



September 9, 2011
New Mexico Bass Federation Nation
Director's Meeting
Location/Time: Fisheads on the San Juan 6:30 PM
Navajo Dam, NM

Minutes

- I. Call to order, introduction, and roll call
 - a. 6:30 PM
 - b. Steve Ragsdale – NMBFN President
 - c. Barry Stanley – Four Corners Director/NMBFN Treasurer
 - d. Frank Ramsey – Southwest Bass Anglers Director
 - e. Mark Hettinga – Southwest Bass Anglers President
 - f. David Herrera - NMBFN Youth Director/Cortez Bassmasters Director
 - g. Earl Conway – NMBFN Conservation Director
 - h. Bob Lechel – High Country Bass Anglers Director
 - i. John Myers – Cedar Cove Bass Anglers Director
 - j. Brian Stangel – High Country Bass Anglers President – substitute NMBFN secretary
 - k. Johnny Johnson – NMBFN Tournament Director
- II. David motioned to dismiss reading of previous minutes as they have been sent to all Directors via email and posted on NMBFN website since last meeting
 - a. Myers second
 - b. Motion carried unanimously
- III. Bob Lechel motioned to give Jay Salisbury money for Nationals - \$1500 from team and \$700 from NMBFN
 - a. Myers second
 - b. Motion carried unanimously
- IV. David Herrera moved to accept financials (see appendix A from Barry Stanley)
 - a. Lechel second
 - b. Motion carried unanimously
- V. Conservation Director's Report (see appendix B from Earl Conway)
 - a. Berkley Conservation Award to NM for Suspended Spawning Platforms
 - b. Kids of the Southwest recognized for their contributions
 - c. Earl has requested reimbursement to attend BFN National Championships
 - i. Herrera motioned that Conway attend in lieu of Ragsdale for Nationals with expenses to be reimbursed by NMBFN
 - ii. Ramsey second
 - iii. Motion carried unanimously
- VI. Tournament Director report

- a. Johnny Johnson is not going to accept another nomination for the TD
 - b. Johnson thanked the NMBFN for the opportunity and wanted to thank his tournament secretary Lucy Young for her efforts this year
- VII. Youth Director report
 - a. Herrera discussed the upcoming Junior State Championship 9/17-18 at Navajo
 - b. Juniors heading to Nationals
 - c. Jon Stewart taken over as Youth Director
- VIII. Update Clubs, Directors, Officers
 - a. Ragsdale requested that all clubs submit any director and officer changes to the NMBFN via email to info@nmbfn.com
- IX. BigMouth and Website
 - a. Conservation Director has done a tremendous job on updating the site and adding new and fresh information
 - b. All clubs were encouraged to use the site, it is theirs
 - c. Content and photos are needed to keep the site fresh and traffic coming
 - d. Website analytics will be presented at the next Directors meeting
- X. Year-end Awards nominations/elections
 - a. Club of the Year
 - i. David Herrera nominated Four Corners for their following contributions: Western Divisional administration, E.H. Queens Memorial tournament is an annual fund raiser that sponsors two baseball teams, Continued involvement in community events
 - ii. No other clubs were nominated
 - 1. Barry Stanley motioned to select Four Corners
 - 2. Myers second
 - 3. Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Community Service Club
 - i. David Herrera nominated four corners for their following contributions: UBTT tournament and administrative support, Anglers Choice tournament and administrative support, benefit tournaments for several local families and organizations
 - ii. No other clubs were nominated
 - 1. Myers motioned to select Four Corners
 - 2. Stanley second
 - 3. Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Youth Chapter Club
 - i. David Herrera nominated Four Corners for their following contributions: continued maintenance bad cleanup at Morgan Lake
 - ii. Frank Ramsey nominates Southwest Bass Anglers for their following contributions: boater safety instruction throughout the club, Elephant Butte Dam Site cleanup project, spawning platform project contributing to Berkley Conservation awards for NMBFN, Jr. Open participation up to 38 boats – 48 kids, Amistad trip for youth tournament and award for youth participation throughout the year, partnered with Professional Angler Kurt Dove for NPAA presentation at Amistad through Anglers Lodge.
 - 1. Vote for Four Corners Youth – 1
 - 2. Vote for Southwest Bass Anglers – 4
 - d. Director/Officer of the year
 - i. Nomination for Earl Conway and his tremendous accomplishments in his short time as Conservation Director
 - ii. Frank Ramsey second

