



## NHBF Minutes for January 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Read/Motion to Accept Agenda...agenda was accepted

Roll call: All Clubs Present!

### **Secretaries Report:**

December minutes were accepted as is.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Bob handed out ledger for current state team and main operating accounts. Please see hand out and bring back to clubs. Treasurer report was accepted as read.

### **VP Report:**

Dave wanted to thank Ron and Scott for taking on there position and looking forward to a great 2008.

### **President Report:**

No Report

### **Youth Report:**

No Report

### **Conservation report/Legislative/State Team/PVA Director/Committee report:**

Dick sent out an email to all clubs talking about the Boat speed restriction on Lake Winnepesaukee. Dick expressed how important it is to talk to your local house rep in fighting this bill. Dick also talked the public value of lake access in NH and that he is looking into this problem. There was a fish and game performance report that dick talked about and some of the finances associated with Fish and Game. One of the highlights of the report were that fishing licenses are on the decline. Dick also briefly touch on the new boat ramps and what would be available in 2008.

Tournament Director: Still actively seeking a tournament director, please contact Ron if you are interested.

### **Old business:**

Banquet Cancellation: NHBF Would like to thank John Woodman for his effort trying to get the banquet formalized. NHBF decided it was not financially sound to hold the banquet due to the fact of low anticipated participation. NHBF will strive to possibly wait till March of 09 and plan further out to increase member participation.

### **Dues and Rosters:**

Rosters were to be handed in last meeting.

### **2007/2008 Budget Report:**

Dave also handed out a profit and loss report for 2007, this report highlighted where we lost money. It also outlined what we potentially will be facing in 08 for expenses. Report was prepared by Dave Duffy.

Dues Increase: Dave talked about how we would implement a dues increase and it would possibly be staggered throughout the year.

Youth Director: No report, still seeking youth director.

Tournament Director: Dave Duffy talked about the different options on the proposal. Prospect Mountain looked at all options and had some constructive feedback on tournament directors position. The option for having the state run these events was still a focal point of the conversation. NHBF asked that this go back to the clubs and discuss the possibilities. The NHBF will work on a Tournament check list to help with this responsibility.

### **Expo:**

NHBF sent an email to Rob thanking him for the booth. NHBF raised \$60 on the youth side and collected \$240 for the Minn Kota trolling motor raffle. This trolling motor will continue to be raffled off at the open. NHBF would like to thank all who volunteered who worked the booth!

Break: not taken in order to keep meeting short.

**New business:**

Budget 08: Dave Duffy went over already.

Banner: Looking into redoing the banner.

Hauling the Tournament Trailer: Details will be discussed further in the coming months.

Entry Fees: A large discussion broke out about entry fees what is proper and what is not. There were quite a few complaints about how it has been handled in the past. There were a lot of different ideas thrown around on other possibilities. There was a motion on the floor to take away the free entries fees. Clubs were instructed to take the feedback back to club level and be discussed and voted on. The goal here is to pump money back into the federation and get healthy again. There will be a fixed price at the opens this year of \$145 per open event. This is a total fee and was voted on and passed.

Club Requirements: Have to be paid in full and in good standing by April 1st.

Fishing Permits: Still have not come in yet.

**Additional Business:**

Tom Sinclair brought up that he has 3 clubs that are interested in re-joining the federation but would like a full audit done to clarify past business, he mentioned that these clubs were past affiliates of the NHBF. Dave Duffy expressed that the NHBF books are always open and that we are trying to move the federation in a new direction. Dave also mentioned that it would be nearly impossible to do an audit due to the fact that there were many things just done and not necessarily tracked or reported on. Bob Winslow also backed Dave by saying that any club is more than welcome to ask questions or review anything in question at any time.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 pm

Next meeting: Feb 26, 2008 @ 7:00pm