

## Minutes of October 4, 2006 meeting

Results of Clark County Lake, KS tournament - September 23 & 23: Eighteen fishermen (9 boats) participated. 4<sup>th</sup> place – Josh Koller; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (and Big Bass day 1) – Alex Farkas, mostly crank baits; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (and Big Bass day 2) - Jeff Jones, black buzzbait just on edge of weed lines; 1<sup>st</sup> place – Curtis Welch, black buzzbait on weed line edge and 4” tube pitched into reeds. The condition was typical extreme Kansas wind for most of both tourney days. Shad were literally covering the entire lake.

Bob Hix of Bass Pro Shops made a brief appearance to offer support from BPS to our Jr. Bassmaster program and any club projects.

Welcome to new member Jeff Lane! Three visitors/guests were in attendance.

Tom Grace introduced Judson Spicer, fisheries biologist at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Judson spoke in depth about the fisheries projects at the Arsenal, specifically about Lakes Mary, Ladora and Lower Derby. Lakes Mary and Ladora are open to fishing. Lake Mary offers a balance between bluegill, catfish, pike and largemouth bass, Ladora is primarily a trophy pike lake, and Lower Derby (although currently closed to fishing) has all the elements of becoming a trophy largemouth bass lake. Many very large pike and bass have been electro-shocked in surveys done by the DOW and RMA staff. Lower Derby is in line for structure projects with right now being an ideal time while the water is quite low. The Denver Bassmasters has offered to help and will most likely be called upon to establish brush piles and tree clumps and other structure projects. There is also talk of building sunken gravel ridges to help in providing diversity in the lake. Judson will keep our club apprised of developments and requests for manpower in the upcoming months. It is expected the lakes will receive supplemental stockings of fathead minnows and bluegill as forage for the predator fish. Regulations require angler orientation and a daily fishing fee prior fishing any of the lakes. In addition, only barb-less hooks (pinched down barbs) can be used on any lures and catch and release practices are enforced. Scented and salted lures are allowed. No live bait. Boats/boat ramps are being considered for use on Lake Ladora. Other regulations include a “no wading” rule on Lake Mary and an area of “off limits” on a portion of Lake Ladora. DBM presented Judson and the US Fish & Wildlife Service with a \$500 donation to be used for fisheries projects at the RMA. Many favorable members’ comments were expressed following the program.

Club member and Jr. Bassmasters director Chad Phillips sent word that he is planning to hold the Kids Casting Championships in mid November – preferably at Bass Pro Shops.

Don Speas announced that we are already in the planning stages for the club awards banquet - preferably held in January or early February. Top 10 shirts are currently being ordered.

Nominations for 2007 officers are:

President--Tom Grace, Scott Tracy; Vice-President--Don Speas, Shane Morgan; Secretary--Scott Tracy; Treasurer--Mark Maline, Jason Winkler.

Election of 2007 officers will be at the November 1, 2006 club meeting.

Drawing for Mega Bucks to be held at Cedar Bluff, Oct. 21 & 22 has a total of eight fishermen (four boats) as of this date.

**Tom Grace**, Secretary