



Club Representatives Meeting Minutes
 Wisconsin Bass Federation Nation
 January 18th, 2009
 Blue Top - Stevens Point, WI

Italicized items will be added to the old business section of the April 2009 reps meeting agenda.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dyer.

Board members PRESENT: **JEFF DYER – President**
Not present **CHRIS JOHNSON – Vice President**
 BILL PARBS –Treasurer
 TOM EHRENBERG - Secretary
 DAN BROVARNEY – Conservation Director
 MIKE MCQUITY – Youth Director
 TERRY HILBERT – Tournament Director

Roll call by Secretary Tom Ehrenberg:
CLUBS REPRESENTED/Not represented:

ALL-4-FUN BASSMASTERS	MAD TOWN BASS
AMELIA BASS	MANITOWOC COUNTY BASS CLUB
AMERY BASS ANGLERS	Mid Eastern WI Bass
BASS ANGLERS LTD	Mutiny Bassmasters
BEER CITY BASS CASTERS	OSHKOSH BASSMASTERS
CHIPPEWA VALLEY BASS ATTACK	RICE LAKE AREA BASSMASTERS
FIB BOYZ	RIVER ROAD BASSMASTERS
FLAMBEAU BASSMASTERS	SE WI BASS
GREEN BAY BASSMASTERS	Shadow Bassmasters
JUST THE TWO OF US	SHAWANO BASSMASTERS
KINNI BASSMASTERS	ST CROIX BASS ANGLERS
INDIANHEAD BASSMASTERS	WAUPACA BASS CLUB
Lake Ripley Lunkers	WOLF RIVER BASS CLUB
Lake Wisconsin Lunkers	

Board of Directors' / Committee Reports

President's Report: Jeff Dyer

Jeff announced that there were reps present from three new clubs to the WBFN.. The first one is South Eastern Wisconsin Bass (Carl Finley), Mad Town Bass(Madison Area - Jeff Olsen), and Ameila's Anglers (Milwaukee Area – Eric Coggan). Welcome!!!

There is also a club from the Rockford, IL area that will be joining the WBFN but were unable to make the January meeting. They will be attending the April Reps meeting.

The total WBFN members are presently unknown as not all clubs have paid their BFN dues and also the BASS website is a little behind in updating. Those that have not yet paid their BFN dues please do so within the next couple weeks but for sure by the April Reps Meeting Credit cards get updated immediately on the BASS website and checks take a little while to show paid.

Jeff reported on the Swap Meet/Social held yesterday. Thanks Chris Johnson who came up with the idea and pushed it until it was a reality. We had a quite a bit of traffic for the first one and good representation by the state clubs. Also present were Brovarney Baits, Tacklesmith, Strike King, Pro Tour Baits, Quantum, and Legend boats. We are trying to promote WI businesses. While the event hours were 9 to 5 we ended up shutting down around 4. Jeff recommended that next year we announce the event hours of 9 – 4 rather than 9-5. It was also suggested that we try and do seminars next year. The event was advertised in local papers, announced on a few radio stations as public service announcements., and Jeff also was on some of those radio programs in the weeks prior to the event to promote it. Raffles were held throughout the day and all had a good time.

Jeff reported on the “Drive the Nation” program to increase clubs and club membership statewide. Our goal is to have 600 members by the end of the year. This doesn't have to be all adult members as youth membership also counts. This also involves a “Fishing 101” program that Mike McQuitty will report on a little later during his report.

Jeff also wanted to congratulate the 2008 WBFN state team. In addition to winning the boat they took \$600 from its sales and donated it to the WI youth program. Thanks Guys!!!

The 2008 FNC in November in Junction City, KS will probably be the last time that this event will be held that far north that time of the year. Junction City was a great town with great people, it was just that the weather was the issue. High winds ended up drastically shortening the tournament with not very many fish caught. The fact that there had to be an extra tournament day for the adults left Jeff to take kids out to a different lake on Saturday. While Jeff enjoyed the day, hitting the water in the morning with the kids in 18 degree wind chill temps made for a very cold outing and not much fun. There is a rumor that the 2009 FNC will be somewhere in Florida but that is not confirmed. It is between Oklahoma and Florida.

