

Summit City Bass Masters Minutes

Date January, 8th 2008

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

President: Wendel Brown
Vice President: Nathan Fox
Secretary: Jim Graham
Treasurer: Mark Kirk
Tournament Director: Greg Rekeweg

Meeting Minutes: Minutes as taken by Jim Graham

Motion was made to Approve last months Minutes by Kevin Galbreath and seconded by Mark Kirk.

NOTE: Ammended 27Jan 08 for a mistake on the tournament scedule by JG

In Attendance:

Members in Attendance were Wendel Brown, Nate Fox, Mike Uptgraft, Loren Compton, Greg Rekeweg, Bill Hovermale, Bill Alday, Kevin Galbreath, Aaron Krider, Mark Kirk, Kyle Winling, Phil Scribner, Doug Haines, and Jim Graham

We welcomed the following guests to the meeting, Sam Hochstetler, Matt Gardenour, Geff Velpel, Bill Howard, Dale Braun, Mike Burdett, and Bill Paul. Thanks for your interest

Treasurer's Report: as reported by Mark Kirk. Motion to Approve the treasurers report by Greg Rekeweg and Seconed by Kevin Galbreath

General Fund	1,236.75
Civic Fund	21.00
Classic Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$1,257.75

New Business:

1. **Federation News** – Bill Hovermale’s report and note from the December meeting are attached to the back of this months SCBM Minutes. Bill will be attending the Zone meeting on Jan. 12th. Expect his report at Februarys Meeting. The State Meeting is February 16th at 1:00 PM.

The Indianapolis Boat Show is the week of February 15th thru 24th. Zone 1 is responsible for manning the IBF booth the 23 and 24th. Loren Compton has volunteered to work the boat show one of those days. as a representative of SCBM and Zone 1. If you are also interested let Bill Hovermale know asap.

2. **Membership Commette** – Welcomes back Kyle Winling to the club.

The members of the club thank Ben Smith of the Journal Gazette, Nathan Fox and Wendel Brown for the article in the Journal Gazette’s Outdoor Page over the weekend. Nate said that Ben Smith contacted him and asked if he could do a page on the club. Any way you look at it was great exposure for the club.

Greg is working on a couple of designs for the club flier. He Hopes to have some thing to look over by the February meeting.

3. **Ice Breaker** – April 5th, 2008 on Sylvan. Greg Rekeweg said that his wife will have the flier completed by the weekend. Bob Bruick is to get the flier printed out. Bill Alday has the permit in hand for 75 boats. Bill’s home number for any tournament questions is 260-434-1366 and this will be posted on the bebsite as well.
4. **Insurance** – As follow up from previous months, Doug Haines has been researching further the liability insurance. He has contacted several large firms to inquire about liability insurance. They are in turn looking for someone to underwrite the insurance and get us a quote. Doug said that it has not been easy to find someone interested in insuring a club because the membership and functions vary so much. An example Doug gave was: How many people are going to attend the Tournstone outing? Questions like this are a little difficult to give an exact answer. Doug will report more when he knows more.

Doug did say that as it stands now if the club were to be sued, we can expect that the lawyer filing the suit would look at the club member asset’s as a whole, present at the event or not, and throw all asset value into a lump sum and go for that amount. Typically your individual homeowners insurance (300K to 500K) would help cover you. Again more in the future...

5. **Tournament Commette** – Greg Rekeweg presented the following for approval. Greg noted that the times are subject to change and he has not taken Day Light Savings Time into consideration at this point.

April 19 th	Wawasee		7:00am – 3:00pm
April 26 th & 27 th	Wawasee	Top 8	
May 10 th	Hamilton		6:00am – 2:00pm
May 18 th	Crooked Lake		6:00am – 2:00pm
June 21 st & 22 nd	St. Clair MI / Harley Ensign		5:00am – 3:00pm
July 12 th	Randall Chain, MI		5:30am – 1:30pm
July 27 th	Wawasee		6:00am – 2:00pm
August 10 th	Coldwater MI		6:00am – 2:00pm
August 23 rd	Clear (evening)		4:00pm – 12:00am
September 6 th	“Mega Bucks” (no points, rules and entry limited and to be announced)		
September 20 th & 21 st	Classic	TBA	TBA
October 4 th	Wawasee		7:00am – 3:00pm

Greg is planning on running a similar pot system as was used last year. An optional \$5 pot will pay \$3.00 to the winner and \$2.00 to the classic fund.

Bill Hovermale reported that the state finals this year would be held on Missisinawa Reservoir. He stated that the fishing there has been good lately.

The tournament schedule was approved will none apposed.

6. **Kids Outing** – Mark Kirk has volunteered to
7. **Classic** – Kevin Galbreath has been appointed Tournament Director for the Classic. Kevin stated that he already has an idea of what he wants to do for the classic and start looking into it.
8. **Program Commette Chair** – Loren Compton brought an idea to the table that was part of the club he belonged to in Texas’s monthly meeting. Prior to a tournament being held on a lake. Someone “older and wiser” (he claimed “not Me”) would present the lake. What to expect, what works for him and where. All felt this was an excellent idea, but nobody stepped up at this point to put together the speakers.

If you are interested in heading up the program schedule, or presenting something on a night, contact Wendel Brown.

Old Business:

1. No old business was discussed as Max is still in Florida.

Other notes:

2007 December 08 State Meeting

Financials from Larry Watson:

Checking starting balance: \$3959 Receipts: \$30104 Expenses: \$32418 Balance: \$1644
Savings: 1 (Lowrance) \$10,592
 2 (Federation Projects) \$3518
 3 (Bass/Youth) \$15,570

Club related:

There was a handout at the meeting for the clubs to set up an online registration of their membership. This should be done by the club secretary as they must go to the web site and register for a password. Once they receive the password and can access the actual web site they can set up access for additional club members (president, treasurer, etc.) as needed. They would like to have this done by the end of the year if possible. I have copies of the handout.

