

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

The meeting on April 18, 2015 was held at Lighthouse Marina, in Hermitage, Mo. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Zieger. John Blankenkaker called roll with 29 clubs present. Minutes from the January meeting were presented by secretary, Kathy Blankenkaker, and a motion was made by Camdenton Castaways with a second by St Louis Area to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Financial report was given by treasurer Greg Voss. Motion was made by Lost Creek and second by Elite Anglers to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Kathy Blankenkaker advised that club contacts and memberships are being updated. June meeting will be last opportunity to add members and clubs had to be registered at this meeting in order for them to be eligible to fish the state tournament. Starting on September 1, 2015 B.A.S.S. will have a flat rate of \$360.00 per club regardless of size and MO Bass fees will remain \$30.00 per member.

Mark Cowart discussed MO Bass sponsors. New sponsors are Eagle One, Razor rods, and Eco Pro Tungsten. Some of these have provided giveaways to be used at the tournaments and others are providing a discount on their products. Codes are available from club directors to be used on web sites where applicable. He also discussed the Power Pole and Berkley program updates.

Jim Zieger discussed the MO Bass newspaper which will be printed in the next couple of weeks. The MO Bass Raffle will be drawn at the Summer Sizzler. Tickets are still available. Money from the raffle will be used for attendance prizes at the state tournament. MO Bass is still an Alliance State and as such we get a small rebate on any Triton boat purchase on which we have owner info. Therefore if you know anyone planning on a new boat purchase please provide Jim Zieger the info as soon as possible. This applies whether the owner is a MO bass member or not, however if the person becomes a member and the dealer fills out the paperwork there are rebates for them as well.

Jim Zieger discussed club jerseys and the price increase from Valley Fashion. Saber6sports gave a presentation on their shirts. They are a Missouri based company and provide info on their rates as well.

Jim Zieger presented the decals created by Brad Christy. The MO Bass decal is 3 by 5 inches and there is also a state tournament decal. Lost Creek made a motion with a second by Benton County to buy a thousand decals for \$290.00. Motion passed. Team Bass with a second by St Louis Area made a motion to purchase state tournament decals instead of patches at 250 for \$200.00. Motion passed.

Randy James presented the 2015 State Tournament which will be held on Table Rock Lake with Port of Kimberling being the host facility and it will go out of What's Up Dock. Due to the possibility of Hillbilly Bowl selling we may have a different Friday night meeting room. Benton County MO Bass made a motion with a second by Mexico to change the state tournament to a pro-am type format due to changes in the way divisionals will be held in the future – this would take effect for the tournament this year and future tournaments. Motion passed with 25 for and 4 against. Camdenton Castaways made a motion with a second by Rodbenders to allow 80 percent of a club to fish but they have to be in boater – nonboater pairs. Camdenton Castaways with a second by Rodbenders then amended the motion to allow clubs to bring 100 percent with a minimum four man team and must have at least a six man club. Due to this being a bylaw change it will be voted on at the next meeting. Pleasant Hill with a second by Wapello County made a motion to cap team at a twenty man team regardless of number in club. Again this will be voted on at the next meeting. Also, Randy will be purchasing a pump and bump tank which was approved at previous board meetings to be used at state sponsored tournaments.

Jim Zieger discussed the Spring Fling which will be held April 19 at Light House Marina and has 41 boats at this time. Summer Sizzle will be on June 14 and Children's Miracle Net Work will be doing a mailing as this is a fund raiser for them. Jim also discussed the upcoming first ever regional Conservation Federation Banquet. He and Gary Soske will be doing a seminar on high school bass fishing.

Gil Kauffmann was unable to attend to give a Youth Director Report, however the schedule will be posted on the web site.

Shawn Veninga, environmental director, advised that there was nothing new to report at this time.

The 25th annual President's Rodeo will be immediately after this meeting with the weigh in at 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by White Water with a second by Mid State. Motion passed.