At the President's meetings at the FNC, Jeff again signed us up for the Triton/Mercury Alliance Package. It is basically the same as last year. Skeeter/Yamaha opted to hold off due to the economy and could possibly present something at The Bassmaster Classic in February where there is more sponsor meetings.

THE BOAT IS FOR SALE NOW ON BASS BOAT CENTRAL. (www.bassboatcentral.com) The certificate allows upgrades to what is purchased. It has not yet been sold. We would like to make a profit on the sale to help fund state ventures. Chris commented that this is probably the best deal one could ever get on a boat. Jeff reminded anyone in the federation that may buy the boat that the **PURCHASE PRICE STAYS BETWEEN THE WBFN AND THE BUYER.** We almost had a boat pulled from us because someone did not do this and ran to the dealer and asked the dealer to match the price. Triton had a problem with this and is a big no-no.

Website – www.wisconsinbassnation.com and forum
www.wisconsinbassnation.com/wbfnforum/yaf_forum.aspx

While Chris Johnson will provide more information during his report on the changes happening to the website and the forum, I am going to speak on the forum in general.

We have only about 90 of our over 400 members registered on the WBFN forum. This is less than 25%. We are asking that each club rep go back to their clubs and encourage their members to register on the forum.

We try and pass a lot of information to the membership. We know that in the past there was difficulty

registering and once registered had difficulty getting in again. We have fixed this. Jeff provided a handout with step by step instructions on registering on the forum. If a member has difficulty they can give Jeff a call for help. It is very important that as many as possible get registered because that is the place we put a lot of information. There is really no excuse for a member saying they were not informed. Jeff had been sending out email blasts on information in an attempt to get to as many members as possible. ([Secretary's note: This was the vehicle that was used to inform the membership of the "hastily called" WDNR tournament rules hearing.](#))

Jeff announced that on the back table there was copies of an article that was published on the BASS website. This article was written by Andy Cleveland (Green Bay Bassmasters) and is titled "Why Join a Fishing Club". If you have anyone in the area that wants to know reasons why to join a fishing club please take a copy or 2. It can also be printed from the BASS Federation Nation website from the federation home page.

Vice-President's Report – Chris Johnson

This is Chris's last vice-president report. 2008 Sponsors are being contacted and negotiated with to be sponsors for us in 2009. Chris mentioned Brovarney Baits, Warner's Dock, and Tacklesmith. Communication has started with Strike King for next year. (2010)

Website:

We are in the process of redesigning the website with the help of our new webmaster, Mark from Tacklesmith. Chris showed a sample of what the website will look like. The plan is to make the website simple to negotiate for all. This redesign has been a long time in coming. Below are some of the features that are being worked on

- Full Screen Display showing both the top and bottom of the page on the screen at the same time.
- WBFN Latest News
- WBFN Tournament Forms (view or download PDF)
- "Find a Club near You"
- Sponsor Highlights
- Tournament Rules & By Laws
- Forum Access
- President's Message
- Youth
- Conservation
- Club Angler or Club Highlights
- Articles
- Newsflash (Top heading on the Forum page)

Chris asked that anyone with suggestions to please contact him. It was suggested that the website provide links to the individual club websites. That is something we do want to do.

Chris introduced Mark to the group. Chris also commented that updates will be done within a couple of days and try and keep the website current.

Jeff commented that the website has been a work in progress. Chris stepped up to get it out on the web.

Brian Christenson (River Road) then stepped up to get us to the next level. There were a lot of things that we couldn't have done without Brian's help. THANKS BRIAN!!

Secretary's Report – Tom Ehrenberg

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the meeting minutes of the October reps meeting as published on the internet and furnished in printed form at the meeting.

Tom passed around a sheet to obtain the current club rep information.

