

March 2016 Western New York Bassmasters

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Jim Lamb, Scott Callen, William Roeser, Todd Ceisner, Ketih Pease, Ken Kolo, Ed Kuberacki, Dave Killion, John Killion, Walt Babiarz, Ron Faith, Doug Catalano, Joe Kugel, Cory Krawczyk, Ken Johnson, John Evans, Mike Giulino.

Call Meeting to Order: 7 pm

Guests: Brad Brodnicki, Lisa Zuppelli

Amendments to Feb. meeting minutes: Jim Lamb discussed schedule for upcoming fishing flea market and who will staff the club's table. Coverage schedule as follows:

9-10 am: Andy Evans

10-11: John Evans

11-12: Jim Lamb

12-1: Walt Babiarz

1-2: Ed Kuberacki

2-3: Ken Kolo

Accept minutes of prev mtg: No formal motion made.

Membership report: None

Treasurer's Report: None.

Sportsman's Show Report: More flea market discussion; Joe says show is sold out.

Tournament Committee Report: Applications are still being accepted for Border War. St. Catharines Bassmasters has 40-plus entries; unknown how many WNYBM has. Tournament is May 7 with May 8 as rain date.

Military Event: Scott Callen still working on organization of event, but will cancel it if he's unable to field enough boats. Has 6 boaters committed so far. Event will be June 12 at Small Boat Harbor. 8 am-noon tentative time.

Ladies Night: Kudos to everyone who attended; Andy Full took home 8 plaques. Discussion arose about Andy having a boat and whether he will fish the Classic as a non-boater or boater. Tournament committee will review and present ruling at April meeting. Kolo will head up Ladies Night/banquet organization for 2017 and John Evans will handle awards again.

Steak Roast: No discussion

Club Picnic: No discussion

Old biz: None

New Biz: > Boat inspections – Scott Callen has an inspector lined up to do boat inspections in mid April (April 18 possibly). Location likely to be in Southtowns (Dick's parking lot/McKinley Mall parking lot)

> Boat insurance – boaters need to provide copy of current boat insurance to club before first event

> Waiver – members need to provide club with signed liability waiver

> Jim Lamb discussed attending the Hamburg Sportsman's Show. He met a couple who are paramedics; he will invite them to next meeting to display/discuss the first aid kits; possibly explore investing in club first aid kits or portable AED

> Jim Lamb will continue to reach out to Triple S to become sponsor of military event. Captain Bob's is also a potential military event sponsor. Likely won't need another batch of rods of Lew's as we have surplus from last year.

> Jim Lamb received an email regarding Federation membership cards; Ken Kolo said we will be receiving membership info as soon as club's payment processes

> Discussion of other club's military event at Oneida – Callen may attend; event is looking for donations and participants; Kugel made motion to donate \$100; motion approved; Callen will handle. Event is April 23-24.

> First Open tournament of 2016 will be called "Don Morrison Memorial"; proceeds will go to Morrison family plus \$100; if that event is cancelled, proposal was made to shift Morrison name to next Open tournament.

> Brad Brodnicki announced he is selling Fed raffle tickets for \$20/ticket.

> Danny Senk has requested a leave of absence due to mother's health issue. Motion made. Approved.

> Scott said only Kugel has submitted jersey info; reminder that cut off is April 1. William Roeser said he's had a hard time getting hold of someone at A2A Customs.

> Jim Lamb reminded members that must wear life jacket at all times on the water in the spring

> Jim Lamb reminds members to bring own tackle/gear on tournament days

> Discussion had about Federation participation; possible compete at Cayuga; Callen suggests contacting Erie Co. BM to coordinate. Off topic: Jim Lamb predicts he will beat Kugel at CHQ this season; Walt B. asks about club contributing funds to members competing in Fed event; discussion had about money being earmarked for Fed participation; Ken Kolo think it's \$600;

> Keith Pease has tournament coupons available; members can prepay and avoid attending Wednesday draw

> Scott Gauld and his son have started HS fishing team at Sweet Home; team requested WNY BM to sponsor them. Motion made to create Junior division with eye toward having more youth members down the road. Motion approved

> Jim Lamb announced he might be going to Salt Lake City for 18 months for his church. He'll know more in September;

> 50-50 Draw: 422174 winning number... \$15

> Motion to Adjourn: 7:58.