

Western New York Bassmasters

October 2017 General Meeting
7 pm – Great Lakes Pizza Co. – West Seneca, NY

> Attendance: Joe Kugel, Jim Lamb, Andy Full, Jim Thompson, Patrick Schlosser, Scott Callen, Kenn Kolo, Ed Kuberacki, Justin Kaszubski, Doug Catalano, Cory Krawczyk, Ken Johnson, Ron Faith, Chris Nogle, Lisa Z., Justin Warriner, Scott Gauld, Alex Gauld, Greg Zaleski, Dan Sank (and kids). Guests: Frank Thompson, Joe Yaeger (Niagara Falls Outdoors Show), Lucas Ceisner

> Meeting called to order: 7:25 pm

> Joe Yaeger gave a brief presentation about the Great Niagara Fishing Show coming up in January 2018. Handed out flyers. Elite Series anglers Mark Menendez and Shaw Grigsby will be featured speakers.

> Scott Callen opens meeting by requesting decorum from members based on heated nature/tone of previous meeting. Reminds members we are in a place of business and obscenities won't be tolerated.

> Old business: Election of 2018 club officers. S. Callen asks members if there are any objections to proceeding with elections tonight. Ed Kuberacki objected and cited a portion of Section V of WNYBM by-laws (bolded below):

Section V - Eligibility to vote and hold office

*To be eligible for an elected position, a general member must have completed at least one year of membership with the chapter. **A general or senior member must maintain an active interest in the chapters well being by setting an example for the rest of the membership.** Each general or senior member is entitled to one vote. Absentee votes are permitted. Absentee votes must be made to the club secretary at least one day prior to the general membership meeting when the vote will be held.*

Ed K. also objected on grounds of continued violation of Section VI of WNYBM by-laws (bolded below):

Section VI - Term of office

*The term of office is for one year which shall begin on January 1st of each year. However, in instances where the elected treasurer is a new individual, the term of the incumbent treasurer shall be extended to January 31st to facilitate the fiscal year provision of Article VII. **No elected position shall be held by the same individual for more than two consecutive full terms.***

Scott C. requested Ed K. identify the individuals/nominees he has an issue with. Ed K. identified Scott Gauld, a nominee for board of directors. Scott Gauld immediately withdrew his name for consideration. Ed K. then nominated Jim Lamb. Pat Schlosser advises that Jim L. was already

nominated and declined. Ed K. stated, "That was then, this is now." Jim says he doesn't want to be nominated if somebody else does. No other members volunteered.

Ed K. mentioned tournament committee nominees also pose a problem because Andrew Full only competed in five tournaments in 2017. Andy F. contends that the Classic was his sixth tournament.

Tournament Committee format outlined below, per WNYBM by-laws:

The tournament committee shall consist of 4 members. Only one (1) member will be elected by the general membership from the nominations. He will serve as tournament chairman and he shall represent the committee and vote at meetings of officers and directors. He will choose 3 other members of his choosing from the list of tournament committee nominations. All nominated members must have fished a minimum of six (6) tournaments the previous season. The tournament committee shall establish the chapters tournament schedule and awards utilizing the advice of the membership, directors, and officers. Tournament rule changes are subject to the same process as by-law change (Article IV)

Scott C. tenders resignation as president via written letter. Scott G. tenders resignation via written letter. Ed K. states he just wants to the club's bylaws upheld. Scott C. and Scott G. depart premises.

Ed. K says tournament committee nominees need to have competed in 6 tournaments and he contends Classic should not count toward that total. Andrew F. and Jim L. discuss issues about lack of participation in the club.

Patrick S. addresses accusations that Ed K. made.

Jim L. outlined his concerns about the club:

- > Make up and role of board of directors.
- > Club's relationship with Safe Harbor Marina. Patrick S. says there is none.
- > Monthly club meeting and location needs to be secured
- > Payout structure. He recommends a motion be made to return to previous system of paying out per tournament rather than end of season
- > Point system is fine; Coupon system and PayPal registration/Facebook draw is fine
- > Retention of membership. Per by laws, some current members are not eligible to return based on lack of involvement this year. He suggests members be placed on probation until requirements are met.
- > Definition of an active member. Proposes it should be more than 3 meetings – attend 3 meetings and 3 tournaments and participate in one outside function (flea market, NF show, military event, ladies night, other club sanctioned event). Members not in good standing shouldn't be running for office.
- > He said 14 names on club roster have disappeared, meaning stopped participating in club

- > Suggest scale should be labeled as property of WNYBM to deter theft
- > Officer term limits – exceptions should be written into by laws to account for times where there are holdovers or people run unopposed
- > He believes 10 minutes of every meeting should be devoted to teaching techniques, new baits, patterns, etc.
- > Wants to gauge interest in team format tournaments

Patrick S. suggests submitting the above proposals for consideration at January meeting with possible vote in February and implementation in March 2018

> Joe Kugel MOTIONS above proposals be prepared for January meeting where they will be discussed. Jim Lamb SECONDED. Motion carries.

> 2018 Officer Nominations

- > Nominees remain as previously stated (minus Scott G. for board of directors)
- > Justin Warriner and Andy F. can remain nominees for tournament committee (show of hands vote)
- > Dan Sank withdraws name as nominee for tournament committee, departs meeting

- > Ballots distributed.

While voting is under way, Andy F. makes motion that if Scott C. and Scott G. want to rescind resignations, that will be acceptable as they were tendered out of anger. Ed K. seconded. Motion carries.

Ballots collected and votes tabulated by Patrick S.

2018 Tournament Committee: Andrew Full, Cory Krawczyk, Mike Uzarowski, Chris Nogle
2018 WNYBM Officers: President – Andrew Full; Vice President – Chris Nogle; Secretary – Todd Ceisner; Treasurer – Greg Zaleski

> Ladies night update. Event is scheduled for March 3, 2018 at Orazio's (Main Street, Clarence). Details to follow per Kolo.

> Jim L. makes motion that club business not be handled openly on Facebook. Amends motion to discuss this issue at January 2018 meeting.

> Motion made to remove non-members from Facebook group. Jim L. second. Motion carried. Facebook group member list to be reviewed and removals will be made at later date.

> Treasurer's report: Approx. \$3,700 after 2017 tournament payouts

> Tournament committee has been asked to begin work on schedule for 2018

> Jim L. said during a conversation he had with Paul Pilkington regarding tournament committee, it was said we applied for a couple lakes and got doubled up with other club tournaments due to our low turnouts. Per Ed K., Erie County Bassmasters just shows up and fishes. Club may want to consider doing same as we usually have 7-10 boats.

> Club paying for pizza/drinks at Oct. meeting

> Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

> Next meeting: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Great Lakes Pizza (444 Indian Church Rd, Buffalo, NY 14224)