Club Tournament lake choices were collected. These will be compiled into a single form and distributed. It was discussed as to what distribution this single file should be distributed. Discussed was sent to all members, sent to just club reps, or placed on the website. ***It was decided that the club reps should go back to their clubs and get a feeling as to if it should be placed on the website and brought up for discussion at the April reps meeting.*** Tom will send out he compiled listing to all members and discuss at the April meeting if it should also be on the website.

There was a reminder that there is a by-law that prohibits any club tournament within 15 days on waters designated as state tournament waters. This will affect Lake Puckaway in April, Mississippi River Pools 7, 8, and 9 in July, and Shawano Lake in September.

It is important that everyone with an email address provide that to the secretary so that a master member email listing can be created. This was accented with the recent hastily called tournament rules hearing recently.

Club Rosters All available information will be pulled from the BASS website. This includes name, BASS #, expiration date, and address. What information is not there is phone and cell phone numbers or email addresses. Once the rosters are completed from the website they will be sent to the club reps to complete the phone number and email areas. Please return them back to Tom via email so the masters can be updated. Rosters will also identify those members whose BASS membership is expiring in the tournament year. Those will be identified in bold red numbers. You will then be able to remind your members.

Boat insurance certificates Tom asked that just like last year, reps bring copies of their member's boat insurance. This would be anyone that is looking to fish at a state event. Different from last year is that if the insurance expires before the event they want to fish, wait until the new one is received and mail or email it to him. This worked out fairly well and just looking to improve the process. Please make sure that the boat insurance includes name, expiration date, and liability amount. Minimum liability is \$300,000. Tom asked the reps to check over the copies to insure all this information is there and the policy has not expired. Also we are not requiring copies of BASS cards to be submitted with tournament applications. We have the ability to pull this information from the BASS website so this is unnecessary.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Parbs

Bill provided the reps with printed copies of the treasurer's report. Bill has tried to streamline the report and it was much easier to follow. Bill welcomed suggestions on how to improve it. One of the items that still need to be decided is when we start our fiscal year. Following discussion of some of the details of the report a motion was passed to approve them as published.

Bill announced that he had WBFN patches available for \$2 each.

Conservation Director's Report – Dan Brovarney

Dan has been nominated for BASS conservation director of the year. 4 others have also been nominated and the winner of that award will be decided by BASS and announced at the Bassmasters Classic in February.

Tournament rules We were very successful at irritating a lot of people regarding the proposed tournament rules. The Natural Resources committee broke with tradition and sent them back to the WDNR for a second rewrite. We were in favor of the minor rewrites. It was the assumption that they would do a rewrite and present at the next legislative session. That didn't happen. It was thought that the WDNR will wait until the next session when the Democrats take over control of the legislature. To our advantage the Legislature has split the Natural Resources committee in to two parts. The split involves pulling the environmental issues into their own committee and the other committee will deal strictly with fish and game issues. Ann Hraychuck will chair the fish and game committee. She is strong in the hunting and fishing area. We need to decide, with all the learning we had in this area, what we are going to do next. The suggestion is that we as an organization have to begin to take a stand on fish and game issues that don't directly affect us. The first order of business is to look at the budget. Dan discussed a number of areas that we should concentrate on. Dan asked that members though out the state keep him informed of issues in their area. Dan's issues are not the same in the SE corner of the state are not the same as those in the NW corner of the state. Please let him know when something comes up so we can respond. We need to have a presence at all of these meetings. Conservation grants are also available. The WBFN has received the \$1,000 from Bass and will look to receive applications. John Burmeister (Just the 2 of Us) reported on how the culverts that were funded with the last grant are performing. John stated that the increased water flow the culverts deliver to the Bayou will probably take a few years to fully clean the area out but there is already a very noticeable improvement in the area. Between the \$1000 from the WBFN and the \$3000 that the Waupaca Bass Club donated, the WBFN directly or indirectly put \$4000 in the project.

