



Club Representatives Meeting Minutes
Wisconsin Bass Federation Nation
October 19th, 2008
Rodeway Inn - Madison, WI

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

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dyer. Jeff thanked all for coming and a special thanks to those who braved the cold and foggy morning to fish in the President's Challenge (Reps) Tournament. The day did improve and all that attended enjoyed the day..

Board members PRESENT: **JEFF DYER – President**
Not present **CHRIS JOHNSON – Vice President**
 BILL PARBS –Treasurer
 TOM EHRENBERG - Secretary
 Steve Crotteau– Conservation Director (Resigned)
 MIKE MCQUITTY – Acting Youth Director
 TERRY HILBERT – Tournament Director

Roll call by Secretary Tom Ehrenberg:

CLUBS REPRESENTED/Not represented:

ALL 4 FUN BASSASTERS
Amery Bass Anglers
BASS ANGLERS LTD
BEER CITY BASSCASTERS
Chippewa Valley Bass Attach
FIB BOYZ
Flambeau Bassmasters
GREEN BAY BASSMASTERS
Just the Two of Us
KINNI BASSMASTERS
Indianhead Bassmasters
Lake Ripley Lunkers

Lake Wisconsin Lunkers
Manitowoc Bass Club
Mid Eastern Wisconsin Bass
MUTINY BASSMASTERS
Oshkosh Bassmasters
RICE LAKE AREA BASSMASTERS
River Road Bassmasters
SHADOW BASSMASTERS
Shawano Bassmasters
St. Croix Bassmasters
WAUPACA BASS CLUB
WOLF RIVER BASS CLUB

Board of Directors' / Committee Reports

President's Report: Jeff Dyer

Jeff did not have much to present as most of his items will be addressed in new and old business.

Vice-President's Report – Chris Johnson

Chris stated that there was nothing really active at the present time. It is kind of a limbo time between this year and next. He wished to thank those sponsors that supported us this year. At a time when the fishing

industry is tightening its belt he asked that the WBFN members support our state sponsors, such as our first WBFN sponsor Brovarney Baits who continues to provide major support, Tacklesmith, and Get Bit Baits. **(Secretary's note: While per the April minutes, Chris announced that a newsletter was to be sent out in June, that never happened as the individual that volunteered to put it together did not.)**

At the conclusion of Chris's report, Jeff announced that while noted in a post on the WBFN website, Chris would not be seeking a 2nd term as vice-president to spend more time fishing and with his family.

Secretary's Report – Tom Ehrenberg

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

Tom announced that he would be putting together a 2009 WBFN events calendar similar to the one for 2008. In addition to WBFN events it will try to include all the major tournament trails such as BBB, BFL, and TBF events. If you would like your open tournament or fund raiser noted on the calendar please let Tom know.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Parbs

At the start of Bill's report he made the following statement.

"First, as a state team member this year and a board member, there is one person that didn't get any acknowledgement at divisionals in Oshkosh. I believe this man was a great asset to our team. He is very meticulous, well organized, and even though he is a stickler for doing my Excel work better than I have done, I believe this man is the glue that keeps this Nation together. He spent countless hours helping out, parking cars in the morning, took vacation time to be there to support the state team at divisionals, cooked brats for the Junior Bassmasters, and made sure there were drinks available on the last day for the whole state team. This man went above and beyond the call of duty donating his own free time to assist. He put together a great CD as a remembrance for each one of the state team members, with no recognition. I would like everybody to just give this guy a hand of applause. He did a great job this year helping us out and he didn't get to go on stage with us. Thank you Tom Ehrenberg."

Bill furnished printed copies of the treasurer's report. The report was prior to this weekend expenditures for the picnic, hotel room bills, and the awards state qualifiers for both the adult and the juniors. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Jeff announced that both WBFN dues (\$50) and BFN dues (\$20) are due by 12/31. We have been a little lax on this in the past but BASS is getting on us to get these dues in by the end of the year. The primary reason is that the BASS insurance expires on 12/31. To insure that there is unbroken insurance coverage for club functions, this needs to be paid by the end of the year. You may go on line to BASS, update rosters, and pay dues with credit card or send a check. Send the WBFN dues to treasurer Bill Parbs. DO NOT SEND BASS BFN DUES TO BILL.

