

Idaho State B.A.S.S. Federation Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2000

Time: 7:30 PM

Conservation:

The ramp project at Lake Lowell is back on track. All of the involved parties have given a preliminary okay to the new site at the west end of the upper (Nampa) dam. Steve has a meeting with all parties on-site next Thursday for the final buy-off and approval. The dock will require a little work and a walkway needs to be installed.

Steve handed out information about a largemouth bass virus that the eastern U.S. is experiencing. The handout came from B.A.S.S.

Rick Cox's bass conservation sign was discussed and new wording was voted on. Idaho Fish & Game is going to help with costs and logistics of getting the signs made and installed.

Youth:

The Get Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs program at Karcher Mall went well. A lot of Federation members showed up to help put together the bags and balloons for the kids as well as helping out on the stage. The State Team helped out a lot as well. Snake River Bassmasters did a bean bag toss and raised \$425.

Three kids casting qualifiers and the state finals will be held at the Expo in Caldwell. The finals will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Allan received a check for \$1000 from B.A.S.S. for sending the kids casting champions back to the nationals. This isn't enough to cover very many expenses, so Allan asked about voting on using Federation youth funds to supplement this money. Snake River Bassmasters donated \$400 from their bean bag toss money to the cause. The club reps voted to add \$600 from Federation funds to make \$2000 total for the kids casting champs to use for the trip east.

Banquet:

Allan pre-paid for 100 meals and we had 99 people attend. The conference went well, but was lightly attended; everyone was welcome to attend and participate. The banquet and entertainment sections of the evening went well and were enjoyed by all that stayed. Allan thanked those that brought items for the raffle. Club Reps need to take back to their clubs: we want suggestions and ideas for the banquet next year.

Communications:

James is working on the current newsletter. He still needs articles for the next newsletter. All ads for the newsletter are to be pre-paid this year. All clubs need to send in their dues and current rosters to ensure that all members will get their newsletters.

State Team:

The State Team raffles have been going well and they have raised quite a bit of money. The State Team will be doing the kids casting finals at the Expo at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

The Eastern Division is running their qualifiers on the same dates as the Western Division.

Second Owyhee Meeting:

Allan and other people representing groups wanting to have tournaments at Owyhee will be having a meeting at Cherry Creek lodge on Feb. 26 to follow-up on information from the last meeting. We need improved access to the Cherry Creek ramp and parking area.

Oregon Parks & Rec wants large groups to get their permits 60 days in advance. There is a \$100 fee, which they may waive.

Expo:

The Snake River Fishing Expo runs this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Snake River Bassmasters will run qualifiers at 11:00 AM on both Sat. and Sun; IBM has a qualifier at 2:00 PM on Sat; the State Team will run the finals at 2:00 PM on Sun. All available booths were sold.

New Business:

The Idaho Taxidermy Association is having a convention in Boise June 28 - July 1. It was brought up that some organizations were giving Best of Show awards for certain classes of fish or game mounts. Take back to clubs for vote: do we want to sponsor a plaque and/or cash award for Best of Show in warm water fish mounts.

Rory Clinton from Fruitland has a pond near the Snake River and wants us to use it to take some kids fishing. Allan has suggested a "Kids Classic" where we take a bunch of kids fishing for a day. If we have lots of kids wanting to fish, we could do shifts of kids with each group fishing for 2 hours. We have a fair number of requests for a kids jr. bass club in the area. Take back to clubs: we need ideas and suggestions on what to do to improve youth fishing opportunities and/or create a kids fishing club in each division.

Allan wants to hear from all of the clubs what they want out of the Federation in the future in the areas of State Team format, conservation and youth activities, banquets, etc.

The club reps need to have their clubs vote on paying for airplane tickets for the two Federation officers to go back east for the Classic and nationals. Bring the results of the vote to the next Federation meeting.