

Summit City Bass Masters Minutes

Date Febuary 3rd, 2009

Amended Febuary 22nd, 2009

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

President: Wendel Brown
Vice President: Aaron Krider
Secretary: Jim Graham
Treasurer: Mark Kirk
Tournament Director: Loran Compton

Meeting Minutes: Minutes as taken by Aaron Krider

Previous minutes accepted as printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept by Kevin Galbreath, Bryan Thurman seconded. With Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In Attendance:

Members in attendance were Wendel Brown, Matt Gardenour, Aaron Krider, Mike Upgraff, Loren Compton, Mark Kirk, Kevin Galbreath, Bryan Thurman, Bill Alday, Tunva Boutsomsi, Greg Rekeweg, Bill Hovermale, Johnny Johnson, Kevin Davis and Gary Sanderlin.

Johnny Johnson brought a guest to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Wendal Brown Reporting,

General Fund	1,349.51
Civic Fund	00.00
Classic Fund	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$1,369.51

Motion to accepted the treasurers report by Kevin Galbreath, Bryan Thurman seconded. With Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

1. **Membership Committee** – Aaron Krider reported that there was actually an announcement in the newspaper, just not as submitted.

Aaron asked that you submit names, numbers and or emails of prospective members and he will contact them.

2. **Zone News** – Bill Hovermale Reported that the Top 8 will be May 30th & 31st on Wawasee and that there is a meeting at Moore Boats Friday May 29th.

Top 8 Participants must have a TBF card, insurance for boaters, plus 20.00 ramp fee and 5.00 big bass.

Bill stated that volunteers are needed to help with the Top 8. Mark and Kevin tentatively volunteered. Additional help would be appreciated if you are available.

There is a state meeting 21st of February

3. **Ice Breaker 2009** – The Ice breaker will be held on Sylvan April 4th. All members are expected to work and support the club that day.
4. **Traveling Trophy** – Wendel Brown announced that the store manager at Gander Mountain has given tentative permission to display the plaques in the meeting room.

New Business:

1. **Tournament Commette** – Loran Compton presented the Tournament schedule. A discussion of the schedule revolved around St. Claire Tournament being on fathers day weekend. Some members felt the day limited participation. Following a lengthy discussion Wendel called for a vote on entire schedule. Vote Results by show of hands: to accept-13, none opposed. Tournament schedule was adopted as submitted.

Program:

Wendel demonstrated proper hook sharpening and WOW were they sharp!!

Thanks Wendel...

2009 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LAKE</i>	<i>START</i>	<i>WEIGH-IN</i>	<i>RAMP</i>
APRIL 18 TH	CLEAR	*6:00AM	4:00PM	PUBLIC
APRIL 26 TH	HAMILTON	*5:45AM	3:00PM	PUBLIC
MAY 17 TH	WAWASEE	*5:20AM	4:00PM	DNR
JUNE 20 TH	ST. CLAIR	*5:00AM	4:00PM	HARLEY-ENSIGN
JUNE 21 ST	ST. CLAIR	*5:00AM	2:00PM	HARLEY-ENSIGN
JULY 11 TH	TURKEY	4:00PM	12:00MIDNITE	PUBLIC
JULY 25 TH	RANDALL	*5:30AM	3:00PM	DNR
AUGUST 9 TH TEAM MONEY TOURNAMENT	TBD		3:00PM	
AUGUST 30 TH	MANITOU	*6:00AM	3:00PM	PUBLIC
SEPTEMBER 13 TH	WAWASEE	*6:20AM	4:00PM	DNR
SEPTEMBER 26 TH	CLASSIC/TBD			
SEPTEMBER 27 TH	CLASSIC/TBD			
OCTOBER 10 TH	CROOKED	*6:45AM	4:00PM	PUBLIC

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*ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL START AT SAFE LIGHT
(TO BE DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE)

***PLEASE TURN-IN YOUR BOAT INSURANCE BY THE APRIL CLUB MEETING**

OR AT THE RAMP ON APRIL THE 18TH

State meeting 21 Feb 2009

As reported by Bill Hovermale

Treasurer's report (Stan Knies)

Checking: 49230.98, Lowrance fund: 12106.43, Projects fund: 4399.43, Youth Projects: 8848.45

The old leadership; Doug Bradley, Larry Watson, Mitch Hayes and Eldon Crabtree; gave their farewell (and happy to be able to spend some time fishing) speeches. Eldon stated he would be going home to sit on the porch and wait for his stimulus check! Everyone also requested the support of the membership for the new IBF leadership to maintain and grow the Federation.

