

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation Nation  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 7, 2011**

**“DRAFT – FOR REVIEW”**

**To: Federation Board of Directors**

- I. Call to Order:** President Jim Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 May 15, 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:** No guest present at this meeting.
- VI. Committee Reports:**

**Financial:** Tom Phillips gave a Financial Report. As of July 31, 2011, the Federation had a checking balance of \$24,839.00. Motion made by Anvil Jaw Bass Club and seconded by Bear Creek Bass Club to accept the financial report as reported. Motion Carried.

**Environmental:** Mike Estes gave a report that they are in the finishing stages of completing the grass project at Greer’s Ferry. Mike also reported that B.A.S.S. is having regular conservation conference calls with all the state directors to cover national and state environmental issues.

**Youth:** Roy Brunson reported that he still needs some youth events turned in from various clubs so that they can fish the 2011 State Tournament.

**State Tournament Director:** Randy McKee reported that the State Tournament registration site will be at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission building located at the Game and Fish Commission ramp on Lake Hamilton. He reminded all present to review State Tournament Directive for the time and place of registration and team pairings. Randy also reminded the clubs that Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, will be the official practice days of the State Tournament and all State Tournament rules will apply. Jim also gave the clubs the name and phone number for B.A.S.S. National Roster person to make sure all clubs are

registered at the National level. The person to talk to is Deb Wilkinson, phone number 407-566-2471.

**VII. Old Business:**

1. Jim Alexander and Roger Hackman met with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to discuss the striper stocking program at Lake Bull Shoals. The Game and Fish Commission thanked Jim and Roger for the report and said they would do a three to five year study to get information before a stocking program would begin.

**VIII. New Business:**

1. Motion made by Ark Outdoors.com to allow Tight Line Bass Club a waiver for missing the May 15, 2011 meeting. The Tight Line representatives missed this meeting due to the fact that they were called up by the Guard to help with local flooding conditions. Natural State seconded the motion. After discussion, motion carried.

2. President's Report:

A. B.A.S.S. has added several new sponsors to the National level. At the next President's meeting Jim is going to find out if any of these National sponsors will be doing anything for the State Chapters and at the local club level.

B. Jim said that he still has some Okuma and Humminbird V.I.P. forms to be used for fishing products. If any club is interested in this they need to talk to Jim. Jim also encouraged all of the clubs, whenever possible, to support our National sponsors:

- Humminbird
- MinnKota
- Deep South Rods
- Okuma
- Bass Cat Boats
- Culprit
- Pro Series Batteries

C. Ray Webb will be working to upgrade the website with club contacts. The intent of this contact list is so that when someone new is interested in joining a bass club they will be able to use our site to find a club close to them.

D. Central Division Tournament was held at Table Rock Lake. The Arkansas State Team took home the first place position and

brought back with them a new Skeeter Boat certificate. The Executive Board is presently working on selling this certificate and the funds will be used to help defray costs for items that need to be purchased for the boat raffle boat. Any excess funds will be put in the Federation treasury to increase working capital. Josh Wray will represent Arkansas at the B.A.S.S. Nationals October 31 – November 5. The 2012 BassMasters Classic will be held at Shreveport, Louisiana.

- E. Jim brought up the possibility of having another avenue for Federation members to qualify for the State Team. Some of these possibilities would be a team trail or a possible north – south tournament format. Roy Brunson and Ray Webb will work with representatives from Arkansas Hawg Hunters to work on this possible format. If any club has any input concerning this idea, please let one of the committee members be aware.
- F. Jim and Roy opened up the floor to ask members various questions. Some of the questions that were asked were:
- What are the clubs looking for from the Federation?
  - What can the Federation do better for the clubs and members?
  - Jim encouraged the board to take these questions back to the local club level for feedback.

Some of the things discussed were:

- Flyers to hand out to local tackle stores to promote the Arkansas Bass Federation.
  - Possible bass tournaments to promote the Federation.
  - Possibility to have three or four Open State Bass Tournaments to promote the Federation.
  - A.B.F.N. to help promote local bass tournaments and/or bigger bass events throughout the state.
  - A.B.F.N. to do more promoting in conservation in the state.
  - A.B.F.N. to work on more media and/or web site coverage.
  - A.B.F.N. to work with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to help make fishing better in Arkansas; i.e. river projects.
- G. Jim presented to Todd Chapman a check for \$500 for the Big Bass from the 2010 State Tournament.

**IX. Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Craighead County BassMasster, seconded by Bear Creek Bass Club to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 11:55 AM

Next meeting dates:  
December 4, 2011