

Summit City Bass Masters Minutes

Date September 1st, 2009

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

President: Wendel Brown
Vice President: Aaron Krider
Secretary: Jim Graham
Treasurer: Mark Kirk
Tournament Director: Bob Bruick

Meeting Minutes: Minutes as taken by Jim Graham

Meeting was called to order and a Motion to accept minutes as posted in the newsletter by Bill Hovermale, Seconded by Bob Bruick. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In Attendance:

Members in attendance were Wendel Brown, Aaron Krider, Jim Graham, Matt Gardenour, Bill Hovermale, Gary Sanderlin, Bob Bruick, Corey McCormick, Tammy Smith, Lee, Pilz, Greg Rekeweg, Bill Alday, Carl Parrett, and Mike Uptgraft

Treasurer's Report: Wendel Brown Reporting in Marks Absence,

General Fund	1,352.71
Civic Fund	00.00
Classic Fund	<u>242.00</u>
Total	\$1,594.71

Motion to accepted the treasurers report by Gary Sanderline, Mike Uptgraft seconded. With Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

1. **Classic Announcement** – Lee Pilz presented the club with an outline for this year's classic. It will be held Saturday and Sunday September 26th and 27th on Lake Erie fished out of Boles Harbor Exit 11 off I-75 Monroe Michigan. Hours are 7:30 to 4:30 Saturday and 7:30 to 3:30 on Sunday fishing Michigan waters only.

Lake Erie is off limits Monday September 21st through Thursday September 24th. Official Practice Day is Friday September 25th.

Reservations for lodging are to be made at the Hometown Inn 1900 Welcome Way, Monroe MI at Exit 15. (734) 289-2330

There are two pots that you can get into, both are optional and must be paid in cash. Both will be paid out on the largest combined two-day total weights. Pairings are the same for both days.

Individual Pot optional for Club members only pot \$30.00, which combines the pay in and on hand classic funds and will pay out the following way.

1st - 50%

2nd – 20%

3rd – 10%

Big Largemouth – 10%

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Team Pot optional \$20.00 per two people in the same boat. This is open to members and guests.

1st - 60%

2nd – 30%

3rd – 10%

There is a 10 fish limit per team per day and a five fish limit per person per day.

2. **Federation Business** – Bill Hovermale reported that there was a Federation meeting August 12th and 7:00 pm. Bill's notes are added to the end of this newsletter.

Bill reported that Paul Hollabough stated again at the zone meeting that he would not be running the 2010 Top 8 and if zone members wanted to compete in the Top 8 some club needed to step up and submit a proposal. (See additional notes in the New Business section of this newsletter JG)

Bill reported that the Tournament of Champions is as received from an email from Nils King and is follows as:

2009 IBF Zone 1 Tournament of Champions that is going to be held on Saturday, October 3rd. If you are a division director, please forward this information on to your club contacts. This entry is to be available on the website under Zone news as well. The entry fee per team is \$85.00. If you have any questions. Please let Paul Hollabaugh or myself know.

Nils King - Zone 1 D3. 765-618-4049

3. **Membership Committee** – Aaron Krider reported that he sent notices to the paper and that there was no announcement in the paper. Aaron has contacted Chops and is looking at the last weekend in November. He asked about a Thursday or Friday night. Wendel Brown stated that the dinner was usually held an Saturday and Aaron stated he hadn't asked about Sat evening and would call back and let us know.
4. **Website Director** – Wendel Brown stated that the turnover of the website was complete and Matt Gardenour is now in charge of the website. Matt asked Jim Graham if he would complete the year posting and updating the information on the web and he would take over at the end of the year. Matt stated that it is his intentions to give the website a face lift and perhaps generate some new interest.

Aaron Krider voiced an opinion that he liked the new format of for tournament results and points, several others agreed. Jim Graham stated that it actually takes him less time to post the additional information since he can cut and paste the entire page once he makes a electronic record of the tournament results. The points total are automatically totaled and he can cut and paste that information as well. The entire web update took 15 minutes where it used to take about 45 minutes to an hour following a tournament.

