

Western New York Bassmasters
March 26, 2014
Meeting called to order 7:05pm,
8 members present;
1 Guest Present

- The 3rd Annual Fisherman's Swap Meet was held on March 29th at Alexander Fireman's Recreational Hall. Special thanks to Jim Thompson and Joe Kugel for setting up the event. All the tables sold out for a total of 48, and there was a great article written about the event. It can be seen on our Facebook page. Also special thanks to Walt Babiarez for working the club table.
- We discussed the schedule and there are no changes to report. We have a launch permit for every tournament where needed except for Cayuga Lake. We will look into getting a permit for that tournament at a later date.
- The Federation 6 Man team will continue to be discussed over the next few meetings. It appears that we only have 2 Club Members interested in fishing the 6 Man Team. Anyone that is eligible to fish the event and interested please contact me directly. Also anyone interested in fishing the 6 Man Team in 2015 must join the Federation this year.

- Members are reminded to have your boat insurance on file before the start of the first event, any member who doesn't have the proper insurance on file will not be allowed to fish any events until a copy of your insurance is on file.
- Sponsor sheets are available for anyone who might have a new or old sponsor on the hook. Remember that sponsors will be allowed to fish the event that they are supporting.
- Ralph Cashdollar has requested to leave the club due to medical reasons. Please keep him and all other members that have taken a leave due to medical reasons in your thoughts and prayers. We wish him the best of luck.

NEW BUSINESS

- Over the past year we have been discussing the Retired Members and Senior Retired Members status. The Board has come up with a proposal and presented it at the March Meeting. We will be voting on the proposal at the April meeting, emailed silent ballots will be accepted as always. Please be sure to read through carefully and feel free to direct any questions about the proposal to me. It is as follows,

Article II-Membership:

Section III- Requirements for Senior, Senior Retired and Honorary Membership

A) Senior members are former general members who have been nominated and approved by 90% vote of membership (absentee ballot allowed) and have been with the club for 12 years and have held office for 5 years and be 50 years of age. The progression must go from general member to a senior member then senior member retired.

a. Senior members are exempt from attendance requirements, but must pay dues and tournament fees.

B) Senior retired members are former senior members that have been nominated and approved by 90% vote of the membership (absentee ballot allowed). Senior retired members must have been with the club for 12 years and have held office for 5 years and be 60 years of age. Senior retired members must be retired from full time work and are exempt from attendance requirements. Senior retired members are exempt from yearly dues (but are not exempt from tournament fees).

- Gander Mountain has finished there construction and we are all set for

Meetings to be held the 4th Wednesday of every month from April through October.

- Next meeting to be held April 23, 2014 at Gander Mountain in the “Lodge”