

Centennial Bass Club
March 4, 2015 Minutes

Call to Order: Scott Gablehouse, 6:00 pm

Secretary Report: Motion to accept the minutes as posted, 2nd and passed.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund:	\$5280.51
FMO:	\$500.00
CAST:	\$1630.26
Junior/HS:	\$1300.00

Tournament Director: Terry reminded everyone to get their insurance papers to him and about a schedule change.

Team TD: No reporting

Conservation: No reporting

FMO: Bill brought some towels that he would like to sell as a fundraiser for the club. They are \$2.00 each with 120 to sell. Only in white.

The FMO rules committee need to get everything in order asap. Bill discussed a little about the BASS rule changes and DOW rule changes. He also discussed our current sponsors and any others that club members could bring to the table. Bank of Colorado gave \$300.00.

All of the sponsors are listed on the website.

The silent auction should start on April 1. Bill is still waiting to hear back on the sandwiches. We do not have an energy drink company on board yet, so if anyone has some connections, that would be great. The safety meeting is still set for 3:00 pm. There are 6 camp sites available, 2 for sure are taken by Monica and Chad. Get in touch with Bill if you would like one.

CAST: No reporting

Federation:

Audrey has meet with John Stewart to see what their process is for getting special permits and how it works. Colorado expressed to Ben that we would be willing to get special permits for Bass tournaments. The culling rules have changed and this affects all species in Colorado. Club members need to go to forum/town meetings to get their voices heard and get all of the information. Gene Gilliland would be more than happy to come up and help is if needed, BASS is very supportive in our efforts with the new changing rules in Colorado.

Bill express that we need to go slow and to not jump on the DOW and to keep things civil. Gene would like to know more about Ben's schooling, education, warm water fishing, and regulating bass fishing. Colorado regulation states that these changes are effective immediately. These rules were listed in the 2014 regulations. As of date, there are no printed 2015 regulations.

Nate suggested a white paper for talking ideas to have on hand in advance when going to any type of forum/town meeting with the DOW about all of the changes.

Tuesday, March 10th there was a town meeting and there was also one at Bass Pro Shops at the end of February.

Scott heard from Ben that for every ton of gravel in the last, 1-2 Christmas trees can be put in. Ben would like the same relationship with all 3 clubs to try and work together just they have done with the Denver area.

The Federation was awarded a grant from Shimano for \$2500. \$1500 was the asking amount and they gave extra. There is talk to keep the extra and use that toward the lakes up North. Audrey reminded everyone that conservation is what we are about and tournament fishing is 2nd. And that the DOW is very powerful and we need to work with them respectfully.

Sponsor benefits:

Please make sure to call sponsor and say thank you. The Federation has signed the alliance package again which give member many different products at discounts. Those items are used for fundraising. Let the federation know what you need. They also provide the jerseys for the state team and the high school team. They also provide a boat package for the high school team if they place #1 in the alliance program. They don't have to win the tournament.

Eagle Claw-1 time purchase 50% off—no matter how large or small.

Skeeter-world money program, discounted boats

Yamaha-products & prop for fund raising

Powerpoll-10% discount through rebate program

Whip'em bates—25% off

Hummingbird—give discounts for fundraiser purchases

Lorraine—discounts for state team

The Colorado Bass Nation would like to do a raffle for a fundraiser. \$5.00 per ticket. Looking to see how many people are interested. Nation would like to expand and find new ways for fundraising. Perhaps a fundraising fishing tournament that pro-am with pro athletes. If any members have a business and would like to sponsor please notify Audrey or have products to donate that we would raffle. It does not have to be just fishing items.

BASS Changes:

The format has changed for tournament trail for divisionals and nationals. It will be 3 divisional tournaments instead of 6. They will be called regional tournaments. Entry fee for boater: \$200 and \$100 for non-boater. There will be 10 boaters & 10 non-boaters with 2 alternates going from Colorado. It was 6 and 6 in the past. Colorado would like to find a way through fundraising to fund all 22 anglers. It is going to set up like a pro-am style with a payout. The entry fee is 100% payback. With 110 boats the top winner gets \$6000.00. The top non-boater can win \$3000.00. It will pay down to 22nd place. The top boater & non-boater per state go on to nationals.

Nationals: 3 days with a cut after day 2. Non-boaters can win a boat, Bassmaster open spot, Bassmaster Classic spot. Boaters win Bassmaster Classic, Elite Series, Bassmaster open, Boat, use of Toyota boat/truck package for 1 year.

Rule changes for the tournament team trail goes into full effect for the 2016 team. Nevada is scheduled to host. 2016 must move to a pro-am tournament for Colorado federation. Tournaments may not be in our region anymore. The timing of the tournaments is also going to change.

Pueblo was listed on the top 100 lakes in Colorado from Colorado anglers.

Juniors: The Schedule is complete and on the website.

Old Business: Get insurance to terry asap—email to him-- Expo on the 7th & 8th

New business:

Bill Wilson discussed that many people are having problems with the yahoo.com. A lot of people aren't signing up so Frank has just updated emails and used a mass emailing list again. That seems to be the easiest. Club members asked that the emails are only used for club business and not a selling field. We need to make sure rosters are updated. Bill also express that we need a president that can be at the meetings.

Fishing dates for lone tree and carter have changed. June 16-Lone Tree & June 6-Carter. Frank will update on the website.

More information on the WaterValley tournament. It will be held July 5 but the final date will not be confirmed until March 6. Cost is \$500.00 per team. 1st Place wins \$4000.00, 2nd wins \$1300.00, 3rd wins \$700.00. This is a fund raiser for Wounded Warriors. Only 25 boats but 2 lakes can be fished. It is a first come first serve basis. There will be a dinner & prizes after the tournament.

Guest Speaker: Ben from The Colorado Division of Wildlife came to inform the club of changes coming for all fishing in Colorado. If you would like a copy of the recording, Echo can send you one. It lasted for about an hour and a half.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 7, 5:30 pm

Adjourn, Motion, 2nd and passed.