

**Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation Nation
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7 2011**

“DRAFT – FOR REVIEW”

To: Federation Board of Directors

- I. Call to Order:** President Bobby Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Alexander.
- II. Swearing in of New Officers:** New President, Jim Alexander, was sworn in by outgoing President, Bobby Davenport. Balance of officers, Mike Estes, Tom Phillips, Randy McKee, Roy Brunson, Ray Webb, and Ron Plate were also sworn in by outgoing President, Bobby Davenport. After the swearing in ceremony Bobby Davenport gave a few comments regarding his years of service with the Federation and thanked all present for their support and encouraged them to continue to support the Federation in years to come.
- III. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 25 clubs in attendance, which constituted a quorum.
- IV. Minutes:** The minutes from the December 5, 2010 meeting were given out. Crossett Bass Club made the motion to approve the minutes as read with Lake Norfolk Bass Club making the motion to second. Passed.
- V. Federation Officers Present:** All officers were present.
- VI. Introduction of Guest:** Jerry McKinnis, one of the new owners of BASS spoke at the meeting. He gave an informative talk on what has been going on in previous years with BASS and things the new owners hope to accomplish in the years to come. Mr. McKinnis emphasized that the Bass Federation Nation is one of their top priorities.
- VII. Committee Reports:**

Financial: Tom Phillips gave a Financial Report. As of January 31, the Federation had a checking balance of \$23,849.00. Motion made by Anvil Jaw Bass Club and seconded by Crossett Bass Club to accept the financial as reported. Motion Carried.

Environmental: Mike Estes talked about the water grass project at Greers Ferry. There will need to be at least one more visit to confirm that the grass project has taken. Mike hopes that this project can be wrapped up in the next year or two at the latest. He also mentioned that BASS now has a new Conservation Director and the director will be asking for the state’s

input on state conservation projects that the different states would like to see worked on and completed.

Youth: Roy reported that the Junior Bass Club State Tournament will be held May 1 at Lake Chicot. Practice will be Friday, April 30, and the lake will be off limits April 2 – 29. Roy will be letting the clubs know where the registration sign-in and activities will be held during this event. Roy once again encouraged the adult clubs to get active in creating more youth clubs as the youth are the future of the fishing industry.

State Tournament Director: Randy reported that the 2011 State Tournament will be hosted by one of the following three cities: Pine Bluff, Little Rock/North Little Rock, and Hot Springs. The State Tournament will be held in the month of October and Randy is considering one of the first two weeks to hold the event.

VIII. Old Business:

1. The Audit Committee reported no errors or accounting issues for the 2010 financials.
2. At the present time the quarterly Arkansas Bass Federation Nation will stay unchanged.

IX. New Business:

1. President's Report:
 - A. Working on establishing a new website for the Federation. If any clubs know of individuals who would be willing to work with our website, please let Jim Alexander know.
 - B. State Team Report: Starting in 2012 the Executive Board is looking into a new procedure to pay for Central Division expenses. The Executive Board hopes to have this in final proposal at the May meeting. Also the Federation is looking into getting new shirts for the State Team beginning in 2012. The 2011 State Team will have an opportunity to buy Hummingbird or Minn Kota products at a reduced cost. Jim Alexander will let the State Team know how this will be handled.
 - C. Email information for sponsors: Many of our sponsors have asked to have an email list of Federation members so that they can send our members information about their products. The Executive Board is asking that each club at the May meeting bring back one email address that would be their club contact for our sponsors.

This way we will only give out one email per club to our active sponsors. We will continue to get information to our members about what our sponsors are offering for their behalf. These will be announced at Board Meetings and/or posted on our website.

- X. Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Crossett Bass Club, seconded by Bear Creek Bass Club to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 1:00 PM

Next meeting dates:

May 15, 2011

August 7, 2011

December 4, 2011