(Secretary's note: The annual dues fee was discussed during the board meeting. It was mentioned that the TBF was increasing its dues this year to \$65. The board felt that if we are operating in the black with the boat sale and other fund raisers, we do not need to raise the dues for 2009.)

Conservation Director's Report – Dan Brovarney

Jeff announced that our present conservation director, Steve Crotteau, due to his growing business and fishing commitments has decided to resign. Jeff announced that he has appointed Dan Brovarney who has stepped up and volunteered to fill the remainder of Steve's term.

Tournament rule changes: Dan pointed out that while "everyone" is running around saying the changes are a done deal, IT IS NOT!! The tournament rules went back to the Natural Resources Board. After the NRB meeting that approved the changed rules, Dan handed out to all the media present a letter asking them to not report that this is a done deal. They did not. Dan then put together a letter to all WBFN members which Tom E. forwarded to all the members that had email addresses. This encouraged all members to write their state reps pertaining to the bad items yet remaining in the rule package. Primary was the restriction of 4 tournaments on each Mississippi River pool per month. This was ANY kind of tournament be it carp, walleye, bass, panfish, or catfish. With tough economic times here and possibly getting worse,

we can not let the DNR economically handicap the communities on the Mississippi River, that have benefited greatly from fishing tournaments, be negatively impacted by this decision. They put these rules together in Platteville, and will resubmit them to the NRB in Eagle River on October 22nd. Dan will be unable to be at that meeting and is looking for someone to be able to attend it to do the handouts like he did in Platteville. He will write it, he just needs someone there to hand it out. In the handout he will ask how can we strap the WI cities and towns of the Mississippi River valley with rules written for Iowa and Minnesota which are not in the best interest of WI and goes against the state wide biological and social rules and regs. While some of these are OK for the rest of the state they are not OK for the Mississippi. While most of the other objections to the initial rule package have been addressed and fixed by the DNR, this one remains. One of the major successes in the rule changes was the ability to use one permit to hold both an adult tournament and a youth tournament and count it as just one. While the DNR is informing the members of the Fishing Tournament Advisory Committee, they are not convening a meeting of the FTAC.

The invasive species rules are done being put together by the WDNR and will come before the NRB soon. One of the things that Dan objects to is that the WDNR is looking to give fishing tournament monies to the lake associations. While this is fine, the WDNR needs to insure that the lakes need to have state mandated access for the general public. If there is no access the lake association should not get any money.

Dan recommended that we do not “tip our hand” as to what our objections are in the chat rooms and websites on the internet. This gives the WDNR an advantage in knowing beforehand what our objections are. Please keep these conversations limited to the phone and emails rather than on websites. The WDNR monitors these.

Again regarding the tournament rules, Dan noted that they did not have an on line permitting process. While they have now placed one on line, it is pretty much garbage.

The last item is that ESPN/BASS has given WI \$1,000 to be used for conservation projects. Applications from clubs are due to Dan by 1/1/2009. He encouraged the clubs to look past just the club and possibly involve other organizations, such as scouts, in finding a conservation project. The award can be done in parts or in whole, depending on the applications received.

Dan’s email is Brovarney@hotmail.com. If anyone has any questions regarding the above, Dan asked that you email him. There is plenty of bad info out there on these items, go to Dan rather than repeat incorrect info.

The rule process is this.....

- The WDNR puts their rule proposal together.
- The WDNR presents it to the Natural Resources Board (NRB)
- The NRB either approves the rule changes or asks the WDNR to change it.
- The NRB then forwards it to the Natural Resources committee in the Assembly. They then have 10 days to act on it. They can call a hearing or not. Their choice. If they do nothing it passes automatically. The Assembly can send it back to the WDNR also to change it or approve it.

Dan encouraged the WBFN members to (while it pains him personally) to vote for the Republican representative in their district. He feels that the WDNR is holding on to this because it is their feeling that the Assembly will Democratic, kick Rep. Scott Gunderson off the committee chair of the NRC, and allow them to pretty much pass what they want.

Cornell Stroik recommended that all members get to know their state representatives.

Dan also recommended that reps go back to their clubs and encourage the younger members to look at running for board positions. He is concerned that we need to get younger members involved in the state WBFN board.

Warm Water Studies Committee – Ken Snow

(Secretary's note: Ken Snow did not attend the meeting.)