1. Bob Lechel commented on Earl's contribution at the national level. Earl put NM on the B.A.S.S. map.
 - iii. Ragsdale moved to accept by acclamation
 - iv. Unanimous
 - e. Outstanding Individual of the Year
 - i. Steve Ragsdale was nominated by David Herrera for his following contributions: Ragsdale was the primary person responsible for local community support and coordination of the BFN Western Divisional in May 2011, he had no appointed committees to assist with his efforts.
 - ii. Frank Ramsey wanted to add that Steve did a spectacular job in all aspects. Communication was paramount.
 - iii. Bob also added what a spectacular job Steve did.
 - iv. Barry wanted to add that Steve motivated the community of Bloomfield to step up. He did a fantastic job.
 - v. Barry motioned to close nominations.
 - vi. Johnny second
 - vii. UNANIMOUS
 - f. Special Recognition
 - i. Earl Conway nominated Brian Stangel for his contributions to the BigMouth and website. Bob Lechel amended nomination for adding Ricky-Ray Martinez to nomination.
 - ii. Bob Lechel recommended Johnny Johnson for his efforts this year as Tournament Director. It is always a thankless job and Johnny did it with professionalism and respect.
 1. Frank Ramsey seconded the motion for Johnny.
 - iii. David commented that we should include Johnny and Lucy Young in the nominations.
 - iv. Ragsdale called for a discussion to consider 2 or 4 plaques.
 - v. David Herrera made a motion that both previous motions be withdrawn and further motioned that we nominate Johnny Johnson, Lucy Young, Ricky-Ray Martinez and Brian Stangel for special recognition awards.
 1. Frank Ramsey second.
 2. Motion carried unanimously.
- XI. Barry Stanley motioned that the Youth Director be appointed to be responsible for awarding and review of NMBFN scholarship awards.
 - a. Bob Lechel second
 - b. Discussion on who qualifies.
 - c. Mark Hettinga requested equal representation from the NMBFN clubs for review of awards.
 - d. Discussion to be carried at the next meeting.
- XII. Meeting adjourned 8:45.

Appendix A – Financials
Barry Stanley

2011 - 2 Qtr Banking Summary - Q2 2011

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Category Description	4/1/2011- 6/30/2011
INCOME	
NMBFN Dues	980.00
NMBFN Tourney Fees	10,705.00
Other Inc	11,022.07
TOTAL INCOME	22,707.07
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
2011 Western Divisional	4,100.00
2011 Western Divisional fees	-5,740.80
Bank Chrg	5.82
BASS Nat'l dues	180.00
NMBFN Operational expenses	2,328.45
NMBFN Tourney Expenses	11,400.04
NMBFN Tourney Payback	8,306.00
Other Exp	700.00
Trophies & Awards	228.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,507.94
OVERALL TOTAL	1,199.13

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME							22,707.07
NMBFN Dues							980.00
4/13/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit			c	480.00
4/20/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit			c	20.00
5/5/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	AHH/A. Men...		c	100.00
5/16/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit			c	240.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	Shannon Mill...		c	20.00
6/17/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	4C dues - 6 ...		c	120.00
NMBFN Tourney Fees							10,705.00
5/5/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	Ute #1 entry ...		c	5,560.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	EB #2		c	5,145.00
Other Inc							11,022.07
4/13/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	4CJBM		c	1,417.00
				Mark Willaim...		c	4.11
				Bobby Carve...		c	1,493.28
				Annex Bar/B...		c	190.50
4/20/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	Logan Lodge...		c	300.00
				Western Div...		c	225.00
4/27/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	Seth Garriso...		c	122.07
				ALLIANCE P...		c	2,500.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	Alliance/Mer...		c	2,500.00
				Strictly Fishi...		c	110.00
5/16/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	Earl Conway...		c	744.20
5/16/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit	NMBFN oil/h...		c	238.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	Strictly Fishi...		c	122.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	state team ra...		c	700.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	team shirts		c	128.75
6/17/2011	NMBFN		Deposit	Rick Hipp oil		c	227.16
EXPENSES							-21,507.94
Uncategorized							0.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1454	Void				0.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1447	Void				0.00
5/13/2011	NMBFN	1460	Void				0.00
5/13/2011	NMBFN	1461	Void				0.00
2011 Western Divisional							-4,100.00
5/16/2011	NMBFN	1459	Robin Tunpin	BB day #1/...		c	-300.00
5/16/2011	NMBFN	1462	MBFN	2nd/West Di...		c	-2,000.00
5/19/2011	NMBFN	1466	Bruce Calhoun	BB day #3/w...		c	-250.00
5/19/2011	NMBFN	1467	Rick Hipp	BB day #3/...		c	-250.00
5/27/2011	NMBFN	1464	OBFN	4th/West Div...		c	-1,000.00
6/1/2011	NMBFN	1458	Bill Rosenbalm	Day ! Big Bass		c	-300.00
2011 Western Divisional fees							5,740.80
5/16/2011	NMBFN	S	Deposit			c	5,740.80
Bank Chrg							-5.82
4/27/2011	NMBFN		Foreign Curre...	State Team ...		c	-5.82
BASS Nat'l dues							-180.00
6/27/2011	NMBFN	1420	BASS , Inc	PV Fed dues		c	-180.00
NMBFN Operational expenses							-2,328.45
4/7/2011	NMBFN		Godaddy.Co...	website regis...		c	-138.06
4/13/2011	NMBFN		Finish Line Gr...	Ute trophies		c	-120.68