5. **Tournament Bags** – Gary Sanderlines reported that the “Gator Grip” bags are in and were dropped off at his house prior to the Hamilton Lake Tournament. The order was for 10 Combo bags and 4 mesh inserts. He apologized for not making it to the tournament so we could put the bags to use.
6. **Turnstone Outing** – Gary Sanderlin stated that he had received a thank you card from Barb Geiger thanking us for our efforts for the outing. Barb wanted us to know that since the outing Eric Daseler had passed away Monday, Aug. 3, 2009. Those there might recall Eric; he was the first one to Concordia to fish that day and was excited about a new wheel lift he was about to receive for his vehicle.

I believe this is a picture of Eric



New Business:

1. **Carl Parrett-** Congratulations to Carl Parrett and his wife on the birth of their daughter Carlie (I'm sure I don't have the spelling right. JG). Carl said it may have taken him 18 years but he finally had figured it out and everybody is doing great.
2. **Club Action on Hamilton –** Wendel presented a letter emailed to the club from Mark Kirk in Mark's absence. Marks letter is as follows:

All SCBM members,

At yesterday's Hamilton tournament I was very disappointed with the action of several of our club members. We discussed starting the tournament early, about 6:45 while we were on the water. It was stated that the official sun rise would not be until approx. 7:07 and that we would have to idle until then. It was agreed and we started early. As the boats started taking off, they initially were idling, some faster than others. Then, before the last boat left, nearly all the boats were on plane and running across the lake. This all happened more than 20 minutes before official sun rise. Our own bylaws state in Article 4 B3, " All contestants must abide by all state and lake regulations." Anyone who want to know who was running on the lake before sun rise on Sunday morning, can go the IBF or our own website and know it was the Summit City Bass Masters. I'm sorry I will not be at the next club meeting, because I wanted to bring this issue up in person. We should do something to prevent our members in the future from doing anything that brings dishonor to our club. We should police our own actions and report all violations to the rules, regulations and laws to the tournament director, so they may be addressed appropriately.

Mark Kirk

Wendel Brown stated that he was not within ear shot of the discussion prior to the start of the tournament that the start time was going to be prior to official Sunrise. He stated it wasn't an excuse but he felt he was not the first on plane.

Bob Bruick stated that he had asked for a clarification at the beginning of the year what the penalty would be for someone running prior to sunrise and was unable to get a firm answer. He stated that as tournament director for the remainder of this year there would be no launch in Indiana waters prior to Sunrise and no launch in Michigan waters prior to safe light so this wont be an issue again.

3. **2010 Top 8** – Jim Graham present the club with the recommendation that the club submit a proposal to the Indiana Federation to run the 2010 Top 8 event. Jim stated that he would volunteer as to put it together and serve as Tournament Director provided that the club commit to support the event and we would have to look deep into the club's membership as 8 or our most active members would be unavailable because they are fishing. He also said he wanted to look at it as another way to get the club name back out into the main steam and use it as a fund raiser.

Jim is going to email Paul Hollagough for any ideas or recommendations that he might have. Paul has stated that he will not be running the 2010 tournament.

Wendel asked for a show of hands for support and nobody seemed to be opposed.

4. **Tournament Results** – The winning team of Rekeweg and Uptgraft reviewed their strategy for Wawasee's Team Tournament and Bill Hovermale revealed his "no particular pattern to victory" strategy for Hamilton. Thanks gentleman.
5. **Tournament Committee** – The draw was made for Wawasee and Lake Erie Tournaments. For Wawasee Bob stated that if any boater found a guest between now and the tournament that all they had to do were contact him and he would amend the starting order and contact Jim.

Bob also stated that everyone needs to make a real effort to find a guest for Erie or following the Wawasee tournament he would pair up the remaining solo boaters.

