

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation Nation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 4, 2011**

**“DRAFT – FOR REVIEW”**

**To: Federation Board of Directors**

- I. Call to Order:** President Jim Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Ron Plate.
  
- II. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 24 clubs in attendance, which constituted a quorum.
  
- III. Minutes:** The minutes from the August 7, 2011 meeting were given out. Johnson County Bass Club made the motion to approve the minutes as read with Craighead County BassMasters making the motion to second. Passed.
  
- IV. Federation Officers Present:** All officers were present.
  
- V. Introduction of Guest:** Colton Dennis and Jeff Quinn from the Arkansas Game and Fish spoke at the meeting. Colton Dennis said that they have started working on the Dumas weigh-in Project. This project should be completed by fall of 2012. Dennis Colton also reported on some other areas of activity of the game and fish that are presently going on. Jeff Quinn then talked about the Coal-Pile Dredging project. The Arkansas Game and Fish have bought a dredging machine to dredge the Cole-Pile area. At the present time the Arkansas Game and Fish is deciding on which path to use to enter into the Coal-Pile area. This project will start as soon as all permits have been received and funding for the project has been put together. Right now the Game and Fish is looking for cost share partners to donate money to help pay for the fuel that is needed for this project. The Game and Fish is also working on a Rector Chute Habitat Project off the Arkansas River.
  
- VI. Committee Reports:**  
  
**Financial:** Tom Phillips gave the Financial Report. As of November 30, 2011, the Federation had a checking balance of \$34,854.00. Motion made by Lake Norfolk and seconded by Valley Spring Bass Club to accept the financial report as reported. Motion Carried. Tom also discussed the 2012 budget and highlighted the areas of biggest expense for 2012.  
  
**Environmental:** Mike Estes highlighted the areas that had previously been discussed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission concerning the Coal-Pile Project. A motion made by Anviljaw Bass Club to donate

\$1500.00 to the Coal-Pile Project if the Arkansas Game and Fish goes ahead with the project. Seconded by State Line Bass Club. Motion carried.

**Youth:** Roy Brunson reported that 2012 Junior Bass Masters State Tournament will be held April 28 and 29 at Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There will be an off limits and black out period that will be named at a later date. At the present time it is still being discussed if this will be a one or two day tournament. Roy also stressed that we need more youth clubs in the state.

**State Tournament Director:** Randy McKee thanked all the members present for a great 2011 Tournament at Lake Hamilton. The date for the 2012 Tournament has tentatively been set for October 26 and 27, but the site of the tournament is still undecided but will be announced no later than the February 12, 2012 meeting. Ray Webb then addressed the members and talked about the club feedback form that was handed out at the State Tournament. Ray thanked all the members present for turning in their forms and said the forms were used to establish approximately what was spent by the teams at the tournament site host city. For the Lake Hamilton Tournament approximately \$50,000.00 of revenue was brought to the city by the clubs during their pre-fishing and tournament dates.

**VII. Old Business:**

1. The committee that was to discuss and work on a possible North-South Tournament Trail format did not have the opportunity to meet up to the present time. This committee will continue to work on this project and hopefully report back to the membership at the February meeting.

**VIII. New Business:**

1. President's Report:
  - A. Jim Alexander discussed a variety of topics from the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Presidents' Meeting at the Nationals. At the meeting it was discussed about bass numbers pre T.B.F. and after the T.B.F. Bass Federation split. Overall numbers before the split was 44,477 and this year the bass membership is 18,767. A state by state comparison for the Central Division is as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Presplit</u>	<u>2010</u>
AR	825	370
KS	510	488
LA	696	352
MO	878	590

MS	888	194
NB	446	292
OK	571	229
TX	<u>1534</u>	<u>1041</u>
Total	6348	3557

Overall Arkansas does very well sponsoring their State Team at Divisionals. Josh Fray from Arkansas finished 9<sup>th</sup> place overall at the Nationals this year. Jim also discussed the Alliance Package from Triton Boats. At the present time we are going to stay with BassCat as our boat sponsor. B.A.S.S. has brought back the insurance package to cover certain claim expenses at tournaments. This will be a third party insurance policy. Bass clubs will have to file for this coverage for each event.

B.A.S.S. is still looking at the A.B.A. Weekend Series and will review its progress in the next six months. B.A.S.S. has moved to a new address, which is:

B.A.S.S. Headquarters  
3500 Blue Lake Drive  
Suite 330  
Birmingham, AL 35243  
Main Phone: 205-313-0900

B. Jim discussed the Arkansas sponsors. Presently we have the following sponsors:

Okuma	Minn Kota
BassCat	Humminbird
Culprit	Deep South Fishing Rods
Pro-Guide Batteries	Mercury Motors
Red Neck Remedy	

Jim thanked all these sponsors for helping out the State of Arkansas.

C. The 2012 Divisionals will be June 4 – 8 at Morgan City, LA.

D. The Arkansas State Team that won the Central Division at Table Rock Lake was given Divisional Team shirts.

E. Casting Kids will not be coming back as a National event.

- F. The 2012 ARKIE Cup will be May 5 at Greers Ferry Lake going out of Devil's Fork Ramp.
- G. Still looking for someone to redo and run the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Web Site. If anyone knows of such person, please have them call Jim Alexander.
- H. Will once again be doing a boat raffle to raise money for the B.A.S.S. Federation. Jim encouraged all clubs to sell as many tickets as possible as each club receives 50 cents per ticket and the Federation received \$1.50 per ticket. This project is a great way to increase the clubs' and the federations' bank accounts. This year we will be raffling a BassCat Margay with a Mercury 115 horsepower motor.
- I. Board meeting dates for 2012 will be:
- February 12, 2012
  - May 6, 2012
  - August 5, 2012
  - December 2, 2012
- J. Open mike with the president:
1. There was a good discussion from the floor on things that needed to be done to help the Federation. One thing that was discussed would be to create flyers to hand out at tournaments, boat shows, etc. that has information promoting the Federation in the Sate of Arkansas.

**IX. Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Craighead County BassMasster, seconded by Hawg Hunters to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 12:30 PM