

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation Nation
Board of Directors Meeting
May 15, 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 Jim Alexander.
- II. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 23 clubs in attendance, which constituted a quorum.
- III. Minutes:** The minutes from the February 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 except Roy Brunson and Mike Estes. They were absent with notification.
- V. Introduction of Guest:** Colton Dennis from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission discussed the new fishing regulations for 2012. There was a good discussion among the group about the changes.
- VI. Committee Reports:**
 - Financial:** Tom Phillips gave a Financial Report. As of April 30, 2011, the Federation had a checking balance of \$27,263.00. Motion made by Johnson County Bass Club and seconded by Arkoutdoors.com to accept the financial report as reported. Motion Carried.

Tom gave a report on the ARKIE Cup for 2011. Seventy-six boats fished the event and the tournament raised \$5,000.00 for Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

 - Environmental:** No report given.
 - Youth:** In the absence of Roy Brunson, Ron Plate gave the youth event report. The Arkansas Junior BassMasters Championship was held at Lake Chicot on May 1, 2011. Eighteen teams fished the event. The winner of the age 11 – 14 group was Corey Thompson from Smackover and the 15 – 18 year old group was Ralston Lusby of Central Arkansas. These young men will represent the State of Arkansas at the Bass Federation Nation Divisionals at Table Rock Lake in June.

State Tournament Director: Randy McKee reviewed the 2011 State Championship.

- Site: Lake Hamilton
- Date: October 21 and 22
- Deadline for Club Roster turn in is September 2, 2011.
- Must have had a youth event completed by September 2, 2011 to qualify for the State Tournament.

Randy handed out the Tournament Directive to all clubs that were present at the meeting.

VII. Old Business:

1. Need to continue changing the web site to be more user friendly. Still trying to find someone to set up a new web site.
2. Will continue to work on making a master contact list from each of the clubs to place on the web site so that individuals looking to join the Bass Federation will be able to find clubs in their area in a more usable manner.
3. The Executive Board will continue to discuss expenses and payout for the 2012 Divisional Team.

VIII. New Business:

1. President's Report:
 - A. Jim Alexander presented to the North Little Rock Bass Anglers their B.A.S.S. Charter Certificate.
 - B. Jim discussed the Elite Series that will be taking place on the Arkansas River June 9 – 12. B.A.S.S. is looking for volunteers to help with this event. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ron Plate.
 - C. Jim talked about our Federation sponsors and what they do for the Federation and individual clubs. He encouraged all members to use our sponsors as much as possible.
 - D. Jim recognized Roger Hackman to address the floor on an issue concerning Bull Shoals Lake. Roger reported that there is a push in progress to put stripers back into Bull Shoals Lake. He said that there was also discussion that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to do this on a regular basis. A motion to oppose the stocking of stripers into Bull Shoals Lake was made by Lake

Norfolk. Motion was seconded by Valley Springs. Motion carried unanimously among all members present. Jim and Roger both will attend a meeting at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to discuss this situation.

IX. Motion to adjourn: Motion by Anvil Jaw Bass Club, seconded by Craighead County BassMasters to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 12:20 PM

Next meeting dates:
August 7, 2011
December 4, 2011