

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 15, 2009**

**To: Federation Board of Directors**

**I. Call to Order:** President Bobby Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Installation of 2009 Officers:**

- A. Tom Phillips-Treasurer
- B. Jim Alexander-Assistant V.P. Public Relations
- C. Mike Estes-Environmental
- D. Ron Plate-Secretary
- E. Randy McKee-Planning and Operations
- G. Roy Brunson-Youth

**III. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 37 clubs in attendance.

**IV. Federation Officers Present:** All officers were present.

Game and Fish Commission: Colton Dennis was present to give his presentation.

- A. Colton discussed the New Corp of Engineer LR District 50' rule around commercial docks and boat storage slips. This rule is only for the Little Rock District. At this point, the Game and Fish commission will not be enforcing this rule on the water.
- B. Colton talked about how well the black bass stockings out of the AGFC hatcheries did in 2008. Put out over 2 million fingerings.
- C. Will try to finish the Greere's Ferry grass project this summer.
- D. During 2008 the AGFC did a LMB Pool # 4 tag and reward project. They were very happy with the results and there are still fish in pool 4 with reward tags yet to be caught.
- E. Weigh-in center at Lake Hamilton was completed in November of 2008. This is the first site done by the AGFC. They hope to do more centers in the future.
- G. Also reminded the anglers to fill out ATIP cards and get them back to the commission so they can continue to use them for lake research.

**V. Minutes:** The minutes from the preceding meeting were given out. Craighead Country Bassmasters made the motion to approve with Pine Bluff seconding. Passed unanimously.

## VI. Committee Reports:

**Financial:** Tom Phillips gave a financial report. With the 2008 carry over money, we are staring out in 2009 with an estimated \$10,705 in the treasury. Johnson County made the motion to accept the report and seconded by Old Union. Carried unanimously.

**Environmental:** No report

**Youth:** Roy Brunson talked about how to start a youth fishing club and encouraged the clubs to try to get one started in their areas. The Arkansas Junior Bassmasters State Fishing tournament will be May 2, 2009 from 6:30 AM to Noon at a mystery lake in the central Arkansas area. Friday night May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a pre-tournament meeting at the Howard Johnson motel in Conway. Dinner will be served. At 2 PM Saturday May 2, will have the State Casting for Kids contest also at the Howard Johnston motel. After the contest is completed, will have a pizza party for all the kids who competed that day. This should be approx 4:30 PM. Was discussed that by being involved in a Youth club this will count toward your state Youth event requirement.

**Arkie Cup:** Ron Plate reported that the booklet is completed and the tournament should be a good one this year if the weather doesn't throw them a curve. The booklet should be out in the public's hands by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Kansas National Federation Tournament:** Mark Hensiek gave a report on his experiences fishing the Kansas Federation Nation tournament. Wished he would have done better but enjoyed the experience and is hoping to get to the Nationals in the very near future.

## VII. Old Business:

At last months meeting it was discussed to raise the State Tournament entry fee from \$400 to \$450. After some discussion Old Union made a motion to change the entry fee to \$450 and seconded by Crossett. Motion carried.

Motion by Crossett and seconded by Pine Bluff to have the Executive Board run the State Tournament and pick the body of water to fish with an entry fee of \$600 starting in 2010. Bear Creek made a motion to table this motion until the next meeting. Seconded by Washington County. Motion carried.

Motion by Lake Norfolk and seconded by Ft. Smith to accept the 2009 budget as presented by Tom Phillips. Motion carried. See below for details of budget.

Income:	
Balance carry over	\$8,238
Revenues	\$48,710
Total Funds Available	\$56,948

Expenditures:	
State CH Tournament	\$4,550
Central Div Tournament	\$8,850
Nat'l Tourn Member	\$1,500
Fed. Opns	\$14,850
Youth Activities	\$4,600
Environmental	\$1,515
NFWF Grant Expend.	\$1,650
Arkie Cup Expend	\$19,250
Total Expenditures	\$56,765

Motion by Bear Creek and seconded by Saline Cnty to accept the revised By-Laws as presented at the last meeting. Motion Carried.

Randy McKee discussed the proposed tournament rule changes as presented at the last meeting. Motion by Old Union and Seconded by Lake Norfolk to accept the changes as presented. Motion Carried. Lake Dardanelle will be the site of the 2009 State tournament and the dates will be September 18-19<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. New Business:**

March 26-29 the Elite Series will be fishing Lake Dardanelle. B.A.S.S will need workers to help. Let Bobby know if you can work.

Bobby discussed that the Federation is continually looking for Sponsors. He reported that if you buy a new Skeeter boat that the Federation will receive money from this purchase. Also reported that Lowrance will be a corporate Sponsor for 2009.

Next meeting dates, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Adjournment:** Motion by Team Jurrasic and Seconded by Old Union to Adjourn. Motion Carried. 12:45 PM Adjournment.

Ron Plate/Secretary.