

South Region Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation (STXBFN)

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 6, 2008

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Bass Pro Shops, San Antonio, TX

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bass Club</u>
Bobby Friedrich	Canyon Bass Club
Milton Thompson	Canyon Bass Club
Tim Cook	Canyon Bass Club
Bobby Whiteside	Canyon Bass Club
Derick Kuyrkendall	Brush Country Bassmasters
Jimmy Johnson	Brush Country Bassmasters
Michael Tennant	STXBFN

1. Michael Tennant (MT) STXBFN Director called meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
2. MT shared information from the Texas Bass Federation Nation (TBFN) Club President's meeting (7/26/08). The entire meeting presentation may be viewed/downloaded at the TBFN Web site <http://www.texas-bass.com/Documents/0708ClubPresidentsMeeting.pdf>
 - Junior Bassmasters program changes for 2009. Please contact Danny Gove, TBFN Youth Director for more details.
 - Bass club registration opens November 1, 2008 and closes December 31, 2008. Bass clubs should pay the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation dues (\$20.00) through the Federation Nation Web site. The TBFN dues, roster, and club points must be sent to the STXBFN Director. MT will email all STXBFN clubs the forms for submitting their club rosters and 2008 club points.
 - TBFN State Championship qualification will remain the same in 2009. TBFN bass clubs will be required to accumulate 50 points to qualify. Bass clubs may earn points for 2009 TBFN State Championship Qualification until December 31, 2008.
 - TBFN due increase was tabled at the President's meeting. 2009 dues: (TBFN \$18.00) (B.A.S.S. Federation Nation \$20.00)
 - Cash for Clubs Program (9/2008-3/2009) earn money for your club, region, and state. Bass clubs sell raffle tickets (\$5.00/ticket-prize Skeeter SX 180 w/ Yamaha 115 hp). For each ticket that a bass club sells, the bass club will receive \$1.50; the region will receive \$0.50, and the state will receive \$3.00. Bobby Whiteside (Canyon Bass Club) requested 500 raffle tickets and Derick Kuyrkendall requested 400 raffle tickets for the Brush Country Bassmasters.
 - MT stated that there is a new TBFN logo and that he would email the logo to STXBFN bass clubs.

- 2009 “Top 6” State Tournament Lake Amistad March 23-27, 2008 (Friday night banquets will be eliminated in 2009 and into the future.) Tournament awards will be presented following the final weigh-in at the weigh-in site.
 - 2008 Bass Club World Championship Fort Gibson Lake Wagoner, Oklahoma October 6-11, 2008. Congratulations STXBFN Qualifiers... Del Rio Bassmasters and Brush Country Bassmasters.
 - New for 2009 TBFN 50+ Tournament Trail...the tournament trail will be implemented with a phased approach (2) tournaments in 2009 and (4) tournament subsequent years based on participation. Must be a TBFN member ≥50 years old to participate. MT will provide more information as it becomes available.
3. MT asked the STXBFN clubs in attendance if their clubs had any active Junior Bassmasters clubs that followed the current state format? Canyon Bass Club responded stating that their club has a junior division but it does not follow the current state format. The Brush Country Bassmasters responded stating that their club does not have a junior club.
 4. MT presented the idea of potentially holding a STXBFN Junior Bassmasters Tournament Trail in conjunction with the current STXBFN Tournament Trail. No discussion...
 5. MT discussed the lack of communication within the STXBFN that has led to event conflicts and other issues. To help alleviate these communication problems MT is implementing club quarterly reporting. A report format will be emailed to all STXBFN clubs. The report must be emailed to the STXBFN Director by the required due date. ***MT requested that STXBFN bass clubs email up-to-date rosters and club officer information to stxbfn@hotmail.com ASAP.**

Report Due Date

January 15, 2009

April 15, 2009

July 15, 2009

October 15, 2009

January 15, 2010

Report Period

October-December 2008

January-March 2009

April-June 2009

July-September 2009

October-December 2009

Repeat Schedule for 2010

6. MT asked the STXBFN clubs in attendance if their club was in support of the current point system for TBFN State Championship “Top 6” qualification. Both the Brush Country Bassmasters and Canyon Bass Club stated that their clubs supported the implementation of the current point system. MT stated that the undefined goal of the point system was to eliminate “paper clubs”. In this regard the point system has done its job and will continue to do so as long as it implemented. Because, no paper clubs were allowed to compete at the 2008 TBFN State Championship. MT stated that there was discussion at the July 26, 2008 state meeting to increase the required points from fifty to some determined

number. The majority of clubs attending this meeting did not support a point requirement increase for the point system. Brush Country Bassmasters stated that their club did not support an increase in the point requirement to qualify for the "Top 6". Canyon Bass Club stated that some of their membership still feels that there are teams competing that are not true bass clubs. MT stated that the only "clubs" or teams that are allowed to compete at the "Top 6" that may not be from the same club are individuals that qualify through the 6 regional tournament trails that the regions run throughout the state. So, there is the potential to have 6 teams at the "Top 6" that are members of bass clubs but not necessarily the same club. These are the only teams allowed to compete at the "Top 6" that are not representing the same bass club. MT stated that he would attend a Canyon Bass Club meeting to discuss the point system and qualification process and to answer questions.

7. MT requested nominations for STXBFN Youth Director and STXBFN Conservation Director. No nominations were submitted. **Please contact MT if you are interested in one of these important roles for the STXBFN.**
8. MT presented a potential STXBFN Conservation Project "Lake LBJ Native Aquatic Plant Restoration Project". MT will email the project proposal to STXBFN clubs and he also suggested discussing the project with their club membership for participation. Please contact MT if your club is interested in participating in this project. This is one way to accumulate the necessary points for "Top 6" State Tournament qualification.
9. Tim Cook requested volunteers for a Lake Dunlap clean up scheduled for September 13, 2008. Please contact Tim Cook for more information at tim@cookssharpending.com
10. 2009 STXBFN Tournament Trail Discussion
 - Tournament schedule discussions centered on saving money (i.e. gas) and time for participants and fish care. **Please send tournament trail schedule comments to MT @ stxbfn@hotmail.com**
 - i. Follow South Region Bass Champs (5) tournaments and have (1) additional tournament,
 - ii. Start tournament trail in December then hold one tournament the weekend before the first Bass Champs tournament and then follow Bass Champs (end in April).
 - Potential 2009 Rule Changes
 - i. Tournament eligibility requirements: Participants must be a B.A.S.S. member and TBFN member.
 - ii. Off limits Monday through Friday preceding the (6) qualifying tournaments.
 - iii. Implement numbered take off.

- The club members in attendance supported the current guide rule “No guide may fish a tournament on a lake they’ve guided on within 4 weeks of the tournament date. The purchasing or bartering of information or the hiring of services within a 4 week period prior to any tournament is prohibited.”
11. The Canyon Bass Club was awarded a \$50.00 Bass Pro Shops gift card for having the most attendance.