Warm Water Studies Committee – Ken Snow

There are 5 questions that will be on the questionnaire for the spring meetings relating to bass or bass fishing. The WDNR is seeing a lot of pressure in certain areas where the bass population has grown to a point where they are major predators of the other fish species. Reduction of size limits is one of the options for doing this. There is only one question regarding state wide size limit reduction. There is another question regarding the separation of large and smallmouth when it comes to bag limits. Currently they are looked at as being together when it comes to bag and size limits. Better management of the resource could be obtained

if these were separated. What is good for one is not necessarily good for the other. This is true with bodies of water where for example there were big smallmouth and a small largemouth populations in the same body of water. Ken urged all to attend the spring meeting. These hearings will be held in 72 locations throughout the state on April 14th starting at 7 PM.

A complete listing of the locations and the questionnaire can be found at.....

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/spring%20hearings/2008/2008SpringQuestionnaire.pdf>

Ken will prepare a position paper regarding out stance on these spring hearing issues.

Youth Director's Report – Mike McQuitty

Mike wished to make a personal thank you to the 2008 state team. They decided on their own to donate \$600 from the sale of the boat they won at the Northern Divisionals to the youth of Wisconsin. Thank you very much. Thanks to all those that attended the Swap Meet.

Casting Kids - There will be some changes to the program. At this point sponsorship will go as far as divisionals as we know it today. BASS feels the they are not getting many thru the Casting Kids program into BASS BFN clubs or youth fishing programs. Because of this there will be some changes in the future. Jeff recommended that anyone looking to hold a Casting Kids event to get their order into BASS. There is a limited number of kits available and BASS may not be ordering any more. This program may still exist in some form but at this point we don't know how it will change. Mike does have some kits if some find it difficult to obtain their own. Casting Kids may end up stopping at the state level but at this point we really don't know. If you have any questions please give Mike a call.

2008 WBFN JR State Championship - This event will be held on the Winnebago System on June 26-28 out of Oshkosh with a Rainbow Park launch point. Further details will be announced as they become available. The event will be two different tournaments on the same weekend. This is because of the change in format with the kids in the Divisionals. The first day winners will advance to the 2009 Northern Divisionals in Escanaba. The winners from Sunday will fish the 2010 Northern Divisionals is on potentially Lake St. Clair.

(Secretary's note: In days following the meeting this was changed. This will be only June 26-27 with one day of competition with the winners going to the 2009 Northern Divisionals. There will be no competition on Sunday. Competitors for the 2010 Northern Divisionals will be decided at the JR state championship in 2010.)

Jeff inserted that the process for the youth divisionals has changed. The state youth champions will be fishing on the 3rd day of competition and go out with their state representative be it the youth director or other designated individual, not the state team winner as last year. The fish caught by the kids will count as part of the adult state team weight. They are now part of the adult state teams. This is a change. This does mean that the state winner will not have to stay an extra day to fish with the kids. This is just the way it has been set up. This will mean that it will be in the best interest of the adult state team members to put them on fish by giving the boater some spots where they know fish should be able to be caught. For example, at the 2008 Northern Divisionals the weight of the Ohio youth anglers if it had been added to the weight of the Ohio state team would have placed them in 2nd rather than 3rd. This would have meant about a \$6,000 difference in winnings.

The state team will have to decide the share the junior champs receive but it must be kept in mind that it can not be an official cash share or it would affect their ability to play amateur sports in high school or college. Mike commented that he would like to see three new youth clubs. One of these areas would be Shawano. He talked at length with the Shawano club yesterday seeing what could be done to make this happen. We would need an adult club to sponsor them. The other two areas would be Stevens Point and Madison.

