

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 3, 2009**

**To: Federation Board of Directors**

- I. Call to Order:** President Bobby Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by L. J. Scoggins.
- II. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 29 clubs in attendance.
- III.** The minutes from the preceding meeting (Feb 15 2009) were given out. Pine Bluff made the motion to approve with Green Forest seconding. Passed
- IV. Federation Officers Present:** All officers were present.
- V. Committee Reports:**

**Financial:** Tom Phillips gave a financial report. As of April 30, the Federation has \$16,287.00 in the bank. Motion by Team Jurrasic and seconded by Bear Creek Carried unanimously. Tom also gave a report about the 2009 Arkie Cup. The tournament raised \$4000 for Children's Hospital with 113 boats.

**Environmental:** No report

**Youth:** Roy Brunson gave a report on the State Junior Bassmasters fishing tournament held May 2, 2009. In the 11-14 age group the winner was Ralston Lusby. In the 15-18 age group, Scott Loftin took 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The new date for the State Casting Kids Contest will be May 23, 2009 and will be held at the Gander Mountain Store in Sherwood, AR. Event will start at 1 PM

Roy talked about creating a "Safe Age Date" for the Arkansas Junior Bassmaster Clubs. This will be for locking in their age for the events of that year.

**State Tournament Director,** Randy McKee, discussed the 2009 State Tournament Directive. The state tournament will be held September 18-19 on Lake Dardanelle. There will be no off-limits. Headquarters will be at the Russellville State Park Weigh-in Facility. Cut off date for the team rosters will be July 31, 2009.

## **VI. Old Business:**

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. Motion carried.

## **VII. New Business:**

Ron Plate discussed that he was going to work on the roll call sheet to only show clubs that are active in the Federation.

The New By Law Handbooks will be going to the printer and ready to be handed out at the next State meeting.

Bobby Davenport discussed the following topics:

1. The National Board wants to raise the National dues. AR Board is only recommending a \$10 increase.
2. B.A.S.S will pay out a boat for the Divisional 1<sup>st</sup> place team; balance of payouts will be funded by the states involved.
3. B.A.S.S will no longer pay for Classic expenses for Club officers attending the Classic.
4. At the Nationals, fisherman can use a skeeter boat provided by B.A.S.S or they can use their own boat.
5. No more Skeeter bucks are available for the Federation Clubs. We will use the \$1200 received from Skeeter to pay for the State prizes for the Divisional.
6. A long time member of the State Federation Nation, Eddie Waits, passed away this year.

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

**IX. Adjournment:** Motion by White County and Seconded by White River Bassmasters to Adjourn. Motion Carried. 11:30 AM Adjournment.

Ron Plate/Secretary.