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4/13/2011	NMBFN	1421	Steve Ragsdale Florida Pres....			c	-332.93
5/2/2011	NMBFN		Mercury Marin...Garrison - oil			c	-128.31
5/4/2011	NMBFN	1422	Ricky Ray Ma... BM editor			c	-150.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN		Finish Line Gr... West Div tro...			c	-592.63
5/11/2011	NMBFN		Return Item C... Strictly Fishi...			c	-110.00
5/11/2011	NMBFN		Return Item F... Strictly Fishing			c	-12.00
5/26/2011	NMBFN		Mercury Marin...Hipp - oil			c	-237.40
5/27/2011	NMBFN		Usps 340567... postage			c	-2.56
5/31/2011	NMBFN		Mercury Marin...CHECK CR...			c	-53.88
6/7/2011	NMBFN	1465	Brian Stangel BM migration			c	-300.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN	1468	Brian Stangel BM editor			c	-150.00
NMBFN Tourney Expenses							-11,400.04
4/27/2011	NMBFN		State Sales Tax State Team ...			c	-0.41
4/27/2011	NMBFN		Office Max preprinted to...			c	-118.91
4/27/2011	NMBFN		Premier Printi... State Team ...			c	-194.25
4/27/2011	NMBFN	1423	CASH cash out for ...			c	-2,000.00
4/28/2011	NMBFN		Home Depot BLK PLASTI...			c	-70.85
5/2/2011	NMBFN	1435	Ben Newton Ute weighma...			c	-150.00
5/2/2011	NMBFN	1436	Lucy Young Ute Admin			c	-300.00
5/3/2011	NMBFN	1424	Donnie Gatling YR END awa...			c	-159.00
5/4/2011	NMBFN	1440	Gregg Price Ute cash draw			c	-100.00
5/5/2011	NMBFN	1437	Kenny Hansel 2010 State C...			c	-100.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1438	Shaun Gill 1st boater ou...			c	-100.00
5/9/2011	NMBFN	1448	Jack Phelps State Team/...			c	-265.80
5/9/2011	NMBFN	1456	Frank Ramsey State Team/...			c	-734.18
5/10/2011	NMBFN	1452	Jeff Aslin State Team/...			c	-349.20
5/13/2011	NMBFN	1442	Seth Garrison State Team/...			c	-613.80
5/16/2011	NMBFN	1443	Jay Salisbury State Team/...			c	-379.20
5/16/2011	NMBFN	1453	Steve Gill State Team/...			c	-354.98
5/17/2011	NMBFN	1450	Gabriel Rivera State Team/...			c	-594.38
5/17/2011	NMBFN	1451	Brian Stangel State Team/...			c	-456.38
5/17/2011	NMBFN	1455	Jordan McMor...Jr. State Tea...			c	-719.00
5/18/2011	NMBFN	1446	Mark Williams State Team/...			c	-470.40
5/18/2011	NMBFN	1457	Julian Sosa-C... Jr. State Tea...			c	-336.80
5/19/2011	NMBFN	1444	Johnny Johns... State Team/...			c	-485.18
5/19/2011	NMBFN	1449	Rick Hipp State Team/...			c	-456.98
5/23/2011	NMBFN	1445	Shaun Gill State Team/...			c	-566.18
5/24/2011	NMBFN	1439	Angel Mendoza 1st out of mo...			c	-100.00
5/25/2011	NMBFN		Office Max storage bins-...			c	-58.78
5/25/2011	NMBFN	1441	Kenny Hansel State Team/...			c	-567.38
6/6/2011	NMBFN	1479	Marina Del Sur marina user f...			c	-48.00
6/6/2011	NMBFN	1480	Lucy Young tourney staff			c	-300.00
6/6/2011	NMBFN	1481	Richard Sianz EB TD			c	-150.00
6/21/2011	NMBFN	1469	Kenny Hansel 2010 State C...			c	-100.00
NMBFN Tourney Payback							-8,306.00
5/4/2011	NMBFN	1428	Seth Garrison 7th/Ute #1			c	-177.00
5/5/2011	NMBFN	1427	Kenny Hansel BB-day2/Ute			c	-410.00
5/5/2011	NMBFN	1433	Kenny Hansel 2nd/Ute #1			c	-645.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1429	Gabriel Rivera 6th/Ute #1			c	-194.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1431	Steve Gill 4th/Ute #1			c	-274.00
5/6/2011	NMBFN	1434	Mark Willaims 1st/Ute #1			c	-1,371.00
5/13/2011	NMBFN	1425	Shaun Jones NB/Ute #1			c	-240.00

