

Western New York Bassmasters

> September 2016 General Meeting/Steak Roast

> Location: Sandy Beach Yacht Club

> Meeting called to order: 7:52 pm

> Attendance: N/A

> Motion to approve August minutes: Andy Full motion to approve. Kenn Kolo seconded. Motion carried.

> Treasurer's report: \$3,600 plus loose cash (carry over from Lower River event)

> Tournament committee: Lower River event will not be rescheduled. Classic location will be announced Wednesday (10/12) before Classic. Classic venue will be off limits prior to competition.

> Guest: Joe Yaeger from Niagara Falls Outdoors Expo. He's known Greg Zaleski for several years. He's been a member of Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon Association for many years. He was surprised at the mix of age of WNY BM membership. He used to run a show at 4-H in Lockport for LOTSA, but outgrew the facility. At the same time, Niagara Falls was starting a separate outdoor show and approached Joe about blending the two together. New show was put together to showcase the fishing options available in WNY and Niagara region and engage new people and bring people to NF. 2017 will be fourth year. Started out as mainly LOTSA show but has evolved to more multispecies over last two years. He is seeking input on how to promote bass fishing more at the show. He thinks the area could do a better job as a fishing community as far as promoting ourselves. He's looking for a headline bass presenter for '17 show. Sign-up sheet was circulated to members for the WNYBM booth. Scott Gauld will be point person to coordinate members wanting to do seminars.

> Discussion had about what to offer as raffle prize pack. Rather than tackle assortment, possibly couple rod and reel combos. Pat and Scott will handle acquisition of combos (Denali and Kistler).

> Discussion had about payment method for tournament winnings. Will pay via check for Upper River/Lake Erie and then revisit the best options in offseason for '17.

> Discussion had about nominations for Club officer positions:

> Nomination needed for Sergeant At Arms

> Cory K. declined nomination for president

> Kenn Kolo withdrew name for consideration for all offices

> Tournament Committee nominees: Cory K., Justin Warriner, Michael Uzarowski,

- > Board of Directors nominees: Scott Gauld, Jim Lamb, Joe Kugel, Greg Zaleski, John Evans
- > Patrick Schlosser nominated for VP
- > Todd Ceisner nominated for secretary

- > Voting to take place in November; Jim Lamb noted new president will need to be on the ball to prep for NF show

- > December meeting/Club Christmas part will be Dec. 8 at Sorrentino's (Main St/Williamsville) 6 p.m. blast off

- > Discussion about how to handle US/Canadian border officials if encountered. Both countries are working in concert on Lake Erie patrols

- > Kugel suggests Sept. time frame for next year's steak roast.

Draw for Erie/Upper River:

- > Jim T./Justin Warriner
- > Cory K/Andy Full
- > Mike U/Walt B.
- > Pat/Justin K.
- > Ken K/Todd

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 p.m.