

North Country Bronzebacks

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/22/2012

Location: Shannon Door Irish Pub and Restaurant, Jackson, NH

Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Attendance: Brian Emerson, Denise Allain, Gary Croteau, Jim Rockett, Travis Rockett, Randy Stewart, Eric Grenier, Gary Marshall, Ethan Marshall

Secretary's Report: N/A

Treasurer's Report: N/A

Tournament Director's Report:

- Brian asked Randy if 2012 season tournaments have been booked. Randy said 6 tournaments have been booked to date. Schedule as follows:
 - **April 29th – Conway Lake**
 - **June 24th – Lake Winnepesaukee**
 - **July 8th – Wentworth Lake**
 - **July 15th – Umbagog Lake**
 - **August 19th – Umbagog Lake (Team Tourney)**
 - **September 16th – Conway Lake (Draw Tourney)**
- Randy mentioned that the **STQT** is scheduled for **August 4th & 5th**.
- Randy asked if 6 tournaments were enough. Group decided to add another tournament. Partridge Lake was suggested. Randy will look into scheduling a tournament on Partridge Lake.
- Brian suggested that since there are two tournaments at both Conway and Umbagog Lakes, the club do a team tournament and a draw tournament. The team tourney will be on August 19th at Umbagog Lake, and the Draw Tourney will be on September 16th at Conway Lake.

Conservation Director's Report: N/A

Old Business:

- Brian asked if the club would like to do the side pot for "best boat" discussed at the January 2012 meeting. Club was in favor.

New Business:

- Brian listed the paid members to date. Paid Members are as follows:
 - Eric Grenier & Christine Lamirande
 - Brian Emerson
 - Denise & Gary Croteau
 - Jim & Travis Rockett
 - Gary & Ethan Marshall
 - Randy Stewart
 - Scott Rainville
- Brian mentioned that the club has been signed up to sponsor the Jr. Tournament at Conway Lake on **August 12th**. Two boats will be required.
- Brian discussed the March NHBFN meeting. Items reviewed were as following:
 - “Drop boats” used to release all the fish caught by several anglers cause undue stress on the fish. **This practice will no longer be allowed at Federation events. All clubs are urged to forbid this practice.**
 - Biologists strongly urge that all anglers learn how to properly “fizz” bass taken from deeper water. Fizzing through the side is the preferred method. A video is posted on the NHBFN website that demonstrate proper techniques.
 - BASS is implementing a new program called “Re-Baits”. Anglers are asked to gather up whatever they have for used soft-plastic baits that they plan to discard and place them in the Re-Baits bag that will be at each of the Federation events. They will then be mailed in and recycled. Bags are also available for clubs to have at their own events as well.
 - The current status of the proposed lead ban is "pretty scary". This bill has a lot of support from the "Loon-atics". The bill could pass which could potentially cost each angler hundred, if not thousands, of dollars to restock their tackle with lead bancompliant baits. Anglers need to show up in force at the next hearing or else we should expect the worst. Updates regarding hearing dates will be posted on the NHBFN website.
 - Clubs need to submit their conservation events to Dan Dufour ASAP.
 - **Junior tournaments will run from 8am – 2pm (STQT is 7am – 3pm).**
 - There was discussion about the **Club vs. Club Tournament** in the fall. Layout will be as follows:
 - Each club will provide two 2-person teams. NCB will send the top four (4) anglers in the AOY rank.
 - Entry fee will be \$200 (\$50/angler)
 - **Winner will be the club with the highest total weight.**
 - **100% payout and each member from the winning club will receive a Lew’s baitcast reel.**
 - Winning club will pick location of next year’s club vs. club event.
 - Full meeting minutes can be found on the NHBFN website at http://nhbassfednation.com/NHBFN_March_Minutes_2012.pdf

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm