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B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, CHAPTER #812

MEETINGS

WHEN:

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

WHERE:

BASS PRO SHOPS
FRYING PAN LODGE
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AGENDA

DIRECTOR UPDATE

NON-BOATER/BOATER
FINANCIAL REFRESHER

PUEBLO RECAP

HORSETOOTH (NITE), DRAW

FLAMING GORGE, DRAW

MEETINGS BY THE MINUTE

July 6th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:16pm by Brandon Genova.

Guests who introduced themselves were Brandon, friend of Gary Schipporeit, Spencer Nemnich from Topeka, KS and friend of Jeff Gombos, and RJ, from Decatur, Ill., grandson of Josh Mack.

The club treasury was reported by Brandon Genova for Jon Webb (treasurer) at \$4,253.97

Steve Yeckley and later Curtis Welch (Jr Director) reported on the recent Juniors outing at Taylor's Lake. Curtis also announced an upcoming Juniors event at Donovan's Pond on June 9 as well as a US Warriors outing also at Donovan's on July 30. Boaters and shore helpers are welcomed and encouraged for both events.

There was no Conservation report. The club has asked for someone to come forward as the club Conservation Director.

The DBM State Qualifier rep, Jeremiah Hofstetter reported on the meeting held during the most recent qualifier at Tenkiller, OK to select next years qualifier. The 2017 STQT will be held at Lake Havasu, Feb. 19-24, 2017. HQ is Lake Havasu City, AZ. State Prez Audrey McKinney is working on a package for lodging. Campers are encouraged to make camping reservations very soon.

Events Coordinator, Tom Grace, gave a brief presentation on a few general subjects - On the Water Safety and Etiquette - which includes morning launch. If you are late in your launch order DO NOT blast off from behind other boats. You must wait till you are clear of the NO WAKE buoys. One boat took off from behind other boats at the Merrit tournament and nearly swamped another boat. Blasting off in a NO WAKE area is grounds for disqualification.

Keep notes on previous results and ask questions. Be observant of techniques used by the more successful anglers. Ask about depth, water temps, water color, color and size of baits, speed of presentation (dead sticking, hopping, crawling, swimming), line size. Drag out old successful baits that aren't the current fad - they might be new to fish that haven't seen them in a few years. It was also suggested to contribute short bits, tips or info or news to the monthly club announcement so it is more of a newsletter. Tom introduced long time state fed member and multi qualifier Larry Triplett who spoke on transitional fishing periods. Larry has fished at nearly every level of competition as a boater and an Elite BASS co angler. He

mentioned that so many of the guys on the big circuits aren't really much different from the rest of us with the exception of knowing what patterns to look for. Larry considers pre spawn to be when water temps are around 44 to 52 degrees. Jigs and jerkbaits seem productive at this time.

The spawn occurs earlier than most anglers realize and start somewhere around the 55 degree water range and can last up till about 70 degrees. Most anglers experience bigger fish this time of year with the shallower spawning nature of bass. Post spawn can present difficult conditions with fish being exhausted from the spawning process. Larry suggested much slower and smaller baits while the fish recover. The shad spawn follows the bass spawn and presents a great time for big feeding binges. Larry suggests looking for shad activity when bass will gorge themselves on active and dying shad. Summertime bassing is often done in 10' to 40' of water as bass follow baitfish schools. In fall look for baitfish/shad in creeks where squarebill cranks, buzzbaits and spinnerbaits can be the ticket. In winter look for a shad die-off and break out the jigging and flutter spoons.

Jeremiah Hofstetter added that his catch rate improved at Tenkiller when he went to a faster reel and could catch up to trailing fish that were overtaking his crankbaits from behind. He also suggested not just asking questions but observing how his boat partner is presenting his bait, rod angles and bait placement.

Results of Merritt, NE tourney: 1st place - Casey Welch, 21# (plus) - 3/4 - 1 ounce jigs and Beaver tossed back into shady tree trunks in 5-6' of water, near cuts and small points, dead-sticking the bait. Fish were not hammering the jig but rather just causing a mushy resistance. 2nd place - Mark Warren, 17.8# (3.43# big)- jigs and Senkos less than 6', 3rd - Andrew Bowman - 13.75# - Jigs and Pitt Boss plastics, 3/8 oz, similar water to Casey fished, 4th - Jimmy Ruggles - 13.44# (3.83# kicker) - black spinnerbait, 5th - Brian Herdt - 11.85# - deadsticking 3/8 oz Biffle Bug. Side note: Frog bite was ON first morning with first day leader Derrick Green having an 11# plus limit by 10:30am.

Nominations for Mega Bucks on October 15 & 16 were: McConaoughy, NE., Gray Rocks, WY., Pueblo, CO., Conchas and Navajo, NM., Cedar Bluff, KS and Lake Powell, UT. On an elimination vote, Pueblo was selected to be the MegaBucks venue.

Brandon announced an ABA tournament scheduled for the same date on Pueblo Reservoir as our July tournament (July 16). DBM members can fish both provided partners are fishing from the same boat for the ABA event.

Tai Hunt won the Skeet Reese rod raffle.

Tom Grace thanked club member Camron Miller (not present) for arranging the rod and reel acquisition for the Ft. Carson Kids Fishing Day at Pueblo Res. on June 18.

Partner drawing for the Pueblo club tournament was held with 17 boaters and 21 non boaters, leaving four unpaired non boaters.

Smith Marina on Ute Lake, NM is having a \$200 entry Team Tournament with the grand payout of \$10,000.

Tom Grace for secr'y Steve Ehrman

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2016 Tournament Schedule

April 23rd
Lonetree Reservoir, CO
May 7th
Aurora Reservoir, CO
June 25th & 26th
Merritt Reservoir, NE
July 16th
Pueblo Reservoir, CO
August 20th (Nite)
Horsetooth Reservoir, CO
September 10th & 11th
Flaming Gorge Res., WY
October 1st
Pueblo Reservoir, CO
Megabucks
October 15th & 16th - TBD

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