

Texas BASS Federation Nation

Directors & Club Presidents Meeting

August 15, 2009

Junior's Trail: Junior's entry fee into a recognized club is \$10.00 per person. Youth anglers that make it to the State will need boaters supplied by their adult club. Teams at state will consist of three kids from each age group. Entry fee for a juniors club into the state team is \$150.00

2009 is the final year for Casting Kids at the National level. TBFN will continue the program on it's own to sustain interest in the sport of bass fishing for our youth.

The two Jr Bassmaster anglers that advanced to the Central Divisional tournament in June at Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas were Kyle Daugherty, 11-14 age group and Zac Colosky, 15-18 age group. It was hot and tough fishing but their weight contributed to the total weight of the Texas Team at that event.

Conservation: Tim Cook - State Conservation Director

The Texas BASS Federation Nation is now associated with the Texas Outdoor Partners Coalition. That coalition represents over 1/3 of the land in the state. The partnership has tremendous power in the state legislature.

Carl Wengenroth from Angler's Lodge & Tackle Shop on Amistad presents slide show on tournament fish care. Minimizing Tournament Mortality – The creel survey in 2007 showed that 22426 were harvested from Amistad by non tournament anglers. 23000-40000 were weighed in at tournaments. Water temperature over 75~ increase delayed mortality 14 % pre release and 18% post tournament mortality.

If we do not practice what we preach (fish survival comes first) state or national agencies will begin to enact tournament regulations such as three fish creels and mandatory livewell temperature checks as they have in Maryland.

4Keys:

Scheduling – plan tournaments to occur in cooler months. Considerations = paper tournaments/ three fish tournaments.

Understand live well management principles – water temperatures, oxygenation, additives, fizzing, aerated livewell bags (aqua stones), but all of these principals need to start in your boat!

Having the necessary weigh in equipment – quality weigh in bags, big enough hospital tanks, aeration supplies, temperature and DO analyzers, proper gloves nets ice fizzing needles. PROTECT THE FISH'S SLIME COAT!

Understanding post tournament fish care – fizzing and salt dipping for parasite control. It is the responsibility to learn how to minimize tournament mortality and educate other anglers. We MUST police ourselves, and it starts from the angler at a club level up!

2010 Membership Enrollment: Ginger Davenport – State Secretary

National Federation open enrollment starts November 1 and runs through December 31. All clubs throughout the state will need to enroll on the National Federation web site only for 2010 membership registration. Designate your clubs President and Secretary on the national form. Make a copy of your National roster and forward a copy to your Region Director.

DUES for 2010:

2010 National Federation Dues = \$30.00

Proposed 2010 State Dues = \$20.00

Motion made to increase the State dues to \$20.00 by Dan Cormack and seconded by Mike Tennant. Passed by majority vote of the Directors and Club Presidents in attendance.

1099's will be issued to each individual winning \$600 or more per year including the Top 40 and Top 6 participation.

Club Benefits:

Sonny Robinson: American Income Life Public Relations Director

American Income Life Insurance provides a free \$2500 policy to all TBFN members. You should have received a Beneficiary Designation Card in the mail the week of August 2. Please complete the card and return to American Life. (see new packet info)

Charles Harkless: Cash For Clubs Program – 2010 Boat RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!

Club receives \$1.50 per ticket Region receives \$.50 and the State receives \$3.00

This profit sharing is free, no club money is spent to participate in this program!

7400 tickets have been distributed as of this meeting. Here is the distribution;

Southeast Region:	1800
North Central Region:	1800
Northeast Region:	1600
West Region	1000
South Region	800
Panhandle Region	400

Region Reports by Region Directors: See PowerPoint Presentation on the Directors page.

Central Divisional Tournament: Greers Ferry Lake in Greers Ferry Arkansas held 6/26/09. The Texas Team placed sixth. The top angler on the Texas Team was Tom Jessup who will represent Texas at the Federation Nation Championship on the Harris Chain of Lakes, October 23-26 in Tavares, Florida. Brian Schmidt from Olney, TX and last year's winner will also be there to defend his standing as 2008 Federation Nation Champion.

Special Notes – Charles Harkless

Proposed Rule Changes:

Dead Fish – increase statewide from .25lbs per to .5.

Short Fish – increase to this “weight of dead and the largest fish in the creel”.

Top 40 Championship:

Do we want to consider a centralized Top 40 championship? Concentrate all six regional director's efforts toward one event rather than 6 separate events. The 6 regional trail anglers will be determined at one event. 40 from the SE, 40 from the NE, 20 from the NC, 35 from the S, 6 from the Panhandle, and 22 from the W.

Pooled Payout? Regional or as a whole from the top down to the 5th place. Big bass pot and trophy for one or one per region?