

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

The meeting on January 9, 2016 was held at Stoney Creek Inn, in Columbia, Mo. The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Zieger. Randy James called roll with 26 clubs present. Minutes from the September meeting were presented by secretary, Kathy Blankenkaker, and a motion was made by Pleasant Hill with a second by Central Mo Bassmasters to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Financial report was given by treasurer, Greg Voss. Motion was made by Pleasant Hill and second by St Louis Area Bassmasters to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Guest Jon Stewart from B.A.S.S. was introduced.

Randy James presented the 2015 State Tournament. Motion was made by Leavenworth with a second by Elite Anglers to reinstate the incentive for up to a ten man team and a plaque using average weight of whole team. This will be voted on at the next meeting. Motion was made by Camdenton Castaways for just a plaque but this died for lack of a second. Motion was made by Smithville with a second by Pleasant Hill to change entry fee to \$125.00 for boaters and \$75.00 for non-boaters instead of \$100.00 each. This will be voted on at the next meeting. There will be plaques for big bass for day 1 and day 2.

Randy James discussed the Fall Classic which had nine boats and made \$14.65.

Jim Zieger stated the Mo Bass Newspaper will be limited to one edition this year and hopes to publish in March. Deadline for articles will be the end of January. He also discussed the web site and that we are up to 477 likes on Facebook. Scholarship applications will be due again in June. Info was given on ordering club shirts. Flyers for the Spring Fling are available. Fall Classic was moved to Light House on Pomme. The President's Rodeo will be after the April meeting with 50 % split between the National Anglers and 50 % to the winner. Entry fee is \$20 per person. There is a traveling trophy for this event.

Jon Stewart, Director of B.A.S.S. Nation discussed how he came to be the director, the importance of having by laws and the new regional format. He also, presented the growth incentive which will be used to allow states to have a chance to bring additional boater non-boater pairs to the Nationals in 2017. Missouri had 546 members in 2015 which included high school, college and adult members. If we grow by 100 members with at least 50 of them being additional adults, then we will qualify for the extra pair. Cut off will be August 31, 2016. In addition he also discussed the rebate program which is going into effect this year. If a club has one to twelve members there will be no rebate, from 13 to 20 rebates will be \$3.00 per member and with 21 or more rebate will be \$5.00 per member. Rebate will be mailed to the club president listed on the B.A.S.S. roster after August 31, 2016.

Budget for 2016 was presented by Jim Zieger and Greg Voss. Motion made by Mexico and second by Pleasant Hill to accept as presented. Motion passed. Motion was made by Camdenton Castaways with a second by St Louis Area to take expenses out of the total before paying out starting in 2017. Motion passed.

Mark Cowart presented sponsors and will be going to the Bassmaster Classic. Sponsors at this time include, Live Target, Eagle One, Solar Bat, Tightlines, Culprit, Razor Rods, Frog Togs, and Power Pole. Some of these will be offering product to be given away at tournaments or to the state team while others will be offering discounts to members. Watch for info in the Newspaper, on the MO Bass web site or ask your club director for further info. He asks that members support the sponsors by liking their pages on Facebook or emailing them thru their websites.

John Blankenkaker discussed the 2016 Central Regional and had a meeting with the team members before the director's meeting.

Kathy Blankenkemper and Susan Eagan attended the 2015 Nationals. Susan is the new Youth director and will also be holding a bid on the free trolling motor and prop that the youth will receive this year. These will go to the highest bidder at the April meeting. Bids are to be emailed to youthdirector @mobass.com. Minimum is \$550.00 on the trolling motor and \$400.00 on the prop. Info will be emailed to the directors and put on Facebook so any one can bid.

2016 State Tournament was discussed by Randy James. It will be October 14 to 16. Robin's Resort will be the headquarters and they have comped two three bedroom condos to be used by the officers and for the Captain's meeting. The Friday night meeting will be at Tan Tar A. Regatta permits have been issued for 0600 to 1730 on Saturday and 0600 to 1630 on Sunday with the launch being at PB2.

Officers were elected by acclamation as follows: President Jim Zieger, Vice President John Blankenkemper, Secretary Kathy Blankenkemper and Treasurer Greg Voss.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lost Creek with a second by Benton County Mo Bass. Motion passed.