IBF Invitational trail:

Results of 2007 trail were in latest IBF magazine. Overall Angler winner took home a new 519 Ranger/200 HP Evinrude fully rigged. Average participation for all tournaments was 68 Anglers and 64 Co-Anglers. Would like to see participation go up. For anyone interested the entry forms and rules are posted on the IBF web site along with the dates and locations. As a side note: All tournaments are in the southern half of the state for 2008 – 2 on Patoka, 2 on Monroe and 2 on the River with the classic on Patoka as well. (Just my opinion, but apparently the northern half – or at least Zone 1- is a non-factor to the IBF trail or the IBF trail is a non-factor to Zone 1. If the IBF members in Zone 1 have any interest in the IBF trail conducting tournaments in the Zone 1 region then it is time to start talking to your friends and buddies and putting together some type or organized protest that will get the attention of the IBF board of directors.)

Larry Watson has stepped down as the IBF Trail Director. The new Tournament Director is Larry MacIntosh. They will continue the 80% payback with \$10 going to the Classic. The “Off Limits” period is being re-instated this year. The off limits will be from midnight Sunday through sun up on Friday with Friday and Saturday as practice days. For non-IBF members fishing the IBF trail there will be a one time subscription fee of \$10. Due to requests for better Classic payouts there will be a graduated entry fee scale for 2008 – if you qualify 1 thru 10 \$0, 11-20 \$50, 21-30 \$100, 31-40 \$150. For the regular tournaments the entry fees will remain \$150-Angler, \$75-CoAngler.

The WISH tournament will be May 3rd on Patoka. The French Lick Casino will be matching the funds raised up to \$10,000 for the WISH tournament.

The Riley Children’s tournament will be June 22nd on Monroe.

Eldon Crabtree for Conservation:

The permit for BP to increase their discharge into Lake Michigan has been stopped (this even though BP is one of the Federation’s primary sponsors.).

The latest threat to the waters of our region is a proposal by a consortium of states to build a pipeline from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River to help maintain the flow of the river as well as to pipe water to the western and southern states. There is also talk of shipping water from the Great

Lakes to the Middle East. As of this date Indiana has not signed on with this consortium. Eldon stated that Lake Erie is currently 4 to 5 inches below its normal level for this time which is a significant amount of water. (For those still receiving the BASS TIMES there is an article about some of this in the latest issue.)

The Indiana State Fair will need volunteers to help with the kids fishing pond. Anyone willing to volunteer can contact Eldon for more details.

Weatherby Arms has donated \$10K for Outdoor Indiana. This will be a 4 day event at Camp Atterbury in fall 2008 and the IBF will have the opportunity to have a tent or booth space at this event and will need volunteers.

Youth Related:

Corey Thompson is stepping down as the Adopt-An-Angler coordinator. Mary Gibbs and Indiana Bass'n Gals will be taking over. Check the web site for more information.

Ken Gibbs will need volunteers for the Reel Kids event during the boat show in February. For any clubs wanting to conduct a Reel Kids event, the boat package (casting platforms, etc.) are available. Contact Ken to coordinate.

The IBF website has Junior Club info available. There has been a change for next year in dues: there will be \$5 IBF dues per child to offset the cost of the publication and delivery of the IBF magazine, there are \$5 national dues per child or a \$25 premium package available. These dues provide insurance, etc. for the Junior club members the same as adult members of IBF clubs.

There is also a new program starting at the TBF level to start setting up school clubs which will be able to participate in junior events.

Raffle Boat/Boat Show:

The IBF will need help for the booth at the boat show. Those signed up to help will be reimbursed the cost of entry (\$8.50). You can contact Ed O'Connor at (C)317-557-0079 or (H)317-839-7066. The boat show will be February 15th to the 24th. The General Membership meeting will be on February 16th at 1 p.m. Zone coverage for the boat show will be: Z1 Feb. 23-24, Z2 Feb. 20-22, Z3 Feb. 15, 18-19 and Z4 Feb. 16-17.

Top 8's:

Dates and locations have been posted on the web site. Zone 1 District 4 will be April 26/27 on Wawasee.

The state finals for 2008 will be held on Mississinewa Reservoir September 6/7. **(For anyone making it to the State Finals I will be acting as an agent for my brothers to set up guide dates!!! I can probably set up some lodging arrangements as well for a nominal fee!)**

As everyone should know by now, the Indiana State team won the divisionals this year with Terry McWilliams (Angler) of BassMasters Classic fame and Mike Seal (Co-Angler) moving on to the next level at Lake Wylie, N.C. Ken Borlein (boater) and T.J. Edwards (non-boater) will be fishing the BassFan Army tournament in southern Wisconsin.

The 2008 Northern Divisionals will be September 6th – 12th on St. Clair.

Bob Bruick will be going on to Gunterville April 4th – 6th as a result of his performance this year at the Bass Fan Army tournament on Wawasee. Congratulations and Good Luck to Bob!!!!

IBF magazine:

Don Jenkins wife, Beverly, has taken over the duties as editor of the IBF magazine. Her contact information is in the latest edition. She needs articles, pictures, stories etc. for the magazine.

The IBF website is in need of articles, etc. They can be sent to Mitch Hayes as attachments to email. There is a web store on the IBF web site for clothing articles for IBF members, etc. If it is a successful venture it will continue so if you want to purchase some items, check it out.