

To: Federation Board of Directors

Re: May 20, 2007

- I. **Call to Order:** President Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:15. Richard Lowry of Craighead County led us in opening prayer.

- II. **Morning Roll Call:** 39 clubs present.

- III. **Introduction of officers:** Randy McKee was absent. Bobby Davenport – President, Kenn Bass – Vice President, Jim Alexander – Assistant Vice President, Administration and Public Relations, L.J. Scoggins – Environmental, Mike Estes – Secretary, Tom Phillips – Treasurer.

- IV. **Game and Fish:** Colton Dennis was introduced and gave a presentation on our grant for the Greers Ferry grass project. Need nine 4-man teams to carry out the project. Also talked about the fingerling stocking during the ford Big Bass Bonanza. He also talked about the need for the public to attend the Game and Fish meetings held around the state to gather input on proposed rule changes. Jason Olive, assistant fisheries biologist from Camden, spoke about the stocking programs in South Arkansas.

Minutes from preceding meeting were approved. Motion by Green Forest, second by Old Union.

V. Committee Reports:

Treasury Report: given by Tom Phillips. Motion to approve made by Green Forrest, second by Anvil Jaw. Also reported that our tax return had been filed.

Youth: Kenn Bass talked about Jr. Bass Clubs and trying to create a support network for them. We currently have 3 clubs in the state and 2 more in the works.

Conservation: L.J. talked about the permit process through the ADEQ to dump sewage that had been applied for in Little Rock. Talked about the gas drilling pollutants going into Greers Ferry and the efforts to stop it. Talked about the sewage discharge into Quachita River. Also talked about the ATIP cards and striving for 1008 participation.

Jim Alexander said he had a lawyer looking over the bylaw changes to be sure they are legal. Talked about the possibility of doing a boat raffle again to generate funds.

President Davenport talked about the need for a Tournament Director after much discussion. Greers Ferry made the motion and Fort Smith Seconded it to nominate Steve Corbitt for the position of Vice President Planning and Operations. He was voted in and swore into the position.

Bobby talked about the grass grant and the fact that we have to supply at least 500 volunteer hours for our match on the grant. Old Union made the motion to accept the grant. White County seconded. Motion approved.

Talked about the 6-man team amendment to the bylaws. After much discussion it was agreed that Jim Alexander would research and report back during the August meeting.

Talked about the Dumas Dredging project and reported that it had no funding to proceed.

Discussed the ABA dropping the Governors Cup Tournament and asked if there was enough interest for the Federation to take the operations over. Tabled until August meeting.

Bobby reported that an insurance company had expressed interest in support of our State Federation but it was unclear as to exactly how. Okuma Rods and Bass Cat Boats each sent shirts for the State Team going to Mississippi.

There was discussion about raising the mileage that the Federation pays to go from 26 cents a mile to a more reasonable rate. A formal proposal is to be made by E-Board in August meeting.

- VI. **Adjournment:** Afternoon Roll was taken. Motion to adjourn was made by Hampton and seconded by Fort Smith. Meeting adjourned at 1:15.