

Western NY Bassmasters  
May 2016 Meeting Minutes  
Location: Gander Mountain

> Meeting called to order: 6:58 p.m.

> Attendance: Jim Lamb, John Evans, Paul Pilkington, Keith Pease, Ed Kuberacki, Jim Thompson, Doug Neadow, Todd Ceisner, Mike Giulino, Patrick Schlosser, William Roeser, Kelly Roeser, Scott Callen, Ken Johnson, John Mason, Bill Pilkington, Scott Gauld, Alex Gauld (guest), David Killion, Joe Kugel, Lisa Zuppelli (guest), Justin Warriner, Mike Uzarowski

> Jim Lamb reminded all boaters that copy of current insurance must be on file with club before draw for first tournament. Also reminded members to complete a liability waiver form before first tournament.

> Scott Gauld introduced his son, Alex, who is a member of the newly-formed fishing team at Sweet Home High School. Team is in need of boaters to help out as other students are interested in joining.

> Recent tournament recap:

> Can-Am Open (Border War) – Event drew 60 boats; Canada team won; event was first class; potential for bigger turnout next year

> WNY BM Open – Event drew 15 boats; new scale worked flawlessly; event revealed need for 20-inch measuring board; Jim Lamb suggested the club purchase one; Scott Callen said he would take care of it and be reimbursed for it.

> Next Open is June 4 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. out of Small Boat Harbor. Cost is \$50 per boat (1 or 2 people); Single entrants are allowed at \$50 fee (1 fish over 20" per person)

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

> June 1: Scott Callen/Scott Gauld/Sweet Home team will at West Seneca West Middle School at 7 p.m. introduce bass fishing to kids there. Pool will be open for casting/bait demos. Discussion had about how fishing interest at the high school level is starting to rise in the area.

> June 12: Military event. Callen has received \$250 from his union for food/drinks. Fishing hours will be 7 a.m. to noon with launch/retrieve/weigh-in at Small Boat Harbor. Pavilion is reserved at marina for picnic. Presently 18 confirmed military personnel will participate. Boaters can give gas receipts to Scott to get reimbursed via \$50 gas card. Currently need 3 more boats, but we should be covered by event date. Contact Scott Callen with any questions. 20" size limit still in effect for fish to be weighed in.

> Riverworks Series: Proposal to partner with Riverworks/BOSS on creation of "working man" weeknight tournament series. Right now, proposal is a Monday night series (6-9 pm competition hours; 3-fish limit) on June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8, Aug. 22, Sept. 12 with possible Open/series championship on Sept. 17 that would happen in conjunction with fall outdoor/fishing/hunting show at Riverworks.

Jim Lamb, Pat Schlosser, Keith Pease and Scott Callen toured Riverworks location/grounds recently and all were impressed with location and amount of people down there. There appears to be plenty of room to tie off boats as weigh-ins (using our scale) would take place at Riverworks. Tournament boaters are allowed to launch at ramp of their choice and check in prior to event at Riverworks Dock.

Lamb raised concerns over use of our scale and liability if scale is damaged. Scott Callen and Keith Pease have volunteered to act at tournament operations crew to ensure scale is cared for, event runs smoothly. Discussion had about potential for this series to blossom and be a revenue stream for the club as well as greater exposure for club and fishing in the area. Discussion had about insurance issues/club liability – those will be addressed before final commitment is made.

Scott Callen said other groups have approached him about getting involved if WNYBM opts out, so this might be a chance to grow with the event series. Proposed entry fee is \$40/boat

Pat Schlosser said he went back to Riverworks a second time and there were more people/more activity around and feels “if we don’t take advantage of this, they’ll find somebody to get involved.”

Jim Lamb raised additional concerns about evening time frame and potential for alcohol consumption which could open up WNYBM to liability claims in event of an accident.

Motion made to approve WNYBM pursuing partnership with Riverworks on Weeknight Series: Show of hands vote – MOTION APPROVED.

> August 10: Scott Callen and Scott Gauld will be participating in a County Legislature VIP/Media day out of Dunkirk. Bass boats/anglers may be under represented at event so anyone willing to participate is encouraged to contact either Scott. If lake is unfishable, Cassadaga is Plan B. Fishing time will be roughly 4 to 5 hours

> Sept. 15-17: Chautauqua Lake Outdoor Writers event. If boaters are willing to participate, you will be paid \$100/day; lodging may be available/comped as well. Shimano/Quantum reps/various media will be on hand. Callen is committed to going. Event is looking for more bass representation.

> Jerseys are ready to be picked up from Scott Callen. Rod socks are also in and ready for pick up.

> Discussion had about how St. Catharines Bassmasters handled weigh-in at Border War Open. All were impressed with fish care and prompted to some to mention we should explore buying a better set of bags for our weigh-ins. Item tabled while additional research is done about cost.

> Bill Pilkington asked if we wanted to have a Steak Roast this year; response was unanimous yes. Possible dates are Sept. 28 (would be meeting/roast combo) or October 5.

> Todd Ceisner did presentation on new Trailer Hook Pal product, a tool that helps secure trailer hooks to wire baits without risking poking your finger with a hook.

> June Meeting will be held at Riverworks (359 Ganson Street, Buffalo) at 7 pm on June 22. Draw for June 18 tournament will be at Gander Mountain on June 15.

> 50/50 Drawing featured cash prize and Gear Grabbar products.

> Meeting adjourned 8:10