

DBM Meeting Minutes March 7, 2007

Guests and potential new members, as well as returning (a few years absent) previous members introduced themselves. Bob Hix, promo manager of BPS was in attendance.

Joe Lavery, Director of the Denver Junior Bassmasters program introduced Dylan Ralph, one of our two participants at the Jr. World Championships in February at Logan Martin Reservoir in Alabama. This was Dylan's second appearance at that event and spoke of the many pros he got to meet and fish with.

Used fishing reels were presented to Joe Lavery for the Juniors, compliments of BPS from their reel trade-in program.

Club member Chad Barber introduced Mark Trujillo who instructs in medical emergencies. Mark spoke of identifying and treating cold and heat related illness and injury. Mark suggested that regardless of what you may think is the problem with a victim always make sure he is breathing first - make sure his airways are clear of obstruction, check pulse, call for help immediately and do not leave the victim. Mark had notes which we will have available at the upcoming meeting. He also suggested being sure having an emergency kit on board the boat at all times. In cold weather wear non-constricting clothing that impedes blood circulation - In hot weather be sure to drink more water than you might think necessary.

Ryan, fishing dept. manager at BPS offered everyone the option of coming Friday evening, March 23 to get better selection of sale products prior to the Spring Classic Sale which starts the following day.

Club member Chad Phillips (not present) was the only DBM member to make the state qualifying team at the recent Lake Amistad, Texas event. Chad came in a very close 2nd to the winner Alan McCaw of Durango. Club member Scott Johnson reported that it is truly a fabulous reservoir and definitely worth the trip.

Tom Grace suggested doing a boat and trailer check-up before tailoring your boat out after cabin fever. A good source for outboard (or any) spark plugs if you change your own is www.sparkplugs.com - saves you about \$10 on a set of six.

The Thornton Gander Mountain store (9923 Grant, in the Thornton Town Center) is having a spring fishing expo on March 16, 17 & 18 and has invited DBM to have a table with flyers and members answering questions about our club. We attend from about 10am to 8pm Friday and Saturday and till about 5pm on Sunday. We need to make sure we have flyers available. We will also have a club member do a presentation on Saturday (18th) on fishing soft plastics.

The Bass Pro Shop Spring Classic starts the weekend of March 24 and runs through April 1. The Junior Bassmasters and their parents/families will be selling hot dogs and bratwurst the first weekend as a fund raiser. Joe Lavery will acquire all necessary products to sell, which will include Coca-Cola products. The DBM club will do the sales the following weekend with donated Johnsonville brats and dogs. Charcoal grilles are OK to use in addition to propane grilles. We need to make sure we do a good clean-up job afterwards. We are the only group that BPS has given the privilege to do a fund raising sale of brats/dogs and provided free products.

Tom Grace reported that a meeting re: Ft. Carson Kids fishing day did not come off as expected the previous Thursday. (However, since our club meeting, Ft. Carson has made a definite commitment to hold the event on June 16 at Pueblo Reservoir and a press release will be forthcoming). Last year the DBM and CBF provided 18 of the 23 boats used at the event. This year is expected to be larger yet.

Jeff Jones was asked to help draft a petition to the CO DOW exclude certain waters falling under the "no salt/no scent" rule and he reported that in reading the documentation, there is wording that we need to work around and he'll research it further.

Tom Grace reminded members that we will draw for two April tournament pairings at the April 4 meeting. Tom has been in contact with the city of Santa Rosa, New Mexico re: lodging facilities that can accommodate parking for 10-15 boats for our May 19-20 tournament.

Tom Grace reported that Wolf 92.5 FM radio has contacted us and would like to be involved in promoting our club along with a large advertiser of theirs - Busch Beer. They would like to be a part of our club picnic at Aurora Reservoir in July. Aurora Res. does allow 3.2% beer in cans only- so we're exploring that.

Vice president, Don Speas is taking additional orders from members for Berkley digital scales. The club will also purchase 20 scales to be used for catch-weigh-release at our club tournaments.

Tom Grace for Secretary Scott Tracy (not present)