

## Indiana Bass Federation

### General Membership Meeting Held at Primo's Banquet Hall

December 3, 2011

P. Hollabaugh called meeting to order at 1:13

Motion to forgo reading the previous meeting minutes by Lamb Lake. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fort Vallonia

Financial report- M. Shane

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| Operating    | \$17800.96 |
| Raffle       | \$3841.79  |
| Conservation | \$12597.23 |
| Project      | \$14372.06 |
| Youth        | \$17488.93 |
| State Team   | \$1002.35  |
| Total        | \$67103.32 |

Motion to accept Wawasee Hawg Hunters 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily Pad

#### REPORTS:

Magazine-M. Hayes- Clubs need to send info to M. Hayes before December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Website-M. Hayes- January 1 website will be switching to TBF. This move will save the IBF approximately \$600 per year. Get your club tournament dates to Mitch for the website.

State Team- Terry McWilliams and Kelly Hook came in and spoke about fishing at Gull Lake in Minnesota. The fishing was incredible. Kelly stated that fishing with the state team was "a trip of a lifetime". DeWayne Wilda stated that Aaron Ault and Dave Lagle made the National Championship on March 27-31.

Top 8 Dates for 2012:

- Z1 D1 and D2- St. Joe River May 5/6
- Z1 D3-Wawasee June 9/10
- Z1 D4-Wawasee June 2/3
- Z2 D5/D6-Patoka April 28/29
- Z3 D7-Geist-Morse April 28/29 - CONFIRM
- Z3 D8-Brookville May 5/6
- Z4 D9-Ohio River Rocky Point April 28/29
- Z4 D10-Ohio River Rocky Point May 5/6

State Finals – Ohio River Tanners Creek July 21/22

American Income Life-Board announced that each member will receive \$2000 accidental death and dismemberment policy for being an IBF member at no cost. They will receive a mailing showing additional packages that they may purchase. No IBF member addresses will be shared with outside companies.

Monroe Dock Project-E. Crabtree-The Board has approved a project to add 36' extension to existing docks in front of the shelter house at Monroe. This will keep the shelter house useable during periods of high water.

Raffle Program-K. Swint-We will be raffling a Ranger boat this year. Top 8 entry will be \$250 and each club **MUST** sell a minimum of 150 raffle tickets to be eligible to fish the Top 8.

Trail-E. Hardesty- Trail averaged 43 boats in 2011. Doug Ruster, IBF Zone 3 member, won the Angler of the year. Gordon Reilly, IBF Zone 2 member, won the co-angler of the year. Doug Ruster also won the Forrest L. Wood Classic and walked away with a prize package worth \$12000. Lewis Mallory won the co-angler side and won \$3500. K. Swint was announced as the 2012 Trail Director. 2012 Trail dates were announced: March 25-Patoka, May 13-Brookville, June 10-Rocky Point, July 15-Tanner's Creek, August 19-Monroe, September 23-Patoka, October 6/7 Classic-TBD. Swint also presented a method to merge the IBF Trail with the Top 8 program. Each top finishing angler at a top 8 will be invited to fish the Forrest L. Wood Classic as a Boater. The second finishing angler will be invited to fish the Classic as a co-angler. Both will have to pay the entry fee of the 40<sup>th</sup> place finisher. In return, the top 8 finishers on the boater side of the Classic will be eligible to fish the IBF State Finals as a boater (provided they are either in a club or become a club member). The top 8 finishers at the Classic will be allowed to fish the State Finals as co-anglers (provided they are either in a club or become a club member).

Benefit Tournaments: Wish-April 1-Patoka, Riley-June 16-Monroe

Youth-E. Hazel-Brody McWilliams 15-18 age group and Ryan Mikals 11-14 age group will be going on to fish the National Championship. DNR Youth Camp will be June 21. There will be a TBF High School event at Patoka. Hoosier Outdoor Experience will be September 15/16.

Conservation-M. Shane-Indiana Sportsman Roundtable is working on invasive species. Shane attended the Sportsmen Caucus that included 4 Senators and it the difficulty with working with the state gaming commission was discussed. Shane attended a meeting on the proposal of the new slot limits on Indiana rivers and streams. Proposed rule change is supposed to be ready for the NRC in January. After that it will need approved by the Attorney General. We were promised that the Ohio River and its tributaries will not be included in the bill. Terry McWilliams-Catarac Hawg Stalkers- brought up that we, the IBF, need to fight the idea of keeping bass under 12" long.

Meeting Dates for 2012- February 18<sup>th</sup> at State Fair Grounds, and December 1 at Primo's (Tentative)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ed O'Conner will need help with the raffle booth at the boat show booth.

State Team Shirts can be purchase from a link on our website from Rayjus Outdoors

Eldon Crabtree read a letter from the head of the DNR Law Enforcement Division that the Alabama Rig, in its 5 hook configuration is currently legal in Indiana but that they will be reviewing that in the future.

Motion to adjourn 2:08-Fall Creek Valley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Raccoon Bass Anglers

Submitted by

Eric Hardesty