



Arkansas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

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To: **Federation Board of Directors**

Re: August 13, 2006

- I. **Call to Order:** President Davenport called meeting to order at 10:14 AM
- II. **Chapter Representation:** President Davenport called roll of the Board of Directors. There were 54 clubs present and it was noted that we do have a quorum. After roll call Alan Melder returned prayer to open the meeting.
- III. **Federation Officers Present:** Bobby Davenport- President Kenn bass- Vice-President, Randy McKee-Asst. VP Planning and Operations, Jim Alexander Asst. VP Administrative and Public Relations, L. J. Scoggins-Environmental and Alan Melder- Secretary and Tom Phillips- Treasure (interim).
 1. Tom Phillips (Dardanelle Bass Club) was elected by the Board of Directors on recommendation from the E-Board to fill the unexpired term of the vacated office of Treasure. Tom Phillips was duly sworn in by President Davenport and took office at this time.
- IV. **Arkansas Game and Fish Commission:** President Davenport introduced Colton Dennis, AG&FC Black Bass Biologist. Colton presented the following information:
 - Presented an update on regulation changes for 2007.
 - Reviewed the stockings from the nursery ponds. It was estimated that some 2.6 million fingerlings were raised state wide
Approximately 160,000 fingerlings were raised from the ponds at Cummins which went into the Arkansas River system.
 - Presented a power point show in the Aquatic vegetation program at Bull Shoals and it is a success. Water Willow (the shore line grass in Dardanelle) is also working in Bull Shoals.
 - Live release trailer from the Game and Fish will be ready in September.



- New regulation to prevent moving fish from Felsenthal pool (Arkansas) to Louisiana is coming. This will be a Federal Regulation.
- Arkansas Tournament Information Program – acknowledged appreciation for receiving information from several members - getting closer to 100% Bass Federation participation they are hoping for. Colton has cards with him as well as being available on the website. Fish ID cards are available at the front please take some with you. Colton would like to thank all bass clubs for their help in the state. It was suggested to put Game and Fish regulation on web site.

V. Recognitions:

VI: Old Business:

- The United States and Arkansas flags were purchased and displayed at the meeting. The Federation flag was tabled till 2007 because of expense and will need to be budgeted.
- Minutes were read and approved with corrections made. Motion by Maumelle second by Green Forest.

VII. Financial Statement:

- A. Financial statement was read and approved thru the Board of Directors. Motion by Team Westside second by Johnson County. Tom Phillips gave report on how financial will be reported in the future.
- B. Need audit committee to audit books after meeting. President appointed two members to audit the books after the meeting. Audit committee; West Fork Bassmasters, Little Rock Bassmasters and Saline County Bassmasters

VIII. Committee Reports:

Environmental report:

L J Scroggins talked on the mitigation issues concerning the Arkansas River dredging. Jason Quinn to report on this issue at the December meeting.

Other issues of importance were the dumping of chemicals in the Saline and Ouachita Rivers and who owns the overflow waters of the Mississippi River.

No fishing signs on boat docks may or may not be legal but, should be honored. Sportsmanship is the best deterrent to controversy on any issue and is strongly recommended by this organization. Joe Strong (Borderline Bassmasters) stated that fishing within 50 yards of a gas pump or concessions is off limits by the Corp of Engineer

State Tournament:

Randy McKee discussed the following:

- Entry fee for State Tournament is \$400 per team
- Insurance will increase to \$300,000 liability per boat
- BASS membership must be valid thru 12-31-2006
- You may lock up or down from Lake Dardanelle
- Your youth event must be registered with Ken Bass by August 31, 2006
- Boats being used by non-owner need permission slip with them at all times during tournament hours. Clubs need to contact Randy McKee to make sure their insurance dates are still valid. You can e-mail Randy at rmckee@mwyyusa.com.
- The 2006 State Tournament will be held @ Lake Dardanelle hosted by Mill Creek Bass Club. Tournament dates are:
October 27th and 28th
November 3rd and 4th (alternate)
- Registration dates; October 24th from 4 till 8 pm
October 25th from 12 noon till 4pm
Location to be in the Directive.
- Randy McKee reminded everyone of the **SOP** written for applying for the State Tournament and we they will put on our web site for future use. To get the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) go to the web site (www.arkansasbass.com) click on resources then click on downloads and you will see the SOP in the middle of the page.

Youth Committee:

Junior Bassmasters efforts for the state of Arkansas.

- BASS is going to have junior bass clubs and we need to be the ones to do this. I need your help to get this up and running. Smackover Bass Club and White County Bassmasters have Jr. Clubs
- Casting Kids final will be in Conway Ark. At the old Vilonia High School gym on September 16th
- Their will be a Kids Casting Event at the Legends Tournament in Little Rock at the State House Convention Center on August the 26th and 27th. If you would like to help contact Ken Bass.
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Vote on By-Laws amendment as follows:

- **Amendment to by-Laws:** Board of Director meetings will be opened with the prayer and pledge and is to be added to meeting protocol. This motion was passed by the Board of Directors and added to the meeting protocol.

X. New Business:

- **Smackover Bass Club** asked for help on effluent dumping in the Ouachita River. Referred to Environmental Director for further investigation.
- **Clubs to** please send BASS dues and roster additions directly to BASS and send state dues to recording secretary with copy of rosters.
- **President Davenport appointed** Mike Estes (Chairman), Dale Wheelington and Orland Henderson as the election committee for Officers for 2007-09 at the May meeting. No report as of this meeting.
- **State tournament for 2007:**
Tournament will be held in the North Zone with the following locations to present bids for the 2007 State Tournament:
 - Greers Ferry Lake by Greers Ferry II
 - Beaver Lake by Bear Creek Bass club
 - Lake Norfolk by Borderline Bassmasters
- The Board of directors was charged to investigate discounts from sponsors for the State Team.

XI. Adjournment: President Davenport called the evening role and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Motion was made by Team Westside.

XII. Meeting dates for 2006:

February 5, 2006

May 21, 2006

August 13, 2006

December 10, 2006

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