be going to Lake Wylie for the championship.

Everyone expressed their belief that the Divisional was Professionally run and that they, the anglers, were treated as pros (respectfully) and that it was a very positive experience.

2007 State Team will be fishing out of Sandusky on Lake Erie. Patches and chevrons for this years Top 8s and State finals will be sent out to the clubs to be passed on to the participants.

Top 8s for 2007: Z1D1 May 5,6 on Freeman Schaeffer

Z1D2 May 19/20 on Wawasee

Z1D3 June 2/3 on Wawasee

Z1D4 June 9/10 on Wawasee

State Officer elections were held. Doug Bradley re-elected as president. Don Jenkins elected as Vice President. John Thomas elected as Secretary. Larry Watson elected as treasurer.

## **Tournament News**

No News to Report from the Committee

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