

Minutes of DBM meeting, Feb 7 2007

Guests Brandon Crouch (Fishers of Men), Aaron McMullen (14 year old) and John McMullen (dad) introduced themselves.

The local director of Fishers of Men, Brandon Crouch, gave the members an overview of the upcoming FOM team tournament schedule which will include six events. The web site is www.FOMNTT.com
Membership package is \$35.00 Single, \$50.00 Family. Tournament entry fee is \$150 per boat, and in addition to payouts for tournament finishes there are two big bass payouts.
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Club Conservation Director, Curtis Welch, spoke on water conservation in our homes and saving water when showering, brushing teeth, washing clothes and dishes and excessive running and wasting of water.

Club President Tom Grace gave a brief report on the club awards banquet held on Feb. 3 at Mickey's Top Sirloin restaurant. Bass Pro Shop promotions manager, Bob Hix and his wife Sandra were guests of the club. "Top 10" shirts were awarded to the top club tournament finishers for 2006, gift certificates were distributed among the wives, significant others and female guests of attending members, and Bass Pro Shop donated ten \$10 gift cards awarded through a random drawing.

Tom Grace reported that it was agreed at the recent Federation meeting to pay travel expenses for the 13th man (alternate) to the Western Divisional tournament to be held at Lake Powell, May 7-11.

The club has changed the July club tournament and picnic to July 28th so as not to conflict with the Full Moon Open tournament held on Horsetooth reservoir, sponsored by the Centennial Bass club. Many of our members participate in that tournament which will be held on July 21.

Club friend Don Watts has reported via e-mail that he has been named to the Professional Bass Anglers Association Board of Directors.

Tom Grace reported that Johnsonville is donating 500 bratwurst for our club will sell as a fund raiser to support our Jr. Bass and environmental projects. The Jr. Bassmasters and their families will have the first weekend of sales during the BPS Spring Classic (March 24, 25) and the club members will do the sales on the second weekend (March 30, 31, April 1). The club will front supplies and product for the first weekend's sales and get the Johnsonville brats in mid-week prior to the second weekend's sale. We are expecting to also have use of the Coca-Cola trailer. We must supply our own grilles for both weekends.

Tournament director, Curt Welch, gave us an update on the club's acquisition of digital scales for our in-boat weighing of fish at our tournaments so as not to harm them by providing immediate release after weighing.

Tom Grace mentioned that he spoke with a person from the DOW who recommended a non-confrontational approach to exempting or amending the "no salt/no scent" bait and lure rule for certain waters that also contain trout. We would hope to exempt those "flat waters" stocked with hatchery trout versus naturally spawning trout waters. Club member Jeff Jones was asked to draft a petition to that effect.

The Ft. Carson Military Kids fishing day is tentatively scheduled for June 16 (Father's Day) at Pueblo reservoir. This was a big success for its inaugural 2006 event with DBM and the CBF providing 80% of the boats and volunteers. More info to come.

Jr. Bassmaster director, Joe Lavery gave an update on the upcoming Jr. Bass World Championship to be held at Logan Martin, Alabama with our own Jr. Members Dylan Ralph and Luke Biewick competing. Tracker Marine provided shirts for our two juniors.

Scott Tracy, Secretary