Lake Wawasee Fall Tournament Pairings as of September 12th, 2009

Boat #	Boater	Non-Boater
1	Corey McCormick	Mike Birkenbeul (Guest)
2	Bill Hovermale	Carl Parrett
3	Lee Pilz	Ryan Christner (Guest)
4	Aaron Krider	Tammy Smith
5	Gary Sanderlin	Rob Stroupe
6	Greg Rekeweg	Scott Brown (Guest)
7	Mark Kirk	
8	Mike Uptgraft	Luke Schappell (Guest)
9	Bill Alday	Ernie Stahl (Guest)
10	Bob Bruick	Matt Gardenour
11	Wendel Brown	Mick Thiel (Guest)
12	Jim Graham	Joe Kowalewski (Guest)
13	Keith Schroder ??	Cole Schroder (Guest)
14	Phil Scribner	

Lake Erie Classic Tournament Pairings as of September 1st, 2009

Boat #	Boater	Non-Boater
1	Jim Graham	Tammy Smith
2	Max Egly	Matt Gardenour
3	Mark Kirk	
4	Bob Bruick	Keith Schroder
5	Mike Uptgraft	
6	Greg Rekeweg	Corey McCormick
7	Bill Alday	
8	Gary Sanderlin	Barb Sanderline (Guest)
9	Bill Hovermale (Sat Only)	
10	Lee Pilz	Andy Sablehaus (Guest)
11	Wendel Brown	Doug Haines ?
12	Aaron Krider	
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Tournament Director - Bob Bruick

ZONE Meeting Notes from Bill Hovermale

I attended the Zone meeting on Wednesday, 12 August in Warsaw. Attendance was very light.... Please amend our minutes with the following:

Top 8's for 2010 (next year for Bob...):

The drawings for Wawasee and Sylvan for tournament dates will be the first Saturday in November (7th) at the DNR headquarters at the East end of Wawasee.

Paul Hollabaugh adamantly stated that he will NOT be running the Top 8 for Zone 1 District 4 for 2010! If Zone 1 District 4 is interested in fishing a Top 8 next year someone is going to have to put together a proposal and it should be before the drawings are done on the 7th if they want to do it on Wawasee.

(If there is any interest in our club running the Top 8 next year it should be brought up at the next club meeting and a proposal started!!)

State Finals:

Paul stated Nils did an excellent job of running the State Finals this year and commended him for his efforts. He also commended The Whittaker family for their assistance at the weigh-in as well as the additional help they provided as well as the other individuals who supported/worked the tournament.

Federation:

Apparently they are still in need of a website co-coordinator if anyone is interested in taking that job over. For those who are interested, I asked what the salary for that position was and Paul stated that they had added another zero to it.

There was an issue during the Zone 1 District 1/2 Top 8 that was brought up by Mitch Hayes. A discussion was held and a consensus reached. My best understanding is that two clubs were allowed to field 7 man teams (against the Top 8 rules) and this issue was brought before the board at the state meeting. I do not know how it was presented, what was discussed or what the outcome of that meeting was. The long and short of it is the bylaws and rules have been put in place for a reason and should be followed. There is also a procedure in place that must be used to change those bylaws if you feel they are in error.

Tournament of Champions: Will take place 1st Saturday in October (3rd). The entry form will be posted on the web site. There was a vote taken as to the location. For 2009 it will remain on Wawasee.

At the previous Zone meeting a proposal was made to change the meeting requirements from 1 State + 2 Zone to 1 State + 1 Zone. A vote was taken for Zone 1 to allow

the directors to cast their vote at the board meeting: the vote was to retain the current requirement of 1 State + 2 Zone meetings to remain eligible for Top 8.

Next Zone meeting: November 14th 2009

You may want to send a note to the rest of the club on the Top 8 for 2010 in case someone does want to put together a proposal and present it to the club.

Thanks

bill