



IBFN Board meeting August 2009

Attending Board: Frank Labanowski, Mike Sledden, Jim Nelson, Milt Waltermire, and Jim McCune, Rich Miller, Jim Blumenstein and Mike Daniel

Absent Board: Robert Bobich, Fred Iantorno,

Frank opened the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Review of Minutes

Following a review of the minutes from the July meeting, Rich M. made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mike D., vote was taken, motion was carried.

A motion was then made to accept

Treasurers Report

Jim handed out the balance sheet to date and the board reviewed. Jim stated to date we began the month with \$9,146.74. The IBFN expenses for the month were \$5,980.00. This consisted of \$5,400 for the divisional Team expenses, \$400.00 for Youth and conservation and \$180.00 for Casting Kids expenses leaving a current bank balance of \$3,166.74.

The raffle money is beginning to come in and we are selling tickets at Bass Pro and will be at Silver Springs as well. We may need to look at a minimum quantity of tickets for each club to sell for next year.

Jim said he had found a great deal on a new PA system for our events. The system cost was discounted to \$323.24. This unit is much better than the old one that we have now and with all the problems we have been having with it, it needs to be replaced. Jim contacted Frank about the purchase and the limited time on the sale price. Both agreed to go with it, Jim then purchased the unit.

Following the report review a motion was made by Milt to accept the report, seconded by Mike S., vote was taken and motion was carried.

Conservation Report

Milt said Northern Illinois Crank'N Bassmasters has a project approval request that was pending. Following Milt's description of the event and his approval, a motion was made to accept Milt's report by Mike D., seconded by Rich M., vote was taken and motion was carried.

Youth Report

Jim Mc. stated he also had a request from NICB that involved a kids fishing event instead of a conservation project. Jim Mc. told them he would get back to them on the approval. Milt said they have approval for the conservation event and they are not required to do both. Jim Mc. will inform NICB of this detail.

Jim Mc. also received a request for approval from Tri-County regarding a kids fishing event. Tri-County has already satisfied their requirement for this year and Jim Mc. will advise them of this also.

Jim Mc. also stated the clubs are still doing an event without getting prior approval. Then when they are completed they notify him after the fact. Following discussion, Jim Mc. will remind all of the clubs that prior approval is necessary for an event.

Jim Mc said that he is still waiting for the Optima batteries information and should have it for the next meeting.

Following Jim's report a motion was made to accept by Milt, seconded by Mike D. \, vote taken and motion was carried.

Regional Reports

Region 1.

Mike S. stated there is a fishing club in Iowa with most of its membership living in Illinois that contacted him for information on the IBFN. They wanted to compete in both states. Jim N. pointed out that doing that was against B.A.S.S. rules and could not be allowed.

Mike also had a Wisconsin / Illinois club that were interested in joining and they are supposed to get back to him.

Region 2.

Rich M. said nothing much was going on in region 2 but he did have one question from a member regarding dual membership. It was explained through discussion that the IBFN does allow associate membership at an additional cost of \$70 to the member. Also, an associate membership does not carry voting rights. They are able to participate in our events and must qualify just like a general member.

Region 3.

Mike D. stated a club in region 4 contacted him regarding membership. He forwarded them information and is waiting to hear from them.

Following the regional reports a motion was made to accept them by Milt, seconded by Jim B., vote taken and motion was carried.

Sponsorship Report

In Bob's absence there was no report. Frank stated Bob told him to pass on the information that we may be picking up Marichca's Restaurant in Joliet as a sponsor. Bob is working on it.

Old Business

Board Secretary

Frank stated Brian Tutko, the president of Central Illinois Bassmasters has inquired about the position of board Secretary. I have had several discussions with Brian and feel he would be a good asset to the board. Frank then provided a list of board positions that Brian has held in the past with other organizations for the board to review.

Following discussion Frank stated that he would like to present Brian to the board s a viable candidate for the position. It was agreed by all that Brian would be invited to the next meeting to meet with and talk to the board for possible approval.

Internet Director / Web Master

Frank stated no one has stepped forward yet for this position.

Review Election Ballot for President

Frank presented a ballot for the boards review. Everyone agreed that the form was good. Following discussion it was agreed that the ballot will be mailed to all of the clubs and a self addressed envelope will be included. The envelopes will have Mike Sledden's address and he will be responsible for collecting the envelopes and bringing them to the next meeting where they will be opened and tabulated. Frank will place a post from the board regarding the ballots and process. The deadline for receiving the clubs votes will be the 23rd as the election process was explained in a previous post.

New Business

Divisional

Jim N. and Jim B. gave the board a recap of the divisional tournament. Jim N. stated all of the team members seemed to have a great time at the event. They decided to barbeque and He was the cook. There was a great sense of competing as a team and they all exchanged information to help one another. Jim B. said he wanted to thank the board on behalf of all of the team members for a great time and it was a once in a life time experience competing at that event. Jim B also said it will take a while for him to get his land legs back after battling those waves.

Schedule for 2010.

Following discussion the schedule was established for 2010 and will be as follows.

Jan 23 rd	Presidents meeting
May 1 st - 2 nd	State Qualifier / Rend Lake
May 14 th - 17 th	PVA / Rend Lake
June 13 th	Jr. Bassmasters SQ / TBD
September 12 th	Casting Kids State Championship
TBD	BFN Northern Divisional / TBD
TBD	FNC / TBD

A motion was made by Jim N. to accept the schedule, seconded by Mike S., vote was taken and motion was carried.

B.A.S.S. Nationals Oct 26th to 31st.

Frank said he will be able to attend the meetings at the Nationals and requested the approval of a plane ticket of approx. \$200.00 round trip. A motion was made by Jim N. to approve the expense, seconded by Mike S., vote was taken and motion was carried.

New B.A.S.S. logo for 2010

Frank passed out the new logo for 2010 for the boards review.

Motion was made by Jim B to close the meeting, seconded by Mike S. all were in favor.

Meeting closed at 9:15PM.

Submitted by Frank Labanowski

