

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MISSOURI B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION

The meeting on January 11, 2014 was held at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, Mo. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Zieger. A moment of silence was held for Bruce Simpson who was secretary and director for the Big Creek Bass Club and recently passed away. Randy James called roll with 27 clubs present. Minutes from the September meeting were presented by secretary, Kathy Blankenkemper, and a motion was made by Pleasant Hill with a second by Mexico to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Financial report was given by treasurer Greg Voss. Motion was made by Mexico and second by Elite to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Guests John Neporadny and Al Vogt were welcomed. Backlashers of Kansas City and St Louis Bass Busters were welcomed as new clubs.

Randy James discussed results from the 2013 State Tournament. Plaques were presented to the top three teams as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Central Missouri Bass Masters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake St Louis Area Bass Masters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to University of Central Missouri.

Jim Zieger discussed the MoBass newspaper and that articles and ads are needed. Travis Hauser was present to discuss the web site. Travis can be reached at [travis@mobass.com](mailto:travis@mobass.com).

John Neporadny presented information about the status of high school fishing. On June 7 and 8, 2014 Bass Pro Shop will be holding an Open Championship for High School Fishing. They will be presenting \$10000.00 in scholarships. Teams must be a part of MISHA to participate. Information can be accessed thru Facebook at Supporters of Missouri High School Fishing.

Al Vogt, President of the Missouri Conservation Federation, announced that Executive Director Dave Murphy was retiring and will be interim executive director until a replacement is appointed. Information about the federation can be accessed at [www.confedmo.org](http://www.confedmo.org).

Randy James proposed that we purchase 40 chairs at a cost of \$650.00 for the Warsaw Ambulance District. At this time chairs have to be picked up on Friday, set up for meeting on Saturday, reloaded on Saturday and returned on Monday which ties up someone's vehicle and time to do so. Motion was made by Leavenworth and second by Pleasant Hill to purchase the chairs if the Ambulance District will give an agreement for us to be able to use their facility rent free at least two times a year for five years. Motion passed. This would allow us to have July and September meetings there.

Kathy Blankenkemper presented some of the discussions that were held at the Nationals, including the new high school program, sponsors and the new BASS Team Trail. Brian Wilson, who represented Missouri at the Nationals, gave his thanks for our support and hopes that he can make it again in the future.

John Blankenkemper held a meeting for the State Team before this meeting and discussed the 2014 Central Divisional. The divisional will be held at Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma and rooms have been reserved. The high school team will be allowed to fish two days as a part of the team this year.

Randy James presented the 2014 State Tournament which will be held on Truman Lake with Hidden Lake being the host facility and where the captain's meeting will be held. The Warsaw Community Center will hold our Friday night meeting along with a youth cookout fundraiser. Regatta permits have been issued for Long Shoal Marina. Due to many clubs having screen printed type shirts a motion was made by Elite with second by Team Bass to do away with the patches. This was amended to say that MoBass will no longer pay for the patches by Elite and Team Bass. Motion passed. Brad Christy from Mark Twain Bass Masters will get ideas for a patch and decals that could be purchased by those who still wish to have

them. Proceeds from the 2014 MoBass raffle will again be used to buy prizes to be given out at the state tournament. 1000 tickets have been printed at \$5.00 each and winners will be drawn at the Summer Sizzler. If each member can sell two tickets we will be able to raise \$5000.00.

A B.A.S.S. College Bass Tournament will be held on Lake of the Ozarks March 28 and 29, 2014. Six to eight volunteers are needed to help with the weigh-ins. John Blankenkober will be making the arrangements for this.

Mark Cowart, marketing director, gave an extensive presentation on the state sponsors and their discount programs. Several of these are giving product to be used as prizes for the various tournaments and also for the youth program. Jim Zieger also, discussed the Alliance program. If anyone knows of someone purchasing a Triton or Skeeter boat please let Jim know. The Alliance program which includes Triton now allocates money to the states based on how many leads on boats are presented each year and Skeeter Boats has a rebate program for members. For information on programs check the MoBass web site at [www.mobass.com](http://www.mobass.com) or contact your club's director.

The budget for 2014 was reviewed by Jim Zieger and Greg Voss. Motion was made by Elite with a second by Smithville to accept the budget. Motion passed. Motion was made by Mexico with a second by St Louis Area Bass Masters to make the CD an even \$10000.00 with the remainder to be used for scholarships. Motion passed.

President's Rodeo will be held after the April meeting on Pomme and the Spring Fling will be Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Bill Lewis and the St Louis Area Bass Masters will be holding a trout pond and possibly a casting contest at the St Louis Area boat show February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup> and would like extra help if anyone is available.

Youth Director, Gil Kauffmann, discussed the new high school program. Bass Pro Shop has given them 1200 to 2000 rod and reels from their reel return program to be used for the youth. Bryant Outdoors is helping to repair the reels and make sure they are in good condition. They are trying to get a travelling trophy to be used for the top high school team. At this time Hillsboro, St Louis Area, KC Area and Park Hill have participating teams. April 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a tournament at Smithville for the high school teams. Information on this can be provided by Gary Soske at [soske@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soske@sbcglobal.net) with the Park Hill South Elite Anglers. Park Hill was the first B.A.S.S. high school club and produced the winning team which will be accompanying the state team to the divisional. Congratulations to Bryce Soske and Kaleb Lenhart. Please make sure your high school registers their club with B.A.S.S. so they can participate in their tournaments and be eligible for scholarships, liability insurance, etc.

A brief environmental report was given by Shawn Veninga.

Election of officers passed by acclamation as follows: Treasurer: Greg Voss, Secretary: Kathy Blankenkober, Vice President: John Blankenkober, and President: Jim Zieger. Appointed positions will also remain unchanged as follows: Shawn Veninga Conservation, Mark Cowart Marketing, Randy James Tournament Director and Gil Kaufmann Youth Director.

Motion to adjourn was made by St Louis Area with a second by Knuckle Down. Motion passed.