Youth Director's Report – Mike McQuitty

Jeff announced, for those that were unaware, that Todd Bina had resigned as youth director. Jeff appointed Mike to fill the remainder of Todd's term which ends in January. Jeff also announced that Mike would be nominated as the youth director if he liked it or not.

Mike started by thanking Chris Wenzel and Todd Bina for their passion and work in the youth area not only on the state level but with their local clubs. Mike stated that the youth programs will furnish the membership of the WBFN, they are the future. Mike is going to focus on recruiting on an individual basis and encourage clubs to start youth programs. This is not only to get more youth involved but to get the members of the adult clubs more involved in the program.

Mike also is going to focus on fund raising. The youth programs have to come up with half of the monies awarded to the youth champions for state and those that make it thru the divisionals to the youth FNC.

As part of a youth promotion for kids 16-18 and those enrolled full time in college, they will be able to join the adult clubs and pay only \$25 for membership. While this was in place last year, the change is the dues those members pay will not go into the adult funds but be directed to the state youth area.

Mike asked that the youth directors of the clubs in the state provide him with rosters of the kids in their program to include birth date.

Mike asked that members look around in their closets, basements, and garages for things they are no longer using such as baits, fishing reels, rods, hats, money, or anything that they would be willing to donate to the youth. Mike noted that his youth club is having a meat raffle at an ice jamboree in January with all proceeds going to the youth club.

Here is Mike's contact information. Please contact him with any thing regarding the youth programs.

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Mike then presented the Wisconsin Junior Champion and Northern Divisional Junior champion in the 11-14 age group, Ross Lemens from Oshkosh. Ross was presented with a \$500 check for being the state champion and an additional \$1,000 for being the Northern Divisional winner. This is to help defray expenses of him going to Junction City, Kansas for the Youth FNC.

Mike also announced that \$500 was presented yesterday to Cade Laufenberg, the 15-18 WI Junior Champion, at the President's Challenge tournament cookout. Cade was unable to attend the reps meeting.

Congratulations to them both and good luck to Ross in November. Cade lost out of the championship by 1 oz in the 15-18 year old category.

Tournament Director's Report – Terry Hilbert

- **WBFN Tournament Committee**

Jeff announced the selection of a WBFN tournament committee. With both Terry and Chris J. stepping down from their board positions they would have time to do this. Roy Bragg was also added to this committee. Between the three of them there are a lot of years of tournament experience. Thanks for stepping up to do this.

Jeff announced that Terry has chosen to not run again for the position of tournament director. A new one will need to be found. In light of the fact that no one has stepped forward interested in the position Jeff would like to see a by-law change to remove the tournament director as a board position. Because of the low number of clubs attending the meeting a by-law change was unable to be considered. The reason for this is that Jeff would like to appoint Bill Parbs as tournament director. Bill has volunteered to do this but per our present by-laws, no board member with the exception of secretary/treasurer can hold two positions at the same time. This by-law revision will have wait until the January meeting. Jeff thanked Terry for his service as state tournament director over the last 2 years.

- **Northern Divisional Tournament – Oshkosh 2008**

Terry noted that the WI state team won the northern divisional tournament, in good part to an error by one of the Ohio anglers that caused his day 2 catch of 13+ to be DQ'd. This opened the door for both the WI and MN teams. Terry commented that the expenses incurred by WI for this event, specifically the dinner, were quite a drain on the WBFN state treasury. What helped were donations from a number of areas. Stepping up were Mercury Marine, Brovarney Baits, and New London Lanes (Terry and Erika Hilbert). Terry observed this year that some of the other northern divisional states are starting to learn that they need to work as a team if they are going to win. Roy Bragg started the team concept a number of years ago in WI and that has put WI at or near the top since that started. Some of the state teams booked lodging at hotels other than the Park Plaza so they could be alone and stay focused. Ohio and Minnesota were mentioned.