Bass Fishing 101 - This is something new Mike is starting. When Mike was in Kansas, he saw Michigan win a Toyota Tundra pickup truck for most new members. They did this by recruiting about 200 kids into their federation. A youth member in the eyes of BASS is the same as a youth member. We can't do this by adding them to junior clubs because we don't presently have those kind of resources. We have a lot of kids that want to get involved in fishing. Bass Fishing 101 is similar to the by laws for the junior Bassmasters. This group can be an extension of the present junior clubs. In areas where there is not a junior club, a Bass Fishing 101 club can be formed. These 101 members will not be going out and competing on the water in boats. They will go to the same meetings that the junior Bassmasters and learn the skills needed to fish. Their eligibility to advance would be contingent on the number of boats available. They would be able to do this based on the day the enrolled in the program. Those that joined sooner would be able to advance first. This program will increase the state membership numbers. It will start an interest in bass fishing among the

youth waiting to be junior Bassmasters. They would pay \$10 to BASS to join the club and would also receive the same benefits from BASS as the junior bassmasters. This is in the beginning stages and Mike would like to start this in 2009. He wants to make a push to make bass fishing part of a state wide program in the school systems. In Illinois they did a survey of the kids and asked them what activities they would like to do. Of the list of 35, bass fishing ranked 5th!! Mike will have to work with the WIAA to make this happen. We would be targeting starting in the 6th grade. This would position us to expand once these kids get into high school. Even though these kids would not be fishing in boats, Mike encouraged those that get involved to take the kids to waters where they could fish from shore. This would allow them to use what they learned in the classes. Mike is looking to get the WDNR involved also. Mike has the documentation for the program. If you are interested give Mike a call, His information is on the website. Mike suggested going to places like Wal-Mart, Gander Mountain, and similar places to get donations. Mike reminded the group that today fishing is competing with video games. We need to make it exciting for them. We need to plant the fishing seed. There is no minimum age for participating in this program. They can't fish in the juniors until 11 but we can start earlier to get them interested.

Dan Brovarney, on behalf of Brovarney Baits, offered a \$5 "bounty" to the first 40 kids that join the program payable to the club. Thank you Dan!!!!

Mike reminded everyone to look into their basements and donate unused bait and equipment to the youth.

Grant for Schools – Mike wanted to remind everyone that there is a grant available from The Future Fisherman Foundation (<http://www.futurefisherman.org/>) Details of the grant can be found on their website They are an organization connected with the Justice Department that stresses hooked on fishing not drugs. "A national program that helps public, private and charter schools incorporate the benefits and rewards of fishing and/or boating activities into their school curriculum. Grants in the amount of \$2,500 are available for K-12 school based fishing and boating programs. Contact Mike for details of visit the website.

Tournament Director's Report – Terry Hilbert

Jeff announced that Terry had decided to stay for another 2 years as state tournament director. Terry would like the chance to train someone to be the tournament director. He has a couple of people interested.

- **Mr. Bass – April 25-26, 2009 Lake Puckaway**

A 2 day tournament will be held April 25-26 on Lake Puckaway. Because effective 2009 the Mr. Bass winner will earn the 12th man position on the state team it will be a 2 day event rather than a 1 day event as it had been in prior years. Launch point will be out of Good Old Days. There are cabins available to rent. Bill Parbs noted that the cabins are two bedroom cabins and could be shared with other Mr. Bass entrants or observers. Cabins are regular \$95 but they are available to us for \$75 (two people). Each additional person over 2 is \$10. So for \$95 four individuals could stay in a cabin. They will probably go fast so get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Official practice days would be April 23-24. The Mr. Bass entrant needs to line up their own observer.

Terry Hilbert has received a permit from the DNR for this tournament. This is a payout tournament. Last year the state added money from the sale of the boat to the pot. We have yet to decide that for this year. The boat has not yet been sold.

Entry forms were made available in a tournament entry packet on the table in the back of the room for all clubs. They are all

- **2009 State Tournament – July 18-19, 2009 Mississippi River La Crosse Pools 7/8/9**

The official practice days will be Thursday and Friday (16-17). Permit has been received by Terry Hilbert. Launch point will be the Clinton Street landing. There was a discussion on how we were going to release the fish. A number of options were discussed with Terry informing that the directive from the WI DNR was that the fish needed to be released in the area where they were

caught. No matter what option is found it was agreed that the fish need to get into the Mississippi River channel rather than being released in the Black River.