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5/13/2011	NMBFN	1426	Shaun Jones	BB day #1/U...		c	-410.00
5/13/2011	NMBFN	1430	Shaun Jones	4th/Ute #1		c	-210.00
5/16/2011	NMBFN	1432	Earl Conway	3rd/Ute #1		c	-355.00
6/6/2011	NMBFN	1471	Terry Scarafiotti	EB day 2 BB		c	-390.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN	1470	Seth Garrison	EB day 1 BB		c	-390.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN	1473	Barry Stanley	EB 2nd pl		c	-630.00
6/7/2011	NMBFN	1477	Gabriel Rivera	EB 6th pl		c	-195.00
6/8/2011	NMBFN	1472	Seth Garrison	EB 1st pl		c	-1,350.00
6/9/2011	NMBFN	1476	Shawn Jones	EB 5th pl		c	-210.00
6/9/2011	NMBFN	1478	Shawn Jones	EB NB option		c	-240.00
6/13/2011	NMBFN	1475	Kyle Brown	EB 4th pl		c	-270.00
6/14/2011	NMBFN	1474	Johnny Johns...	EB 3rd pl		c	-345.00
Other Exp							-700.00
6/9/2011	NMBFN	1482	Charlie's Spor...	state team ra...		c	-700.00
Trophies & Awards							-228.43
4/29/2011	NMBFN		Finish Line Gr...	Ute #1		c	-228.43
OVERALL TOTAL							1,199.13

Appendix B – Conservation Update
Earl Conway

Friends of Reservoirs: The Albuquerque Hawg Hunters are now an official Chapter in the Friends of Reservoirs and we have a project proposal submitted to battle Golden Algae in the Lower Pecos. I have learned more biology about this nasty creature than I learned in high school advanced biology. The good news is that the federal government has put a lot of money into studies the last six years and there is now some hope that cost effective controls might be able to stem the fish kills. I have submitted a proposal to the Friends of Reservoirs (For) asking for \$10,000 to support a joint project with the NM Game and Fish, City of Roswell, Pecos Valley Bassmasters and Floating Islands West (and many others) to begin trying some of the controls at the zoo and then move on to Brantley and Carlsbad. The basic techniques involve pH control, alkalinity adjustment, salinity reduction and nutrient loading. Shawn Denny, NM G&F will be calling the shots, and Russell and I are looking forward to a busy winter, putting theories to the test so we can recover the youth fishing area at the zoo and provide useful field data to the water operations on the Pecos and neighboring states. Now that I have some experience with the application and proposal processes, I am using the Conservation website to share the knowledge with other CDs so they can join FOR and begin enjoying some of the advantages that the membership provides.

