

Arkansas B.A.S.S. State Federation
Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2009

To: Federation Board of Directors

- I. Call to Order:** President Bobby Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Victor Holt.
- II. Chapter Representation:** Roll was called with 27 clubs in attendance.
- III.** The minutes from the preceding meeting (May 3, 2009) were given out. Green Forest made the motion to approve with Washington County seconding. Passed
- IV. Federation Officers Present:** All officers were present.
- V. Introduction of Guest:**

Colton Dennis (Black Bass Biologist) from the AGFA gave a general discussion on fishing conditions on the Arkansas River. Dennis also talked about the Greer's Ferry water grass project and where we stand on this project as of August 1. The AGFA and the AR BASS Federation would like to finish this project on or before September 26, 2009. Dennis will check on the grass conditions on the lake and give a report at the State Federation briefing September 17th.
- VI. Committee Reports:**

Financial: Tom Phillips gave a financial report. As of July 31, 2009 the Federation has \$13,496.00 in the bank. Motion by Anvil Jaw and seconded by Lake Norfolk. Carried unanimously. Tom also discussed what needs to be done to decrease expenses and increase revenues as we move forward over the next two years.

Environmental: No report since Colton Dennis had already discussed the Greer's Ferry water grass project. Mike Estes will be working with Colton to get this project completed in the desired time line.

State Tournament Director, Randy McKee, discussed the 2009 State Tournament Directive. One change from the directive previously issued is that the launch times for both tournament days will be 6:30 a.m. Check-in time will stay the same as previously discussed. Off limits for the tournament will be inside the Russellville State Park Pavilion waters and from the point of the break water dyke straight across to the island just past the State Park fishing pier.

Youth: Roy Brunson reported on the Casting Kids State Finals held at Gander Mountain in Sherwood. The winner of the 7-10 age group was Nathan Burrow and winner of the 11-14 age group was Kelsey Paxton. Both of these individuals competed at the divisional held at Greer's Ferry Lake. These young people did a great job but failed to qualify for the Nationals.

Roy talked about this year's youth events and who still needed to turn in their completed events prior to the State Tournament. Starting in 2010 the Casting Kids Program will be replaced by a Trail Blazers youth education program. For 2010 to comply for your youth event you need to do something that relates to fishing. Examples would be a fishing derby, a Trail Blazers event or starting an active youth club. Roy also encouraged the clubs to start more youth fishing junior clubs in the state of Arkansas. Roy also reported on the Junior Bass Masters Divisional Tournament held at Greer's Ferry Lake. Ralston Lusby won the 11-14 age group and will move on to the Nationals to fish in the Junior Bass Masters Classic.

VII. Old Business:

Bobby Davenport reported that the National dues for 2010 will increase from \$20 to \$30.

VIII. New Business:

Bobby Davenport reported on the Central Divisional that was held at Greer's Ferry Lake in June. Jared Taliaferro from Arkansas will advance to the National Finals.

Bobby discussed sponsorship opportunities for the members.

Bobby passed out the 2009 State Tournament shirts.

For the 2009 State Tournament, winner of Big Bass will receive \$500 cash.

Jim Alexander reported that the Federation continues to receive inquiries from our sponsors for club membership rosters. As a group more discussion needs to happen before the Executive Board will turn our club rosters over to our sponsors.

Next meeting date is December 6th.

IX. Adjournment: Motion by Crossett Bass Club and Seconded by Alma Bass Masters to Adjourn. Motion Carried. 11:45 AM Adjournment.

Ron Plate/Secretary.