

## **DBM Meeting Minutes September 6, 2006**

A report by was given by Tom Grace on the Free Kid's Fishing Tank at Bass Pro Sops (Aug.26 & 27). The 6,500 gallon tank is owned by Jim and Deb Edwards and was stocked with 800 trout. The large tank, set up in the parking lot, has glass side walls which allow everyone to clearly see the trout - kids could fish free for ten minutes. Jim uses a unique barb less hook system which allows harmless release to even throat-hooked fish. Only ten fish were lost although 690 kids fished over the two days. A small handful of DBM members (Steve Bewley, Alex Farkas, Chris Bedowitz, Tom Grace, James Waddy) offered help. A "donations" minnow bucket brought the Jr. Bassmasters about \$170. DBM was scheduled for Saturday only but Alex and Tom were there to help for a few hours Sunday as well (other group was a no show). Jim Edwards has offered the tank to us anytime he happens to be in our area - they live in Del Norte, CO.

Curt Welch reported on the August 12 night tournament at Horsetooth Reservoir. 4th place was Scott Johnson - small tubes w/rattles; 3rd, Jeff Jones - spinnerbaits; 2nd, Chad LaChance - crank baits on gravel banks; 1st , Curt Welch - swimming twin tail grubs at 2' to 5' depths.

Club points leader, Scott Tracy, addressed the club on fishing from the back of the boat. Scott suggested taking a maximum of 5 to 6 rods, keeping organized because of space limitations, and having a pre-trip conversation with your boater to get a feel for his style of fishing, the speed at which the boater generally fishes (power fishing vs. finesse) and making tackle and bait selections based on that info. Scott stressed observing what the boater is doing that works or mentally eliminating techniques that are unproductive. And never stop fishing till the tourney is over - often two or three fish are caught in a matter of minutes.

It was suggested to think about nominations for officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be addressed at the upcoming October meeting and elections at the November meeting.

Jeff Jones reported on the Federation meeting held at Vallecito Reservoir in August. The format will be for one qualifying tournament to be held at Lake Amistad, Texas in spring. We are still trying to establish a date, which will largely be determined by availability for a permit and accommodations. Amistad is reported to have 400 bass tournaments scheduled for 2007. Participants will need both Texas and Mexico fishing licenses and boat permits.

Jason Winkler gave info on the upcoming Clark County tournament Sept. 23 &24. Jason Had maps and accommodation information. Take food, propane, and silverware. The local "diner" has a very limited menu.

The club boat partner draw for Clark County, KS was held - nine boat pairings as of this writing.

**Tom Grace**, Secretary