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MEETINGS

WHEN:

FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
7 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

WHERE:

BASS PRO SHOPS
FRYING PAN LODGE
7970 NORTHFIELD BLVD
DENVER, CO 80238
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AGENDA

DIRECTOR UPDATES

CBN UPDATES

HAVASU RECAP

UTE DRAW

MEETINGS BY THE MINUTE

March 1st, 2017

Brandon Genova started the meeting drawing tickets for attendance prize give-aways. Guests/new members introduced themselves - Cliff from Castle Rock, Chet Mostue - former DBM member, Tyler Haber, Jeff Kendall, and Cliff Bell - former DBM member.

Noel and Ethan from Aqua Sierra Inc., a private fisheries consulting company, provided a presentation. They previously worked with the Colorado DOW and spoke of water temperatures being the absolute factor in determining most fish species spawning activities. Bass will spawn usually in water anywhere from 60 to 75 degrees with nesting areas somewhat spread out whereas bluegill will spawn from around 67 to 85 degree water temps with beds in honeycomb clusters or groups. Bass need between 5 and 10 pounds of prey to put on one pound of body weight and need all sizes of prey: crawfish, fathead minnows, medium bluegill and mature bluegill.

A sign of overcrowding of fish will be large heads and skinny bodies. YOY - young of year - generally get consumed by larger bass who then run out of a food source which suspends growth. This tells us that catch and release is good to a point but sometimes culling out of certain year-class bass is necessary to avoid a stunted bass population. This includes keeping/removing some larger bluegill. Growth is controlled by the scarcity of food resources. Occasionally on smaller bodies of water (golf courses and community ponds) aeration systems are beneficial for oxygenation and nutrient addition. Water pH can range from acidic to alkaline and affect the amount of aquatic growth, also affecting the forage base.

Event coordinator, Tom Grace, reported on the Feb. 25 & 26 hot dog

fund raiser which netted \$845. Saturday weather was "iffy" and traffic was slow but we rebounded a bit on Sunday and had a fair outcome. Thanks to those who were in town and volunteered in set up, sales and takedown.

Tom also distributed complimentary Trokar hooks from Eagle Claw and mentioned that with the new rule allowing up to 10' fishing rods that Eagle Claw/Skeet Reese is producing a telescoping 9'6" cranking rod that will retail at about \$120. Our club has an available purchase program that will allow any dues paid member to shop in the Denver Wright & McGill/Eagle Claw store (Colorado Blvd & I-70, norther east corner) one time for 50% off anything in stock (unlimited items) one time per year. We also have a Rapala purchase program available (Rapala, Terminator, Sufix line, VMC hooks, Storm lures, Luhr-Jensen, Marcum augers) at discounts of 25% to 50% off - see Tom for products, pricing, availability and ordering.

Conservation director George Mauries reported looking at Lon Hagler and Boyd Reservoirs for possible habitat projects. George also mentioned John Martin Reservoir (two hours east of Pueblo) as a possible site for the southern Colorado clubs to consider for habitat improvement. Note: the former fine gun room upstairs at Bass Pro Shop is now the Conservation Room in which George was instrumental in acquiring and laying out habitat material from MossBack Industries in a display showing some of DMB's more recent habitat involvement.

Junior Bassmaster Director Curtis Welch reminded us of the Juniors orientation day for be Saturday March 25 in the Bass Pro Shop Conservation Room at 10am. Curtis also announced a juniors outing April 8 at Willow Bay (136th & Brighton Rd) - look for the red roof barn for the gate entrance.

The Eagle Claw rod raffle was won by Jeff Kendall.

Tom Grace for Secr'y Steve Ehrman

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2017 Tournament Schedule

May 6th & 7th
Ute, NM
May 20th
Horsetooth Reservoir, CO
June 10th
Pueblo, CO
June 24th
Lake McConaughy, NE
August 19th (Nite)
Chatfield Reservoir, CO
September 16th
Pueblo, CO
September 30th & October 1st
Flaming Gorge Reservoir, WY
Megabucks - October
(Date and Location TBD)

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