- **State Tournament general discussion**

Terry repeated the concept of having the state tournament in a 5 rotating locations. Some of the reasoning is to move the locations around the state, provide potential negotiation leverage if areas knew we were going to return, and also vary the type of water being fished. At the April reps meeting, the 2009 Tournament Committee decided that the Mississippi River Pools 9 and 10 would be the logical choice seeing that Iowa would be hosting the 2010 northern divisionals. Iowa would also most likely hold that tournament on the same pools. With the release of the BFL's 2009 tournament dates, they are holding a tournament on Pools 9 and 10 on Saturday. The tournament committee decided to move the tournament location from Prairie du Chein to La Crosse and keep the same 3rd weekend in July rather than keep the location and change the date. Terry will look to apply for pools 7, 8, and 9 for this tournament. Terry also announced that the possibility that the 2010 state tournament would be Sturgeon Bay, with the tentative schedule beyond that would be 2011 Madison, 2012 Alma, 2013 Oshkosh, with 2014 being back at Prairie du Chein with the rotation continuing. The goal will be to try and match the state tournament water type with the anticipated location of the Northern Divisional locations.

- **Off limits for WBFN tournaments**

For the last 3 years, since the creation of the WBFN, we have allowed our tournament waters to be open for fishing right up to tournament day. Terry stated that he felt it is time for us to close these waters to fishing by WBFN members prior to the tournament. This would be from the Sunday prior to the tournament @ 5PM thru to the start of the official practice day on Friday, the way it used to be. The reasoning for this would be multiple. One it would reduce pressure on the water. Members that state they can't fish during the week tournaments are fishing all week. Some will find their fish and then go to locations that they know others will fish and stick those fish. The water gets pounded all week long.

Discussion followed noting the following:

- Felt it was a disadvantage not being able to fish during the week
- Felt it was a disadvantage to many that they do not have the ability for whatever reason
 - To prefish during the week. It would create a more level field limiting the fishing time
 - To just the practice days. It would allow all to start more even and "let the cream rise to the top".
- Many will go over before hand, a week or two, and either fish on their own or hold club events.
- A suggestion was made to expand the official practice days to include Thursday making 2 days rather than just one. It would allow for a bad weather day. In addition, with high

- gas prices and the cost of long distance for some, the two day practice would potentially allow for just one trip rather than 2.
- Two days of prefishing would be better than one. With the larger bodies of water we use 2 days would be better.
 - It would allow for BASS insurance to be in effect for both practice days.

Terry asked for a show of hands of those favoring 2 practice days. (The majority of those present raised their hand.) Terry modified his original position and decided on 2 official practice days rather than one with the area closed from Sunday @ 5PM until Thursday morning.

(Jeff Dyer interrupted asking the question if this was something that was a board/tournament director position decision and the show of hands was just advisory. Did we need to bring this to a vote at a later date because of the low number of reps? It was decided that per the by-laws and tournament rules this decision was able to be made by the tournament director.)

This closed decision will be in place for all 3 WBFN sponsored tournaments for the year, Mr. Bass, State, and fall team event.

- **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. Official practice days would be April 23-24 with the area closed starting the prior Sunday @ 5 PM. Jeff noted that again this year the Mr. Bass entrant would have to bring their own observer. There would be a small side pot for the observers but because the winner qualifies for the state team the observer fish limit may be reduced to 1 or 2. . **(Secretary's note: 10/28 - The permit has been received for this tournament.)**
- **2009 State Tournament – July 18-19, 2009 Mississippi River La Crosse**
Official practice days to be Thursday and Friday (16-17) with waters closed at 5PM on July 12th. Terry will be applying for pools 7, 8, and 9. While the WDNR have not been giving 3 pool tournaments lately he will try anyway. We are not going to butt heads with the BFL in Prairie. Headquarters is not yet determined but we would use the Clinton street launch. David Snyder and Jeff Dyer will work together to work out the details. Terry suggested a trailer weigh-in due to the fact that the shoreline is very rocky and doesn't allow for a lot of boats to be beached on the shore. **(Secretary's note: 10-28 - The permit has NOT YET been received for this tournament.)**
- **Return of THE 4 MAN CLASSIC – September 25-26, 2009 Shawano Lake**
Our attempt to match up this tournament with the BASS Team World Championship competition has failed over the last few years. With BASS cancelling this event we are returning to the old 4 man format for the fall tournament. The fall tournaments have either been cancelled or had very low attendance. The format will change in the fact that in the past each club could only send one 4 man team. For this event, each club may send as many 4 man teams as they want. Applications for this event would be by the April meeting as it was done in the past. The entry fee that was mentioned was the same as in the past, \$200/team, or \$50/entrant. Another reason for the 4 man decision was due to Terry's discussion with Jon Stewart of BASS. This 4 man format may be something that BASS would be interested in as a replacement for the 6 man team event. Many clubs have just the minimum 6 members and it was difficult for them to field a 6 man team. 4 may be easier. Nothing firm as of yet has been decided, just discussions. There was some lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the 6 man and 4 man formats with the general conclusion being that the 4 man was a better idea. While the initial date was suggested at the first weekend in October, it was later decided to move it up a week into the last weekend in September. Deer and waterfowl hunting was mentioned as a potential conflict to the October date. **(Secretary's note: 10-28 - The permit has been received for this tournament for the 25-26 of September date.)**

