

Board Meeting Feb. 17, 2007
NBT Agenda and minutes

- Board Members present-Mike Raney, Ray Clark, Joel Wendt, and Bob Sherer. Also present were Sheryl Clark, Herman Baumgartner, and Mark Rathiel.
- Comments about the start of NBT-Mike and Ray will go by attorney's office and sign the articles of incorporation.
- NBT website (board and directors message board)-website looks great. It will be easier to update. The designer will be able to update from the database. Newsletter needs to be printed each month. We need to find someone to write articles on "how-to" methods of fishing. Joel may add on the message board about encouraging members to send in their stories about fishing.
- Club Insurance-Joel will try to contact Sadler. Mike will ask the attorney at what point the board members could be sued. Mike will ask if incorporation will protect the board members. The current quote is \$7000 per year. \$1900 down and the balance to be paid in 9 months (appr. \$570 per month). Our current assets are appr. \$3000. We will have to pay appr. \$1200 to pay for the start up costs. This is the first year and taking a loan was discussed. Joel will handle the finances. 3 out of 5 members will have to agree before a check can be written. Mike will talk to the attorney and see if the policy for \$1500 will cover the board members. If it will then all board members agree to take this policy. If not, the board agrees to take a loan and take the policy for \$7000. Mike will contact all board members and let them know what he finds out.
- Release waivers—adult/junior-Release waiver looks good. Joel will send all districts waiver forms. These must be used by all districts. At every tournament-the weigh in form has to be signed before the tournament by all fishermen, including juniors.
- Circuit Rules and Regulations-Joel will send a form to each district director that acknowledge that each district will abide by NBT rules. The board will visit districts to help make sure the rules are being followed. Junior members who pay their membership for that year before their 18th birthday, will fish that year as a junior. It was discussed that if a fisherman paid over \$500 to enter a tournament on a particular lake that he cannot fish on that same lake in our tournament within a certain time frame. This will be discussed at the meeting in June. Off limits times for nationals will be discussed in June. Also in June the boat length will be discussed. Dead fish-Rule will be added that no dead fish may be culled. Herman will try to design a form and send to Mike to maybe used to read at tournaments. We need rule added that if you place in a tournament a copy of insurance must be presented.
- Boaters insurance-Already addressed.
- Nationals--hats and shirts, conducting the weigh-in, tournament date,-National sponsor-\$500 money will get on web and newsletter. \$250 will get you in newsletter. If we do newsletter each money, it can feature a district each month.

This will give the local district a chance to highlight their local sponsors. Open tournaments will cover people who come to fish. All people must sign the waiver. Weigh-in-be discussed in June. 2008-Blaine will host Lake Eufaula. Need to talk to CPA about donations from local sponsors. Next year-national tournament-Joel may have a conflict.

- Circuit involvement and community service-We need to get involved in community service.
- Member involvement from all districts –we have to do something. We have got to come up with a way for all our anglers to participate-like staying at our host hotel. We have got to give back to the host community.

Local District Tournaments

- * Local sponsorship –covered already
- * Membership –need to increase. Donnie Storie has contacted all newspapers and will print tournaments for free.
- * Adding more districts and keeping what we already have-All board members need to try to add districts.
- * Conducting local district meetings-Bi-monthly meetings will be done by Alabama North.

Adult program

- *What can we do to gain new anglers and keep what we have-already discussed
- * Payouts at Nationals-At the end of the year, balance in account will be pay out at nationals.
- * Angler of the Year—maybe motel, shirt, entry fee paid to next years' National???-comp room.
- * Pictures on the website-need to work on that.

Junior program

- Junior of the month-Margie is working on this.
- Pictures on the website-already discussed.
- Raising monies for Nationals (each district)-needs to raise \$250 each district for use at the nationals. 2008-try to use the money raised and buy from the local sponsors to give back to the juniors.
- Monies from escrow---how is to be used-Junior program will be discussed in June.
- Starting a high school fishing tournament-5 teams -4 tournaments a year- 4 hours per day. Joel wants Mike to write a proposal.
- Getting students involved in a community service (one day clean up)-one community service a year.

National Sponsorship

* Where do we stand and what do need from us.-everyone needs to contact Ray with this info.

* Boat Sponsorship-already discussed.