

WNY Bassmasters – August 2016 General Meeting

> Aug. 24, 2016

> Gander Mountain, Tonawanda

> Call to order: 7 pm

> Attendance: Jim Lamb, Scott Callen, Ron Faith, Ken Johnson, John Evans, Jim Thompson, Patrick Schlosser, Andrew Full, Mike Giulino, Dave Killion, John Killion, Ed Kuberacki, Todd Ceisner

> Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting: Scott C. motion; Jim Thompson second. Motion approved.

> Membership report: 33 active members.

> Treasurer's report: \$4054.00.

> Tournament committee report: Chautauqua Lake: Aug. 27 6 am or first safe light at Prendergast Point Launch.

> Steak Roast: Sept. 28 at Sandy Beach Yacht Club/Sept. 16 deadline to advise tournament committee if you're attending. Cooks should arrive at 5 pm. Dinner at 6. Meeting to follow at 7. Draw for upper River/Lake Erie event will be at meeting.

> Old Business: Don Morrison Memorial – was check sent?

> Doug Neadow leave (wife sick)

> Check sent to Sweet Home HS Fishing Team

> any update from Keith Pease regarding new tournament operation equipment?

> New Business: Discussion on payback format – cash or check. Potential audit could open club up for issues down the road. Other clubs award prizes in cash. Jim thinks cash is right idea – that way Ken doesn't have to be at every event to cut checks. Further discussion had on when to implement. Money could be distributed to Tourney Committee member at draw so money can be handed out at event.

> Proposal made to award cash awards for final 3 events – Conesus/Upper/Lower rivers. Motion made. Ed Kuberacki second. Motion approved to award cash payout at the final three events of 2016.

> Niagara Falls Fishing Show is Jan. 20-22, 2017. Club intends to participate.

> Jim asked is anyone knew status of Walt Babiarz. Members think he's fishing other events, but is still active.

> Discussion about 2017 nominations. Scott C. and Jim L. two-year terms in current positions are up.

Nominations for 2017 offices:

- > President: Andy Full, Scott Callen
- > Vice President: Kenn Kolo, Andy Full
- > Secretary: Todd Ceisner
- > Treasurer: Ken Johnson

- > Board of Directors: Scott Gauld, Jim Lamb, Joe Kugel, John Evans, Ryan Samland

- > Tournament Committee: Andy Full, John Evans, Justin Kaszubski, Kenn Kolo, Jim Lamb

- > Draw held for Chautauqua: 8 boats/6 non-boaters.

- > Jim L. reviewed what worked for him at Sodus Bay – ChatterBait and dropshot.

- > Wednesday Night Open series update: Aug. 31 is final event. Series has been a success, well received. 5 tournaments so far, 25 different boat combinations. 10 times people are one and done, 13 people have repeated. Tentative 2017 schedule: June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20 (June/July will be 6 to 9 pm; Aug and Sept will be 5:30 to 8:30 pm)

- > Motion to adjourn: 7:39 pm.

- > Next meeting: 7 pm, Sept. 28 at Steak Roast/Sandy Beach Yacht Club (Grand Island)