- **6 Man Team World Championship**

Wisconsin was represented in Oklahoma by 6 members of the Waupaca Bass Club. These members were Rick Riechmann, Kevin Clegg, Kieth Clegg, Roy Bragg, Dave Magadan, and Josh Foster with Terry Hilbert in support. While they made a good run a boat problem which didn't allow the last member to get in on time kept them out of the money. They had a good chance of winning. The tournament was a good time. The boats that were awarded were outstanding.

Jeff wanted to again thank Mercury Marine, Brovarney Baits, and New London Lanes (Terry and Erika Hilbert) for helping with the funding of the banquet at the Northern Divisional tournament in Oshkosh.

Old Business

Awards: (not previously addressed)

Northern Divisionals: It was a great event and a true example of teamwork. Chris Johnson had his limit early and located other state team members. Those that were not on fish he took to his spots and Barry Wolf's spots. This really made a difference. Thanks Chris. Top 3 order of finish was WI, MN, and OH.

The top WI angler was Brady Farrell who nosed out Jim Barczak the final day to take over the top spot. The WBFN awarded Brady a \$1,000 check to help with the cost of competing in the FNC on Millford Lake in Kansas in November. (Brady was unable to attend the meeting.)

3rd Annual President's Challenge Award

Jeff announced the winner of this tournament held the day before. He commented that the tournament should be actually named the "Give Kevin Fassbind your Money" award. Jeff suggested that the tournament be held somewhere else next year or that Kevin become VP so Jeff has a chance to win. Kevin was awarded the 1st Place and Big Bass Plaques.

1st Place – Kevin Fassbind (Shadow)/Drew Applehaus(FIB Boyz) - 16# 8 oz.

2nd Place – Tony Seiler/Jason Skutt (Kinni) – 15# 8 oz.

3rd Place - Mike McQuitty/Bill Parbs (Bass Anglers LTD) & Cade Laufenberg(River Road Jr.) – 13# 5oz

Big Bass – Kevin Fassbind (again) – 3# 11 oz. (just beating out Jason Skutt's 3# 10 oz.)

Jeff continued to whine about his fishing misfortune for the day. It didn't help when Chris Johnson pointed out they started to catch fish AFTER they let Jeff off to start the picnic preparations. Jeff continued to whine some more. ☺

2008 State Tournament Post Mortem

As was started last year, there was a discussion of how the state tournament in Red Wing went. The purpose of this action is to learn, grow, and not repeat, hopefully not repeat, the negative things.

The Bad:

- Location: While the launch at Everet's Resort was fine with the number of launches and parking, the weigh-in portion of the day was not very good. The large boats traveling the river and the wind did not help and the big waves caused a lot of problems with some boats getting damaged while the anglers were weighing in. While an alternative may be a trailer weigh-in, Terry doubted that with the layout of the facility this would be logistically possible. A different site would have to be used. (Secretary's note: This was one of the considerations of moving the next tournament in the area to Alma.)
- No courtesy bump board. The discussion followed that if a courtesy bump board was available if a WDNR rep was present he could follow that angler to the boat and ticket him if it was a short fish. If the Weighmaster took possession of a short fish the WDNR could actually fine that individual because he took possession of the fish. Suggestion in the end was to make the official board available for comparison the night before.

