

OBN Presidents Meeting December 11th 2012 OBN Banquet

Attendees: Mike Myers – Interim President/VP/Tournament Director & Middle Oklahoma President, Richard Minyard – Secretary & North OKC President, Jim Marsh – Conservation Director, Michael Anthamatten – Keystone Bassmasters President, Cheryl Spenser – Cleveland Bassmasters Representative, – Robert Degraffenreid – Treasurer, Kent Bottenfield – Bartlesville Bassmasters President, Troy Enmeier – Enid President, Bernie Strecansky – Sooner Bassmasters President, Todd Wagner – Owasso Bassmasters President, Skip Dillard – Grand Representative, Jon Stewart – BASS, Gene Gilliland, Randy Heavin, John Smith
Absentees – South Central Bassmasters, North Central

- **Meeting Called to order – Mike Myers**
- **Presidents Report: Mike Myers**
 1. **Mike went over details of National Presidents meeting that he attended in November.**
 2. **Triton money has changed; we will no longer receive money from Triton unless we sell boats through a lead program. Anyone interested in buying a Triton needs to let the State give Triton a lead so that the State would get credit for it.**
 3. **BASS is creating a state alliance club so that people could be Oklahoma BASS Nation member without joining a state club.**
- **Mike opened the floor to Jon Stewart.**
 1. **Jon Stewart spoke about BASS.**
 2. **High school fishing to be developed in 2014. BASS to provide literature regarding the high school program. Each state will still have a state championship, but only the high school age kids will advance with two teams advancing. The kids will still be part of the divisional team.**
 3. **BASS is curious if people are happy with the divisional format or can there be any changed made. If you have any suggestions, please get those to your club president.**
 4. **BASS still taking OBN members wanting to be a marshal for the classic until noon, Monday December 17, 2012.**
- **New Officer Elections**
- **President - Due to Keith Blackstone stepping down as President, a new President needs to be voted on to fill out the last year of the term. Mike has been the Interim President. Richard Minyard made a motion that Mike Myers be promoted from Interim President to President. Bernie Strecansky seconded. Mike Anthamatten nominated Sterling Bougher for President but received no second so the nomination died on the floor. Richard Minyard**

made a motion that nomination cease, Skip Dillard seconded. A vote was called and Mike Myers was elected President by a vote of 9-0.

- **Youth Director - Bernie Strecansky nominated Kenny Butts for Youth Director. Troy Enmeier seconded. Skip Dillard made a motion that nominations cease, Richard Minyard seconded. A vote was called and Kenny was elected Youth Director by a vote of 9-0.**
- **Treasurer – Richard Minyard made a motion to keep Robert Degraffenreid as Treasurer, Kent Bottenfield seconded. Skip Dillard made a motion that nominations cease and Mike Myers seconded. A call for vote was made and Robert DeGraffenried was re-elected Treasurer by a vote of 9-0.**
- **Conservation – Mike Myers made a motion to keep Jim Marsh as Conservation Director, Bernie Strecansky seconded. Richard Minyard made a motion that nominations cease and Mike Myers seconded. A call for vote was made and Jim Marsh was re-elected Conservation Director by a vote of 9-0.**
- **Tournament Director – Richard Minyard made a motion that the President and Secretary would assume the responsibilities of the Tournament Director, renaming the President position to President/Tournament Director and Secretary to Secretary/Assistant Tournament Director. Skip Dillard seconded. Bernie Strecansky asked that the duties of the Tournament Director be defined so that people would have a better idea what was expected of the Tournament Director. It was agreed that this would be done. Mike Myers spoke of the responsibilities of taking care of the weigh-in trailer that is used for the weigh-ins if someone other than Mike Myers was Tournament Director and that because he owns the trailer, the Tournament Director would be responsible for transporting the trailer and upkeep of the trailer. Mike Myers paid for the trailer out of his own pocket and does not want to see the trailer abused. Skip Dillard spoke in favor of the motion and stated how the weigh-ins at the November qualifier ran so well and credited Mike Myers and the weigh-in trailer for that, Skip called for a cease of nominations and Troy Enmeier seconded. A call for vote was made and the motion passed by a vote of 8-1.**
- **Old Business – Minutes of last meeting were read and Kent Bottenfeild made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Myers and the minutes were accepted unanimously.**
- **Conservation Director’s report: Jim Marsh**
 1. **Jim Marsh handed out a detail of the ramp project for the ramp at Eufaula Cove.**
 2. **Jim Marsh reports that Asian Big Head Carp have been found in the Neosho and Red River and how important it is to keep those out of our lakes.**
- **Treasure’s report: Robert Degraffenreid**
 1. **Please contact Robert for a detailed breakdown of the OBN finances.**

- **Tournament Director's report: Mike Myers**
 2. **The 2013 spring qualifiers are set.**
 3. **The Grand qualifiers are set for Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th from Southwinds Marina Ramp. The Friday night pairings meeting location will be at the weigh in trailer at the ramp.**
 4. **The Sardis Lake qualifiers are set for Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th from the Potato Hill South Ramp. The Friday night pairings meeting location will be at the weigh in trailer at the ramp.**

- **Nominations were taken for the 2013 Top Six Tournament which will be held on a north region lake in 2013.**

Cheryl Spenser nominated Oolagah and Todd Wagner seconded.

Skip Dillard nominated Hudson and Bernie Strecansky seconded.

Mike Anthamatten nominated Keystone and Mike Myers seconded.

Skip Dillard made a motion that nominations cease and Richard Minyard seconded.

All Presidents are to go back to their clubs and then vote on one lake at the next meeting.

Kent Bottenfeild spoke about getting out the dates for the qualifiers as soon as possible, Mike Myers assured Kent that the dates are released as soon as humanly possible.

Skip Dillard spoke of some emails he received and printed off and gave to Mike Myers regarding the way we hold our qualifiers

Bernie Strecansky made a motion to create a new officer position for a State Fundraising and Sponsor Officer. Bernie stated that he knew of people willing to help with fundraising and sponsorship. The motion did not receive a seconded and the motion died on the floor. Bernie was assured that if anyone wanted to help with sponsors or fundraising that they could help without the benefit of a title.

Richard Minyard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Todd Wagner.

- **Meeting adjourned.**

The next meeting will be on Saturday April 6th after the Saturday Grand qualifier.