The 2008 State Team was introduced and allowed to comment on their experience. All were appreciative of the support received from the State Federation, leadership and sponsors as well as their teammates. Todd Kuhn (boater) and Britt Davidson (non-boater) will be fishing in the National Championship in March on Bull Shoals.

Robert Cartlidge, President of the TBF, was then introduced and spoke to the members present. He spoke of the fishing industry as a whole and noted that they have suffered along with the rest of the economy and there have been layoffs and cutbacks in advertising, sponsorship dollars and other areas necessary to remain competitive but that things appear to be turning around, albeit slowly.

The TBF, as a company, is doing well. There are approximately 2000 clubs nationally and they experienced a 10 to 11% growth in 2008. They are continuing a program started in 2008 to challenge clubs to sign up 3 new members and for State Federations to sign up 3 new clubs for the year.

As a side note he stated that Indiana continues to be the largest State Federation in the TBF. He noted that with the leadership change in Indiana that there was over 100 years of experience stepping down and as a token of appreciation to their contribution to the TBF, the TBF was awarding Doug, Larry, Mitch and Eldon a paid co-angler entry to the Hoosier Division BFL's along with a Revo reel, rod and some additional items.

In Youth/Conservation/Fishing he addressed the Youth Championship and spoke of their pizza party for the kids and family which at the last championship consumed some 187 pizzas, 86 cases of Coke and several pounds of cookies -- a good time for all.

He mentioned the in school fishing program which the TBF developed consisting of a 15 minute DVD and booklet emphasizing the educational aspects of fishing: math, english, government and that it is free to the schools. They will provide support to teachers interested in the program and it allows the schools/students to form in school clubs with a \$25 per member fee which nets them a starter pack and FLW membership for the year. Once there are at least 3 clubs in the state they can send 2 kids to the state youth championship. These are self sufficient entities which do not require an adult club for sponsorship or leadership. The program is targeted to the Junior High age group but could be used in the grade schools. Information is available on the TBF website for anyone who knows a teacher that might be interested in trying it. He stated that Arkansas is working with the TBF to get the program to 70 or 80 thousand kids and that Iowa is working with them to get the program to 100,000 kids. They have also started a college program and have an individual donor who is paying for the first 1000 college members \$15 FLW membership fee. He also mentioned the Reel Kids program and the importance of getting kids interested at a younger age.

They are starting a new program this year to promote Solar Bat. For every new dealer referred, a 10% rebate of the first order from the dealer will be sent to the state federation.

The TBF has also split the Western Division into two divisions and has secured an additional boater/non-boater spot at the All American for a total of 14 spots to cover the 7 divisions.

He also noted that BassFan has decided to cancel their Weekend Warrior Championship. He was not happy with the way things unfolded but mentioned they do still have an interesting and informative web site.

He also made the pitch for Fantasy Fishing and mentioned the league aspect of it and promoted the Player's Advantage program noting that those using it were at least 4 times more successful.

Don Jenkins then introduced the 2009 State Team and noted that, with good teamwork, they would be celebrating a win in September.

Bill Embry spoke of the WISH tournament and that they have raised over \$160,000 for the program over the years. They raised a little over \$10,000 in 2008, thanks to the southern Indiana casino with a matching contribution. The tournament this year will be on Saturday, April 4th. He will also be holding a Fallen Heroes tournament on 1 August on Patoka to benefit the family of an Indiana soldier and a benefit tournament to raise money for a safehouse for Indiana veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Distress - this was prompted by the death of Eric W. Hall, a veteran who committed suicide after 2 years of rehab.

