



~~February 26~~ March 5,  
2009  
Sportsmen Bassmasters  
Meeting Minutes



**Members Present:**

~~Jim Battin~~

Paul Becka

~~Craig Belbeck~~

~~Jim Boettcher~~

Dan Bonneson

Mike Breuer

Mike Burcusa

Mike D'Aloia

~~Chris Glaze~~

Mickey Goetting

Ron Grav

~~Eric Hauge~~

~~Rick Hill~~

Matt Hitzeman

~~Dave Huttner~~

Doug Thies

~~Carey Nordling~~

John Nugent

~~Howard Gilles~~

Dave Phelps

Dale Richardson

~~Bill Rineveld~~

~~Brent Schwab~~

~~Craig Strom~~

Mike Owens

Bill Young

**President's Report (Dale Richardson):**

- Awards Banquet. Thanks to everyone who brought in raffle donations and bought tickets.
- Thanks to Mike and Steph Burcusa. This year's banquet was the best organized ever and the desserts were delicious!
- Congratulations to Bill Young for Sportsman of the Year
- Congratulations to Paul, Ron, & Mike Bu. On their "special" awards.
- Guests: Ron's friend Dennis Ellingson.
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**VP's / TD's Report (Craig Belbeck): Not present**

- Everyone is reminded that they need to get physical proof of boaters insurance (\$300,000 liability minimum) to Craig prior to the first tournament.
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## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Dave Huttner):Not present**

- Current balance is \$1,532.13
- Received dues from Howie and Chris.
- Current paid membership stands at 24.
- Proceeds from banquet: \$655 from Sportsmen raffle and \$220 from Sportsman's Warehouse.

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## **Internet Director (Mickey Goetting):**

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## **Special Projects (Mike Burcusa):**

- Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with the banquet. Thanks to everyone who went out and hustled sponsors for donations.
  - Please get the name, address, and description of the donated item to Mike so we can send out thank-you notes to all the sponsors.
  - Mike will be the contact person for this year's shirt and jacket order. Start thinking of what you want to order and be ready at the next meeting.
  - It was suggested that we do a "family" picnic again this summer.
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## **Data Director (Mickey Goetting):**

- The "Mr. Bass Points" are posted on the club website and should be current with attendance and officer positions. Please review them and let Mickey know if they need corrections.

## **Federation Rep (Paul Becka):**

- Federation Schedule is as follows: 3/7, 4/18
- Voting on three proposals (continued).

- Skeeter Raffle (SX190/150 Yamaha) is now open for Federation Members only. Details are on the Federation website. If the minimum reserve isn't met by the closing date, it will be thrown open to the general public.
- Looks like Minnetonka will be the site of the 2010 TOC.

### **Education (Mike Burcusa):**

- Mike did a very timely presentation on causes, recognition, and prevention for depression and suicide. We are all still deeply touched by Rory's death in December and, although it is a tough subject, we need to tackle this head-on and do everything we can to keep it from happening again. Thanks Mike.
- Mike is soliciting ideas for future education topics.  
One suggestion was to do a preview of the lakes for this year.

Another suggestion was to do our normal review of the tournament rules prior to the first club tournament. This is always a good refresher for the "old" guys and a great introduction for the new folks on what our expectations are. Craig, can you plan for this at the April meeting?

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### **Conservation Director (Matt H.):**

- Contact Matt with any ideas you might have for Conservation projects this year.
- We'll continue our traditional ramp clean-up following club tournaments this year.

### **Youth Director (Brent S.): Not Present.**

- With the elimination of the Casting Kids program at BASS, we won't be doing out normal event with the Boy Scouts.
- There will be a "fun" Casting Kids event this coming weekend at Cabellas in Rodgers. Bill Rineveld will be helping out on Saturday and Dale, Mike D, John N, and Mike Bu will be helping out on Sunday. Participants will get the "vendor" discount on any merchandise purchased or ordered on that day.

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## **Old Business:**

- Dale passed around a "status" list for the State TOC this year. He will keep it updated each month so everyone can see who is planning on going, who isn't, and who isn't sure yet. This is not binding and you can change your mind but please try to keep it current so the guys a little further down the list can make plans if it looks like they can go. Most likely we will be able to send about half of our membership.
- Sports Show:
  - Friday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Doug T
  - Saturday afternoon/evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike Bu, Mike Br, Ron, Bill R, Bill Y, Matt, Dan, John, & Dale.
  - Go to the "will call" booth and sign out a pass.
- Dale's proposal to modify the club bylaws to change the penalty for dropping out of a club tournament within 10 days of the event passed by a vote of: 12-1. Dale will modify the current rules, as approved, and forward to Mickey for posting on the website.
- The club "points" system discussion brought forward by Bill Y a couple of meetings ago has been tabled without further action. We'll see how things work out this year and if necessary address again next winter.
- Paul has collected money and FLW numbers for 5 people and no-one is quite sure where Mike D's money and information went. Paul will check with Dave H and see if he has it. When that is sorted out, Paul will submit the money and paperwork to start the FLW "shadow" club. Anyone else interested in joining, see Paul.

## **New Business:**

- We still have openings for a few more members. If you have any prospective members, let me know fairly soon and plan on bringing them to the March and April meetings. If we're going to add members, it makes sense to get them on the roster prior to the TOC cutoff of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Meeting: March 26th. 7:00 pm, David Fongs.**