

Western NY Bassmasters – April 2016 Meeting Minutes

April 27 2016

Gander Mountain

Meeting to order: 6:54 pm

Roll call: Scott Callen, Jim Lamb, Todd Ceisner, Ken Johnson, Doug Neadow, Bill Roeser, Ed Kuberacki, Justin Warriner, Kelly Roeser, Jim Thompson, Andrew Full, Ron Faith, Greg Zaleski, Mike Uzarowski, Doug Catalano, Joe Kugel, Mike Gulino, Dave Killion, John Killion

Guests: Lisa Zuppelli, Paul Houston (prospective member)

Amendments to previous month: None.

Accept minutes of previous month: Motion made by Ed Kuberacki to accept. Kelly Roeser seconds. Motion carries.

Membership report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Swap meet report: Jim Thompson and Joe Kugel heard positive feedback from Will Elliott, Buffalo News outdoors columnist. Positive, profitable experience for most. Same venue for 2017.

Tournament committee report: None.

Steak Roast: No update.

Old Business: Reminder about life jackets. Until May 1, you have to wear life vest at all times. ... Reminder to give club a copy of current boat insurance prior to fishing a club event. ... Tournament entry fee has been raised to \$25. ... Also, check your trailer and tires and lights, etc. as a way to prevent an accident or bad stuff from happening. Scott Callen had a tire blow out recently. ... Boat inspections are on back burner for now. ... Raffle tickets due before June meeting. Drawing will be held at June meeting.

New Business: Military tournament – June 12 locked in. 7 am to noon out of Small Boat Harbor. Pavilion is booked. \$250 in donations from his union. Base is working on gas cards (\$50). Members can bring receipt for \$50 and you'll be given a gift card afterward. Hot Dog lunch to follow. Big Bite has provided tubes. Kugel may provide tube jigs. Lew's rods from last year to be distributed. Need 1 or 2 more. Todd will speak to Mike Eutsler at Lew's about.

> Border War – 40 to 60 Canadian boats expected. St. Catharines Bassmasters will be bringing down their trailer. Not sure what turnout will be from WNY Bassmasters. Erie County also has tournament on May 7, launching at 6 a.m.

Kugel contacted by Mike Schmidt re field size. They wanted to be involved in tournament but have separate weigh-in

This event is a big deal for fishing in WNY. It has the potential to be something bigger. Erie County Fish Advisory board is paying attention. Only concern is fish mortality. Andy Full says based on his experience so far this season, fish are big and healthy. ... A lot of help will be needed prior to blast off as far as keeping registration flowing and getting boats launched. ... Flights might be needed based on field size.

> Riverworks Working Man Series. Scott revealed details of a possible 5-event Tues or Wed night series tied into a Sept. 17 Open/Series Championship. ... Scott sees potential and Riverworks wants to be involved. Riverworks is looking into installing ramps near their location. ... Competition would run from 5 to 9 pm.

> Doug Neadow discussed an article in Fishlines by Barb Elliott about public perception of bass anglers. She attended a fisheries meeting and was confronted by a DEC officer who relayed a story from steward at a launch in the Capital Region. Man said he was appalled by fish care. Serves a reminder to be aware of actions at launch ramp because you never know who's watching.

> Joe Yeager has contacted Kugel about 2017 NF Outdoor Show. Kugel said he'll have a table. Organizers want to know if WNY BM will want a table/do seminars.

> Club member presentation – Andy Full's Dropshot Playbook

Andy uses two different rods when dropshotting – a 7'2" medium-extra fast for offshore and a 6'7" medium-light for docks, shallow.

> He prefers lead weights when fun fishing, but uses tungsten in tournaments.

> Line choices: He uses 10-pound Berkley Nanofil (main line) and ties to a 5-pound fluorocarbon leader (steelhead version). He prefers to not use a swivel.

> Bait choices: 3-inch Senko (nose-hooked) or a 6" Roboworm or Strike King finesse worm (wacky-rigged).

> Around docks, he goes with 1/8 or 1/16 oz weights. Effective on high sky days for largemouth.

> Coach mentioned how appreciative he has been of people's effort to attend meetings and contribute to club through their participation. He's looking forward to a great season.

No 50/50 draw

> Motion adjourned: 7:45 pm (Doug Neadow motion, Kugel second). Carried.

> Next meeting is May 25 at 7 pm