Ken Gibbs spoke on the youth program and mentioned the TBF school program again. The schedule for the youth tournaments has been published. They will be on Maxinkuckee on May 23. Kyle Salgen and Isaac Hartzburg will be going to the National Guard Junior World Championship July 31 and August 1. He also reiterated that the casting deck and targets are available to clubs to hold Reel Kids events and to contact him to make arrangements.

Dave Dick is the tournament director for the Riley Children's Hospital tournament on Monroe June 21st. He introduced Robin Wood from Riley's. She stated they were established in 1941 as a not for profit and that no one is turned away who has a need. They are primarily focused on the chronically or fatally ill children and in 2008 wrote off more than \$430,000,000 in medical care for 230,000 patients. They are ranked 5th in the nation as an organization. A part of their program is Camp Riley for the kids and the cost is about \$2,000 per child. This is where the funds raised by the tournament are used. Since 1995 the IBF has raised over \$83,000 to support this effort. Don Jenkins introduced the new Conservation Director, Woody Woodcock, the 2010 IBF Open Trail Director, Wally Burns and the 2009/2010 Raffle Boat Chairman, Greg Jones.

Larry McIntosh is the 2009 IBF Trail director. He noted the schedule has been published and they will be fishing 6 tournaments over 5 weekends - there will be 2 tournaments at the Ohio River on one weekend as they did in 2008. The Classic will be held on the Ohio River at Rocky Point. Last year's 1st prize was a \$37,000 Ranger Boat. The payouts for the Angler side were over 100% and for the Co-angler side were over 91%. Phil Reel, the 2008 Angler of the Year, received a ring for his accomplishment.

Don Jenkins addressed the IBF magazine, BASS News, 6 issues per year, and stated that they have lost advertising dollars to support the magazine through industry attrition and cutbacks in budgets. The \$5 per member fee that goes toward the publication is not enough to cover the costs of production. They are looking at changing the format to a newspaper or possibly electronic (email) to reduce the costs. The current costs are around \$18K per year. They are also going to do more by email as opposed to direct mailing (postage is going up again!!!) to reduce costs so it is imperative to maintain a legitimate email contact for the clubs.

Doug Bradley then presented the club awards for Youth, Conservation and Club of the Year. There were only 2 clubs which submitted year books - Indiana Bass'n Gals and St. Joe Valley Bass Masters. Indiana Bass'n Gals won the Youth award for their work with kids and St. Joe won the Conservation and Club of the Year honors - they held their 32nd annual youth tournament which has a participation of 300 to 400 kids. They have parents who fished the tournament as kids bringing their kids to fish the tournament. They also raised \$700 to help support the stocking of Walleyes in the St. Joe river.

Before the meeting I spoke to Stan Knies and Larry Watson and after the meeting I spoke with Don Jenkins about the financial dealings of the IBF. Outside of the directors, leadership and accountants who set and approve the budgets there is no published account of the Federation financial dealings. Much of this is due to agreements with sponsors and other business sponsors. He stated there are approximately 130 clubs in the state with a total membership of about 1800. The fees collected from the membership, the boat raffle and other projects (IBF trail, TBF funds, program funds, etc.) are used to support the production of the magazine, support of the state team, the purchase of 3 boats (raffle, Riley, IBF Classic), the Top 8 programs (10 Top 8s @ \$750 each(\$550 in 2009), the Top 8 payouts, plaques and awards, and expenses incurred for the IBF executives and Directors (travel, meals and lodging, incidentals) incurred while conducting business on behalf of the IBF. The only person who receives any type of payment from the IBF is the Invitational Trail tournament director and that is taken from the funds raised by the Invitational Trail. The Lowrance fund is money from Divisionals and other outside sources and will be used to run the divisionals in 2010 on Patoka. This information is being provided to clear up any misconceptions and to provide an idea of where and what your dues are supporting. Hope everyone is in good health and looking forward to getting back on the water and doing some fishing (and maybe even a little catching!!!). I know I am!!!!