



## **IBFN Board meeting July 2009**

**Attending Board:** Frank Labanowski, Mike Sledden, Jim Nelson, Robert Bobich, Milt Waltermire, and Jim McCune

**Absent Board:** Fred Iantorno, Rich Miller, Jim Blumenstrin and Mike Daniel

Frank opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Minutes Review – Frank stated we have been behind on posting minutes. Frank had posted a few more months of minutes from 2008 that the board had previously reviewed and emailed the last three meeting minutes of 2008 to the board members to review. Several board members requested more time to review them before they are posted. The acceptance of these minutes will move to the next meeting. No minutes were reviewed from the May meeting.

Treasurers Report – Jim N. handed out the balance sheet for review. The current bank balance is at \$9414.74. Expenses coming up in August - \$5400.00 for the Divisional team and \$2275.00 for their hotel in Escanaba. Prizes for the Jr. Bassmaster SQ and Casting Kids State Finals \$200.00 and savings bonds for the Jr. SQ winners. After a review of the balance sheet Bob made a motion to accept the report and Mike S. seconded and by a vote the motion was carried.

Conservation Director Report – Milt stated the grant for the weed control project is completed. Chris Bickers, Region 5 Biologist will be attending the Presidents conference to go over the project with the members. Milt said this is a great opportunity for the IBFN to publicize what we have done to help with this effort. Pictures will be taken and Milt will recap the project in an article. We will also send this to Bass Times as well. Milt continued by stating Champaign Urbana, Tri-County, Quincy and North Shore have completed their projects. West Suburban is still pending. Bob stated the Illinois Bass Anglers also completed theirs at Waylon Lake.

Youth Director Report – Jim Mc stated there were 7 recorded events with 14 winners for the Casting Kids. He has notified the 14 winners of the state finals coming up on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. To date he has received 6 yes and 2 no answers for attending. He is still waiting for the rest to respond. Gift certificate for the winners in the amount of \$50.00 will be purchased from Strictly Fishing at the time of the event.

Jim continued, for the Jr. Bass SQ we have the plaques which are the same as last years and a rod and reel will be awarded for Big Bass. There will be 28 kids competing. Because of the crunch time between events with the Jr.'s, next year we need to hold the event earlier in the year so there is more time for the Jr. winners to prepare for their participation in the divisional. Jim Mc made a motion to pay out \$100.00 to each Jr. winner that will be attending the divisional to help with their expenses. Bob seconded the motion, following discussion, the motion carried by vote. Jim N. will present the winners with a check upon their arrival at the divisional.

Discussion began to discuss what can be done for the boaters who volunteer the time to help out with the Jr. event. Jim N made a motion that each boater receives a bottle of Stay Alive for their live wells. Milt seconded the motion and by a vote it was carried.

Sponsorship Director Report – Bob said we have received \$100.00 from Kastilic Canvas and T&D awards will give us a \$500.00 discount for the plaques for next year's awards. He is still working with several other sponsors but with economic conditions it is hard for them to make commitments.

Regional Reports – Region 1. Mike S. Nothing new to report.

Region 2 – Rich Miller – Absent

Region 3 – Mike Daniel – Absent

## Old Business

Bylaws – The board did a final review of the bylaw changes from the amendment ratification by the members. After review Bob made a motion to accept, seconded by Mike S., motion was carried by vote. The bylaw document was then signed by all present.

## New Business

Resignation Letter – A review of Fred's letter of resignation was made. A motion to accept Fred's resignation was made by Milt saying, "We sadly accept Fred's resignation". The motion was seconded by Mike S., the motion was carried by vote. An letter officially accepting Fred's resignation will be written by Frank.

Vacant President Position – Jim N. made a motion to hold an election for the President's position as soon as possible and begin the nomination process accepting nominations from the general membership and the board. After discussion the motion was seconded by Milt, and was carried by vote.

Discussion continued and the board agreed to accept nominations from the general membership until August 26<sup>th</sup> and hold the election by proxy vote due by September 23<sup>rd</sup> where the ballots will be opened at the September meeting and tabulated. Frank will compose a post for the message board notifying the membership of the process for this election.

Meeting was closed at 9:15 PM

Submitted by  
Frank Labanowski  
IBFN Board