- (Secretary's note: This was not from the meeting but added later. Do not have the receiving point of the fish on stage. In cases where there is an issue this is done on stage rather than on the side rather than having the angler actually on the stage.)
- No checking in: The process was poor at best. There were not enough helpers available to have someone actually check in every boat. The best that could be done was to watch for late anglers. What was discussed was to use numbered key fobs such as BASS does for their tournaments. The key to this would be to have enough help for two individuals to do this.
- Partners from Day 1 coming to spots shown to them by the angler/co-angler without any discussion. This is a communication and a sportsmanship issues. Also noted were WBFN anglers cutting off others fishing in an area.
- PA system was not good. It was difficult or impossible to hear. Also with Terry being away from the water the angler going by the check station was not the same as announced. A blow horn was suggested being purchased so this could be done closer.

The Good:

- Dan Brovarney: Dan was in the running for the state team. The partner he drew for Day 2 knew this. Dan's partner fished with things in his tackle box that he hadn't used in years until Dan had his fish. Only then did this individual start fishing with the baits that he knew would catch fish. Thank you Donny Sommers!!! This was a true example of good sportsmanship and fairness. Unfortunately Donny was DQ'd day 1 after getting caught in the locks with what was probably a day 1 leading weight.
- Numbering on the plates was good. Better visibility.
- Banquet was good.

Room for improvement:

- Numbering on both sides of the plates?
- Numbered stickers on motors?
- Key fobs for boat numbers

New Business

We are going back to having each club submit a youth or conservation project report by 12/31/2009. The form is available on the website and printed forms were provided at the meeting. These are for the calendar year 2009. We have been somewhat lax at the enforcement of this by-law rule but will start enforcement of it for 2009.

Skeeter boat certificate won by the 2008 state team.

The boat has not been sold. Any WBFN member looking for a good deal on this boat please contact Chris Johnson or Jeff Dyer. It has to be in production by Skeeter by mid December. If not able to find a buyer we will have to sell it to a dealer at a greatly reduced price. It is listed on bassboatcentral.com.

Northern Divisional Fund

With the funding issues this year involving the divisional tournament it has been decided to take \$1,000 every year, if possible, to help with the cost of putting this tournament on in 2016.

Tournament rules discussion

Brought up for discussion based on a WBFN website thread discussion was the late is last, short is short rule. While none of the individuals that were involved in the discussion on the website were present, Tom Ehrenberg brought it up. Without sufficient members present no vote could be held. There was a lengthy discussion of pros and cons involving this rule. General discussion followed. Among them were the need for an official clock, large enough for the anglers to see was also suggested so they would know if they are late or not. Also brought up was what was late. For example if check in time was 3:00 what if a boat checked in at 3:00:15, 15 seconds after 3. The general feeling of the group was that late was not until 3:01. The late issue also centered on the need to additional help for checking in. In addition to the help needed, it was also mentioned that in some locations the actual depositing of the keyfob at the person checking in would be difficult. Assessing minutes would be something that would be difficult to document. The short

is short also went the same way with those in favor keeping the existing and those that lean toward changing one or the other. (If need be we can bring this issue up at the January reps meeting.)

Nominations of Board Members whose terms are up for reelection.

Tournament director

There were no nominations for tournament director. As discussed previous due to lack of a quorum we could not address this issue. Unless someone else steps up for this position we will address the by-law change at the January Meeting.

Youth Director

Mike McQuitty was nominated.

No other nominations were made.

With no opposition, Jeff Dyer announced that Mike McQuitty was our youth director for the next 2 years.

Treasurer

Bill Parbs was nominated.

No other nominations were made.

With no opposition, Jeff Dyer announced that Bill Parbs would continue as our treasurer for his first full term. (Note: Bill was completing the term of Jeff Dyer when he was elected president.)

Vice President

There were no nominations for vice president.

This will be addressed at the January reps meeting. This position needs to be filled.

Announcements

State WBFN dues (\$50) and BFN dues (\$20) are due by 12/31/2008. Please send dues with club rosters to Bill Parbs. Contact BASS by phone or visit their BFN website. Payment can be by credit card or check.

Club lake choices INCLUDING LAUNCH POINT are due at the January meeting. A calendar listing the major tournament trail 2009 dates will be posted on the website shortly.

January Reps Meeting

Stevens Point, WI

Jeff is investigating the possibility of holding the meeting at the Ramada Inn located in Stevens Point.

Because of Ramada's BASS sponsorship he wants to see what they can do for us. If that is not possible the meeting will be at the Blue Top.

Board Meeting Saturday January 17, 2009; 7:30 PM

Reps Meeting Sunday January 18, 2009; 9 AM

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