



IBFN Board meeting October 2008

Attending Board: Fred Iantorno, Frank Labanowski, Mike Sledden, Jim Nelson Rich Miller and Jim Blumenstein

Absent Board: Robert Bobich, Milt Waltermire, Mike Daniel and Jim McCune

Fred opened the meeting at 6:45.

Minutes review

Due to problems with Frank's computer there were no minutes presented from the last meeting.

Treasurers Report

Jim handed out the balance sheet for August to date. He said we started off the month with \$9393.31. We received \$420.00 from the Divisional, \$380 general income, Make A Wish raffle income was \$11,788.00. Divisional expenses were \$9,369.00, General expenses were \$315.42, Youth and Conservation expenses were \$1,086.00 and currently have a bank balance of \$19,675.04. We will be paying out the prizes at here at Bass Pro in front of the store. There will also be the \$5000.00 for the Make A Wish foundation. A motion was made to accept the report seconded and all in favor.

Conservation Report

No report was given in Milts absence.

Youth Report

No report was given in Jim M. absence. Jim N. said at Silver Springs there were a few people asking what our role will be in the IHSA. I did not have any answers for them other then we are working with them and seeing what they will need from us. Fred said that BASS now includes the Youth in the membership numbers in Illinois. We need to get as involved as we can in our areas to help get Jr. clubs established. Not only to get kids involved but also to increase our membership numbers in the IBFN. BASS is giving a truck to the state with the biggest increases to their membership and this is something we can go after and then auction the truck off to the membership. We need a program that has bullet points that we can take to the schools and give to the administrators.

Sponsorship Report

No report was given in Bob's absence. Fred said he has been in contact with National Battery and will report back to the board on progress to get them as a sponsor.

Regional Report

Region 1. Mike S. said he has no issues pressing at this time.

Region 2. No report was given in Rich's absence.

Region 3. No report was given in Mike D. absence.

COS

Frank said that we only received one entry for the COS championship so far. Jim N. suggested that we take entries at the launch. All agreed to take entries at the launch. Jim B. had a few entries and turned them in to Jim N. To date we have nothing for a pay out. We took in \$680.00 in COS entry fees and one check for \$150.00 for the COS Championship. Our expenses were \$700.00 so far for the COS Series.

Jim N. said we need to continue to push for the BASS Weekend Series in Illinois. It is getting increasingly difficult to get permits in Wisconsin now and that gives us a good advantage. Fred said that the pole on the web site about those who want to fish a weekend series is up to 68 responses. Some of the other states are running about 30 to 50 boats. If we could get 40 plus boats to participate in the series BASS should go for this. Perhaps we have a shot it 2010. We will all continue to concentrate on getting the series back in Illinois for 2010. This would be a great alternative for the members. The weekend series also provides a birth to the classic.

Jim N. and Frank will be present for the COD Championship tournament. A review of the supplies needed for the event was completed and we are all set for the tournament.

New Business

Frank said that the new P.O. Box is set up and the new address for the IBFN is P.O. Box 94 Lacon, IL. 61540.

Make A Wish

Last year we gave them \$5,000.00 and that time agreed to use that as a target for this year as well. Jim said we have over \$12,000 in the bank after the \$7,500.00 in prizes comes out. Fred suggested that we make a \$6,000.00 donation this year. This will be finalized at our next meeting.

Boat Auction

There have been no bids received yet for the boat. Fred suggested that we move the deadline to November 30th. We can hold our next meeting on Dec 4th. This will work fine because we will not be having a meeting in November.

Schedule for 2009

BASS has cancelled the BCWC tournaments for 2009. So the only events we need to schedule for are the State Qualifier, Kids Casting Finals and the Jr. State Qualifier.

Fred stated that we have a lot of small clubs where they can only field 2 boats. These clubs under the present rules must pay the full team amount. If we would change the entry fee to be on a per team basis

we may have a bigger turn out for the event. This may be something the membership would be interested in and would help the smaller clubs out. In general we would have to make the entry fee on a per boat basis. If this is agreeable as a possibility we can work on the details and present it to the members at the Presidents Conference.

Frank presented a tentative schedule for next year and all were in agreement.

State Qualifier 2009

Frank said we have not received any new rosters from clubs in region 4. Rend lake does not seem like a logical choice for the SQ. It would make more sense to have the SQ at Pool 19 and have Shelbyville set up as an alternate back up lake in case the river is not in safe condition to fish. Both locations are in region 3. After long discussion a motion was made to change the SQ location to Pool 19 and have Shelbyville as a back up lake. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. Milt will need to get the permits set up.

Raffle for 2009

Jim talked to Bass Pro and they have a deal for us on a 16 foot boat for next year's raffle. This is a new boat for Bass Pro in 2009 and the cost of the boat will work out looking at the number of tickets we sold this year. As the details are finalized Jim will report back to the board. Bass Pro is also willing to transport the boat to different locations where we will be selling the tickets. A motion was made to contract for a boat for the 2009 raffle with Bass Pro. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

2009 President's Conference

Jim has made the arrangements for Shelbyville and we are all set up. The lunch menu will include pulled pork sandwiches instead of cold cuts. Jim said that we may want to consider Bass Pro as the location for the 2010 conference. There are hotels in the area and the store would be willing to do some special things for our group. Everyone agreed that we should continue to negotiate with Bass Pro for the 2010 conference.

A motion was made to adjourn seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:00PM.

Submitted by; Frank Labanowski / Board Secretary