

WESTERN NEW YORK BASSMASTERS

July 2017 General Meeting

7 pm – July 27, 2017 – Gander Mountain Parking Lot

Attendance: Joe Kugel, Scott Callen, Doug Catalano, Jim Lamb, Todd Ceisner, Ed Kuberacki, Dan Sank, Lisa Z.

Topics Discussed

> Weigh-in bags from Bass Mafia have been comped, meaning WNYBM will not have to pay for them. Savings of \$240. Thanks to Jeremy Starks at Bass Mafia.

> Club needs to find a new regular meeting location. Callen suggests Great Lakes Pizza in West Seneca.

> Tournament Committee Report: PayPal and online draw process is working fine according to all accounts.

> Wednesday night Open Series update: averaging 12 boats/week. Club is earning \$40 to \$50 per week.

> Coast guard/Harbor speed limit update: authorities will not be enforcing the 10 mph limit. Boaters are advised to use common sense if operating safely.

> Safe Harbor/Small Boat Harbor issues update: Scott has meeting with Vinny from Parks Dept. regarding launch/retrieve issues. Signage is too small, etc.

> FLW Costa Series Northern tournament is coming to Buffalo July 2018. Ram Series is also interested in a Buffalo event.

> Military event: Scheduled for Sept. 17 at Isle View Park. Boat captains (and boats) are needed. Contact Dan Sank or Scott Callen for info.

> Steak Roast update: Need to contact Bill Pilkington about venue availability. Aiming for October date.

> Wilson/Lake Ontario tournament needs to be moved based on high water.

> Sodus Bay tournament is tentative still on for Sept. 9. Local reports indicate fishing is incredible with no wake zone across bay.

> Scott Callen has submitted a motion for consideration of club members regarding the 2018 schedule. Proposal is to stage two tournaments prior to opening of NYS bass season (May 1- June 15) to avoid crowded lakes and ramps later in the summer. Same registration and draw

process as now would be followed but if there are additional boaters after all non-boaters have been paired, those boaters will be asked to pair up to ensure fish are measured/counted fairly. This move will expedite our season and give members opportunity to fish other events.

Meeting adjourned: 7:27 pm

Next meeting: Aug. 24 at Great Lakes Pizza