Days Inn hotel is the host hotel for the state tournament. We are asking that all clubs stay there if possible. A room rate of \$69 was negotiated and this is for up to 5 per room. Plug ins for boats will have to come thru the windows of the rooms and is allowable. Those that book first will get the rooms on the lower floor. Days Inn is not sure if we will be able to keep our boats attached to vehicles or not. The layout of the Days Inn is 4 buildings with a courtyard in the middle. The police station is right across the street. Days Inn is located about a mile from the Clinton Street Launch.

The meeting is Friday night at 7PM. From feedback from last year's tournament there was a comment if the meeting could be later than 6 PM as some had a tough time working and then making it all the way across the state for registration and the 6 PM meeting. Registration will be from 4 – 7. 7 PM was the latest we could go and still get the meeting done in a reasonable time and give everyone time afterward to do whatever they needed to do.

MSBC, Multiple Sclerosis Bass Circuit, the tournaments run by Randy Eddy of River Road Bassmasters, is donating a half barrel of beer for the meeting on Friday evening. So there will be free beer for the meeting.

- **THE 4 MAN CLASSIC – September 24-27, 2009 Shawano Lake**
Official practice days for this tournament are Thursday and Friday, 24th and 25th. Terry has received a permit for this tournament. Launch point will be Huckleberry Harbor. Clubs will be able to enter as many 4 man teams as they want. No limit to the number of teams by each club. The more that come the more the payout. This is a 100% payout tournament. 4 man teams must be all from the same club. No mix and match between clubs.
- **NORTHERN DIVISIONALS – August 10-14, 2009 Big Bay de Loc – Escanaba, MI**
Terry has asked Roy Bragg to help the team. Terry asked for any information that anyone may have on Bay de Loc and are willing to share it please do. The team will appreciate all the help they can get. Terry and Chris Johnson plan on spending some time pre-fishing the area.

Terry discussed copies of boat insurance. While they at times seem difficult to get by the state secretary, it doesn't cost much to make a copy and put it in your boat. Then if there is issues you have it with you. Terry's thought is that it may be a good idea to make carrying copies of boat insurance in your boat mandatory.

CUTOFF FOR ALL STATE TOURNAMENTS – State/ Mr. Bass/4 man

A cutoff prior to state events was talked about at the October reps meeting. At the time Terry decided to institute one. Comments regarding this brought the need to discuss it again at this meeting. This would mean Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday would be closed. This was discussed amongst the reps detailing a number of pros and cons for a cutoff.

Jeff asked that every rep go back to their club and obtain a consensus vote from each of their clubs. This is a YES or NO vote to either have a cutoff of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before each of the 3 state events or not. This issue will be brought up to obtain these votes at the April reps meeting. The resulting decision will be what the state does for the year for their events. The reps from the clubs agreed to do this.

Old Business

2010 State Tournament - Sturgeon Bay
Details to follow.

Tournament director

While there were no nominations for tournament director at the October Reps meeting nominations were opened. Terry Hilbert decided that while he had decided at the October meeting not to run for tournament director, he changed his mind. Terry was nominated and seconded for the position of tournament director. There were no other nominations. Terry was voted in as tournament director by majority voice vote.

Vice President

Chris Johnson was recognized for his passion, commitment, and accomplishments as our vice president verbally and with the presentation of a plaque honoring his contribution to getting the WBFN started. Because there were no nominations for vice president at the October Reps meeting the floor was opened for nominations for this position. Brian Beebe was nominated and seconded for the position of vice president. There were no other nominations. Terry was voted in as tournament director by majority voice vote. Chris has volunteered to offer whatever assistance he could to help Brian in his new position.

New Business

The following by-law changes were discussed and voted on. All of them passed. One had a slight revision during the discussion regarding it.

- By-Law Revision: Article 5 (A) WBFN dues due date
Presently reads: (A) Have a minimum of six (6) members paid by the January Representatives meeting.
Change to read: (A) Have a minimum of six (6) members paid by 12/31 of the prior year. (This change would mirror the BASS requirement and is primarily, but not exclusively, for insurance reasons.)

