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## MEETINGS

### WHEN:

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

### WHERE:

BASS PRO SHOPS  
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## AGENDA

TREASURER REPORT  
JON WEBB

JUNIORS UPDATE  
CURTIS WELCH

2015 STATE QUALIFIER  
LAKE NOMINATIONS  
JEREMIAH HOFSTETTER

BASS SCHOOL  
SHAWN ROGERS

HORSETOOTH  
TOURNEY DRAW

RAFFLE DRAW

**2015 STQT  
TOURNAMENT**

**LAKE NOMINATIONS DUE TO  
JEREMIAH HOFSTETTER  
BY 09/03/14 AT MIDNIGHT**

## MEETINGS BY THE MINUTE

**August 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm and members were urged to sign up for the Sept. 6 Pueblo club tournament.

Brandon Genova gave a recap of the recent club board meeting which included:

- Herb Turner appointed to the board to replace a board vacancy
- Suggestion of a budget for club attendance prizes/giveaways
- Appointment of a club event/promotions/liaison person
- Provide Juniors with club t-shirts
- Club officer nominations will be at the October meeting
- Other club funded support distribution of monies

Jeremiah Hofstetter reported as of yet there has been no interest in the "2nd Chance" State Qualifier tourney scheduled for Oct. 5 & 6 for two state nation members to qualify as non-boaters.

Treasurer Jon Webb reported an account balance of \$5682.89 of which \$2614 is the net from various club fund raising events.

A vote to have a pre-fish for the October Mega Bucks was taken and the majority voted "yes" for a Friday, Oct. 17 pre-fish. The tournament dates are Oct. 18 & 19 at Lake McConaughy, Nebraska. Pre-fish will be safe light till 3:30 Friday.

An issue of reading and recording the tournament weigh scales was reviewed by tourney director Colin Yohe. The revised weigh cards will have "how to" instructions printed on the back. Weights are in pounds and TENTHS of a pound, not pounds and ounces. There were questions on getting scales to go into the "hold" mode, which is addressed in the "how to" info on the card.

Top finishers in the July 26/27 Pueblo night tournament were: 5th – Gene Rohr using a "cutter bug", 4th – Shawn Rogers with the usual "Speed Craw" in watermelon seed color, 3rd – Jeremiah Smith using spinnerbaits, and chatterbaits. The tie for first place between Jim Coveney and Mark Warren was broken with Mark having the big bass of the event. Jim caught his fish on homemade 3.5" black swimbaits and Mark's fish came on Colorado bladed spinnerbaits and a Repo Man.

Curtis Welch, director of the Juniors program, reminded everyone of the Junior's outing at Swift Ponds in Ft. Collins on August 23rd.

The Sept.6th Pueblo club tournament partner draw had an even pairing of 19 boaters and nineteen non-boaters.

Tom Grace for Sec'y Steve Ehrman

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JULY, 29TH 2014**

Board meeting minutes - July, 29th 2014

President Brandon Genova called the DBM Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following Board members were present: Brandon Genova, Tom Grace, Jon Webb, Jeremiah Hofstetter, Sam Underwood, Micah Goldberg, Curtis Welch, Colin Yohe, Herb Turner.

President Brandon Genova appointed Herb Turner to the Board to fill the vacated seat of Nik Lawhorn. Herb accepted with a "I'll tell you what".

The Board discussed how we can improve on meeting attendance giveaways. Various scenarios were discussed including far less but of greater value, example: 6 Livingstons or a mix of better baits along with staples like hooks and plastics. The Board agreed that a range (price and type) of giveaways was important and that baits should be relevant to the time of year. It was also agreed that attendance at meetings should dictate the number of giveaways versus the same amount every time. The Board agreed to spend \$75 a month till December and will determine a responsible budget for 2015 at the December Board meeting. The Board also thanked Tom Grace who has often times bought these giveaways on his own dime.

The Board discussed creating a member elected position of PR/Event/Promotions Director. This position would cultivate relationships with various fishing companies for deals, door prizes, and raffles. Additionally, s/he would coordinate fund raisers and the end of year banquet. The PR/Event/Promo Director would operate with oversight from the club officers. Jon Webb and Herb Turner offered to propose a draft of the position to be amended to the by-laws.

Jon Webb reported on the status of the club finances. Currently there is a surplus of money from exceptional fund raising. The Board agreed that all foreseen expenses (Hot Dog Sale, Tournament Permit Fees, ect..) for 2015 should be accounted for first, before spending any surplus money. Everyone agreed we need to give back to membership. Several options were discussed including, funding for the state team members, various extra prizes and awards at tournaments, hosting a club sponsored dinner at Megabucks, and subsidizing the expense of the end of year banquet for attendees. No decision will be made until the Board understands what the surplus dollar figure is after accounting for next years expenses.

The Board agreed to print T-Shirts for the Junior club. An estimated cost of \$300 (35 shirts @ \$8.50 per). Brandon and Curtis will coordinate for art and production. The Board also agreed to fund burgers and dogs at the next Juniors outing held at the Swift Ponds.

The Board agreed to donate the remaining surplus of hot dogs, sodas, and chips to the Colorado BASS Nation High School Fundraiser, being held at Bass Pro on August 23rd.

Lastly, Board seats for Herb Turner, Jeff Winnicki and Jeremiah Hofstetter will be up for reelection. Nominations will happen at the October meeting, with elections happening at the November meeting. Our current Board was put in place all at once. And in an effort to conform with our by-laws they have offered to vacate there seats getting us back on track for 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes by Brandon Genova for Steve Ehrman

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## 2014 Tournament Schedule

April 26th  
Boyd, CO  
May 17th & 18th  
Wilson, KS  
June 28th  
Lonetree, CO  
July 26th  
Pueblo, CO (Night Tourney)  
September 6th  
Pueblo, CO  
September 20th  
Horsetooth, CO  
October 18th & 19th  
Megabucks  
Lake McConaughy, NE

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