

June 2016 WNY Bassmasters General Meeting
June 22, 2016 - Buffalo Riverworks

> Called to order: 7:45 p.m.

> **Attendance:** Jim Lamb, Scott Callen, Ken Johnson, Todd Ceisner, Ron Faith, William Roeser, Kelly Roeser, Andy Full, Cory Krawczyk, Scott Gauld, Keith Pease, Jim Thompson, David Killion, Ryan Samland, Josh Snyder, Joe Kugel, Lisa Zuppelli, Marc Arena (guest; Riverworks)

> Raffle drawing was held – Winner was Dave Killion (tackle pack will be given to his son, John)

> Jim Lamb encourages members to attend three (3) meetings per year

> Amend/Approve May 2016 meeting minutes: Keith Pease made motion to approve; Scott Gauld second. Motion carried.

> Membership report: 33 members.

> Treasury report: \$4,300 plus, according to Ken Johnson.

> Jim Lamb voiced concerns about generating enough revenue from raffle tickets to cover costs of tackle purchased (\$300 plus was spent)

> Discussion was had about donating proceeds from one of the Open tournaments to Don Morrison's family. First open drew more participants than the second open. It was unanimous that profits from first Open will be earmarked for donation with \$100 added on from WNYBM.

> At May meeting, WNYBM was approached about sponsoring Sweet Home High School fishing team. Cost per jersey (two students) is roughly \$62 each. Motion to approve sponsorship made by Andy Full; Motion carried. Scott Gauld will speak with Ken Johnson regarding exact amount needed.

> Keith Pease has talked about purchase of tubs to enhance/expedite tournament weigh-in. He's proposed to spend his own money. Jim Lamb

thinks that's unnecessary. Jim believes if Keith wants to purchase the equipment, the club should reimburse him. Discussion had about what all would be needed: Tub, pump, aerator, other accessories. Additional discussion had about future impact of using this system. Keith Pease will explore costs of equipment and report back at next meeting

> Tournament committee: no report

> Changing venue for meetings: Jim Lamb prefers Riverworks setting as it's a relaxed, social atmosphere. He proposes to have July meeting at Riverworks (arrive at 6 pm to eat; 7 pm meeting). Motion approved. Jim wants mentioned incorporating a flipping/pitching contest periodically and possibly add a youth element to the meetings.

> Tournament coupons are available from Keith Pease

> Discussion had about tournament payouts. Ken Johnson believes 4th place should earn \$25. Proposal made to require minimum field size of 15 in order for 4th place to be paid.

Scott Callen topics

> Harbor speed limit: Scott emphasizes the delicate nature of this topic as it applies to all watercraft users. "Amongst ourselves, fishing community has been adhering to 25 mph limit," he said. Recreational boaters seem to be the source of the problems and the DEC's biggest concern are jet skiers. Fence installed around Strawberry Island for musky fishery/habitat restoration. Marc Arena is working his channels and Scott Callen is also trying to organize a meeting to require flagging and badging on kayaks to improve visibility for non-power boats in the harbor. In order to approach Buffalo Common Council about this issue, a committee must be formed. **Jessica Lazarin** is the Director for Outer Harbor through Buffalo Common Council. She's the one we have to go through to get to Common Council The issue won't be solved overnight. Feedback has been positive for the fishing community. Scott encourages anglers to maintain 25 mph limit Marc said this approach is the best, most effective approach. We need to bring all groups together to address issue.

> New Fishing Hotspots maps. Scott has several cases of them to distribute. WNYBM is mentioned

> CF BassEye needs a media boat Friday (June 24) to accommodate TV crews. Scott is unable to attend

> Aug. 10 (Wed) Dunkrik VIP Day. More bass-focused presence is needed. Outdoor writers as well as politicians from Erie and CHQ counties will be there. Northern CHQ Sportsman Club organizes the event. Time commitment would be roughly 4 hours.

> Association of Great Lakes Outdoors Writers (AGLOW) Event: Chautauqua Lake Sept. 12-15. Venues include Erie (walleye), CHQ/Cassadaga for bass. Lodging/fuel \$\$ provided for captains. This is a large regional/national event; media comes in from around the region/country.

> Reminder to check in with US/Canadian Customs when entering Canadian waters, especially around Big Six Marina on west side of Grand Island.

> Jim encourages members to patronize Captain Bobs as its been pretty supportive of the club.

Meeting adjourned 8:30