Elephant Butte Weigh-in Platform: So this project was under the radar screen. When I first took on this position, I met with Neal Brown (Marina operator), NM G&F and USFWS to discuss replacing the tires at Elephant Butte with much more substantial concrete water breaks. Neal is a real gem. He is a real conservationist and helped out with the Elephant Butte spawning platform, dealing with the Bureau of Reclamation and providing all of the anchorage and labor to move the island as the water dropped. But one of his interest is providing us with a weigh-in platform, fish release "tank" and a place to continue working on vegetation and suspended spawning areas. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the federal funding due to the state's budget issues and some short-sighted fiscal policy (it wouldn't have cost the state a penny). However, Neal has invested his own money and launched a prototype. He has asked for our assessment of how we might want to use the structure for weigh-ins. I have asked Ron Gilworth to take a look at it (at Rock Canyon) and give me his assessment. I'll be following up this fall and hopefully we will have what we want by next year.

Water Wars: This is where I need everyone to speak up! **BE HEARD**
Ute is at risk! Clovis is moving on with plans to start piping water. It may be too late, but we need to let our state and federal representatives know that the recreational value of our lakes is important enough to us, to make sure we only elect people that will protect and improve our reservoirs. It is also important to communicate with the NM Game Commission as they search for a new NM Game and Fish Department Director. Most of our neighboring states have a specific way of obtaining water rights and open space. New Mexico Game and Fish made a proposal years ago to buy water rights and it fell on deaf ears. We need to put the proposal back on the table and make sure they hear us loud and clear. I could use some help putting together a letter to the Governor, State Engineer and Representatives. Any Volunteers?

Bass Management Plan: I have received the Florida public survey questions and results that were used to formulate their Largemouth Bass Management Plan. It is the most comprehensive plan and probably overkill for what we need in New Mexico, but a good start on formulating our own survey. I have talked to NM G&F about the management plan and the survey. It is going to take some more work before it is ready to take back the the NM G&F and the Game Commission. I think Bob Lechel had offered to help me on this, so I will talk to him at the president's cup.

Hatchery and Stocking News: The NM G&F asked me where I thought we should put any leftover fry from a Montana shipment. The fry were intended to enhance the brood stock at the

Santa Rosa hatchery. Whatever we had left to stock was just a bonus. The 2-inch fry were already pretty stressed after the long haul from Montana (remember, I made that trip a couple of years ago). It was risky to take the fish to Elephant Butte, but after considering where we needed more fry, I settled on Elephant Butte, even though we knew the white bass would be waiting for them at 4:00 A.M.. Unfortunately, the Monticello ramp was dry and the ground was too soft in the preferred spots near Three Sisters, so the fry were release nearer to Rock Canyon. If anyone wants to talk to me about MY decision, give me a call. I had three boats lined up to distribute the fish. However, the fry were too stressed to handle another round of handling and a boat ride, so they were all released in one spot to increase the chance of survival (Nature's way of survival). *DON'T even think about criticizing the Game and Fish after they forgot these fish for us and asked for our opinion.* Stocking fry will always have a very low success rate that can't replace natural reproduction. However, in the future, we need to have a team established ahead of time, so that when I get a call like this, we have people and boats ready to distribute the fry even in the middle of the night. Ron Gilworth has already volunteered to organize the E.B. team. I need someone to volunteer for the other lakes.

Projects: I need some volunteers to start working on projects. Now is the perfect time to do some habitat improvement on the lakes while they are so low. Elephant Butte, Caballo, Brantley and Lake Sumner could all use some "love" this winter. Please talk it over in your clubs and lets try to get some new structure in the lakes. I have posted several habitat projects on the conservation website and I am rounding up many more that have some really neat ideas. I also expect to have my "floor pads to bass pads" design contest soon.

Scholarships?: Did I miss something or did we space the youth scholarship event? At any rate, I would like for us to consider having the students propose conservation projects for our reservoirs. They could be written in a standard proposal format that we could use for funding proposals, and they could be used by other clubs nationwide for ideas or modification for their club projects.

Travel Request: I'll be going to the Nationals in November if at all possible to accept the Berkley Award. There is a good chance that Berkely and Pure Fishing will help with travel but if they don't, I might ask for enough money that I don't have to hitch-hike and sleep under the overpasses. Also, the Conservation Directors will be meeting at the Classic next year and I would like to go (assuming I am still the CD). I will submit a formal request for the Classic at the winter Director's meeting.