

Crabtowne Bassmasters
Minutes April 14, 2009

Meeting Started: 7:10 PM
Meeting Adjourned: 8:53PM

Attendance: (Fred)

-Present: Steve, Fred, Jeff, Roger Sr., Joe L, Denis, Sam, Jim Pitt, Glen
- Absent: Jim Adair, Roger Jr. Alan, Aaron,
- Guests: Doug Southworth (later voted in as a member), John Jackson, Keith Jackson, Clyde Cheek.

March 10 Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: (Steve)

Beginning balance \$1106.06 (includes \$20 cash & \$1086.06 in checking)

- Collected: \$36 (Potomac tourney lunger percentage, Etc.)
- Out: \$678.11 (Banquet, awards, MFBN Mr. Bass)
- Current Balance \$463.95 (\$56 cash & \$407.95 checking)
- Will refund \$10 to members who attended banquet.

Southern Region Report: Jim Pitt attended and provided a report. SR Meeting minutes are posed on the MBFN message board (Regional Forum). Steve pointed out that the waiving of the annual \$25 fee for S/R perfect attendance no longer in effect.

Conservation: On the Mattawoman Creek case, Fred Matos reported that he submitted official Southern Region comments to the Charles County Commissioners concerning the proceeding to amend the rules for housing density. The comments were very similar to the comments that were filed with the Planning Commission. He testified for three minutes, emphasizing the importance of Mattawoman to bass fishing. He also stressed that bass fishing brings a great deal of revenue to Charles County, especially large tournaments that are televised on ESPN. Fred also attended a meeting with Roger Tregeser and Scott Sewell with the DNR on Monday, April 13. The meeting was held to discuss bass research projects with Dr. Joe Love, PhD., the new DNR research specialist on tidal bass. Lastly, Mary Groves (DNR) is asking local clubs that fish tournaments to submit 'catch summaries to assist with fresh water fishery studies. Steve will follow-up with Mary for additional detail.

Membership: Doug Southworth was voted in as a member. Clyde Cheek, a new prospective member, came to the meeting and introduced himself.

There was some membership discussion regarding maintaining proper Boater/Non-Boater ratios. There was also discussion about making sure new members understood the expectation regarding member participation.

Old Business:

- Denis reviewed the status of the recent boat safety inspections. The membership agreed that members are expected to resolve any safety issues identified during the inspections.
- Steve and Roger Sr. led the discussion on planning for the Marshyhope team tournament. The club will start handing out flyers, posting on websites and sending flyers to previous participants. The club also agreed to support the Marshyhope Bassmasters who have offered to assist us in advertising our event.

New Business:

- Steve distributed "Things You Should Know" papers for Non-Boaters & Tournament Day Activities
- Marshall Hall ramp. Due to overcrowding, it was decided to move the launch for the May 30 tourney to Smallwood. Steve will submit the appropriate paperwork.
- Bulletin board. Steve said that he will provide access to BB for prospective members.

Fishing: Roger Sr. provided some insights specific to how he won the Potomac # 1 tournament.

The Sassafras Tournament Draw (Rally at 4:30 am, Start at 6:45 am, End at 3pm):

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| 1 - Denis and Joe | 5 - Glen and Aaron |
| 2 - Jeff and Doug | 6 - Roger and Roger |
| 3 - Sam and Fred | 7 - Jim P and Steve |
| 4 - Alan and Clyde Cheek | 8 - Jim Adair (early out) |

Note: We launch at Turners (Kent County Permit required). Members agreed to secure permits prior to the tournament.

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