

WNY BASSMASTERS

MAY 27, 2015

Mtg. called to order at 7:03pm

25 Members attended

April 2015 minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS

- Boat inspections had to be cancelled. Club officers are working to see if they can reschedule.
- Boat Insurance is due to Jim Lamb before you are eligible to fish a club tournament. Please mail your insurance to Jim
- WNY Bassmaster fishing rules and regulations as well as the bi-laws were handed out to members. They are also on the clubs website.
- The Club raffle ticket draw will take place at the June mtg. Make sure you have your raffle tickets turned into Ken Johnson
- Reunion tournament for former members is being planned for 9/19/15 at Isleview Park from 8:00am-2:00pm. Contact Jim Lamb for more info.
- Chautauqua County Sportsman's Kids Fishing Derby is being held June 6th @ the Dunkirk Harbor from 8:00am-10:30am. Contact Scott Gauld for more info. or to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

- WNY Bassmasters would like to welcome Bill and Kelly Roeser to the club.
- Scott Gauld led a discussion on the topic of fizzing fish. Fish care is extremely important. Make sure you give your fish every chance to survive. Dead and or floating fish gives tournament fishing and our club bad publicity.
- Patrick Schlosser talked to Officer Rice from the US Border Patrol, Marine Division at the Buffalo NY office on 5/26/15. Officer Rice stated that "We are taking the stand that you DO NOT need to call US Border Patrol when you return from fishing Canadian water as long as you do not make landfall. We understand that Canadian Border Patrol is requiring anglers to report in before fishing Canadian water. We are not requiring you to report back to US Border Patrol as long as you do not make landfall in Canada."
- It is the anglers responsibility to know all Canadian fishing regulations.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE

- First tournament of the 2015 season is June 20th from 6:00am-2:00pm on Lake Erie. The draw for the tournament is Wednesday June 17th at 7:00pm
 - To enter the tournament you must either be at the draw, have someone at the draw enter you and pay for you or contact Patrick Schlosser with your prepaid tournament coupon number no later than 5:00pm the day of the draw. (sooner the better). Messages may not be left!
 - All live fish at the Lake Erie tournament MUST be released outside the marina and the no wake zone!
 - It is the responsibility of the angler to take and dispose of their non-surviving fish.
 - It is everyone's responsibility to help all anglers get their boats off the water.
 - Every member should know all of the WNY Bassmaster rules and regulations. (current rules are on the clubs website.)
- Rule #2 under Disqualification & Penalties: Culling a dead fish from your livewell for any reason
- Rule #4 under Disqualification & Penalties: Failure to wear a securely fastened PFD whenever the large combustion engine is operating.
- Rule #8 under Disqualification & Penalties: The use of any electronic communication device with the intent to send or receive fishing related information. (Put the cell phones away. Except for emergencies)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting is June 24th @ 7:00pm