- By-Laws Revision: Article 4; Section 3(A) Six Man Team Classic Tournament

Presently reads:

Section 3: *Six-Man Team Classic Tournament*

Each club is allowed to send six-member teams to the Wisconsin Bass Federation National Six Man Team State Qualifier Tournament, as outlined by the B.A.S.S. National Federation Nation. Each team must be equipped with three boats, and standings will be awarded based on the team's total weight. The team Classic tournament is to be conducted each year as determined by the Board. The participants and fees for this tournament are to be determined annually by the Board.

Change to read:

Section 3: *Fall Team Tournament*

Each club is allowed to as many teams as they desire to participate in the WBFN Fall Team Tournament. The Fall team tournament is to be conducted each year as determined by the Board. The participants and fees for this tournament are to be determined annually by the Board.

- Tournament Rules Revision: Tournament Hours

Presently Reads:

TOURNAMENT HOURS: The zone qualification, state tournament, and The WBFN Classic will be three day tournaments, with the first day, being the designated a practice fishing day, and two(2) and three(3) as competition days. The Mr. Bass tournament will be a two-day tournament, with Saturday as practice fishing day and Sunday as competition day. Maximum length of fishing time per tournament competition day will be eight hours. Any contestant not showing up the second day of the competition, without approval of the Tournament Director, will be disqualified from any remaining WBFN tournaments of that year, and the year immediately following.

Change to Read:

TOURNAMENT HOURS: The zone qualification, state tournament, Mr. Bass, and Fall Team Tournament will be four day tournaments, with the first two days, being the designated as practice

fishing days, and days three (3) and four(4) as competition days. Maximum length of fishing time per tournament competition day will be eight hours. Any contestant not showing up the second day of the competition, without approval of the Tournament Director, will be disqualified from any remaining WBFN tournaments of that year, and the year immediately following.

- Tournament Rules Revision: Tournament Fees

Presently Reads:

TOURNAMENT FEES: WBFN State Tournament Fees are due to the Treasurer by published deadline, with tournament entry forms, boat insurance copies, and B.A.S.S. card copies included. Six Man Team Tournament BASS Club World Classic (BCWC) fees are due to the Treasurer by the published deadline, with tournament entry forms, boat insurance, and B.A.S.S. card copies included. The Treasurer will take all fees and forward all tournament entry forms to the Tournament Director. The amount of these fees will be published in advance for each event.

Change to Read:

TOURNAMENT FEES: WBFN State Tournament, Mr. Bass, and the Fall Team Tournament fees are due to the Treasurer by published deadline, with tournament entry forms AND boat insurance copies. The Treasurer will take all fees and forward all tournament entry forms to the Tournament Director. The amount of these fees and entry deadlines will be published in advance for each event. All members entering these tournaments must be members in good standing with the WBFN, BFN, and B.A.S.S. and tournament participants may be asked to show current membership cards on request.

High Interest Day – Milwaukee Area

Mike McQuitty commented that there is a thing called “High Interest Day”. The kids can choose any subject and Mike would like to see bass fishing added to the list. Mike would like to have some assistance from the computer skilled members to put together a CD or Powerpoint presentation. Things like pictures, videos, to music, to help get this interest generated. Mike tried to see if BASS had something like that but so far they don’t have anything but are considering making one. Mike would like to see this sooner rather than later and get someone to help put something together.

Announcements

Please remember to get the Mr. Bass entry forms in on time.

On January 25 Bass Anglers is having a ice jamboree on Pewaukee Lake. Bill Parbs has raffle tickets for the event.

Observers will be able to compete in Mr. Bass but the fish limit will be discussed at the April Meeting.

April Reps Meeting - April 5th, 2009 – 9 AM

Blue Top - Stevens Point, WI

Final roll call was taken by Secretary Tom Ehrenberg

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Ehrenberg

WBFN Secretary