

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BASS FISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2009

The IHSA Bass Fishing Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Dwain Nance (Marengo); Chris Kuchyt (Oak Lawn); Joe Stoner (Glasford); Jeff Niebrugge, (Teutopois); Kerry Trueblood (Athens); Mike Chornak (Marian). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway, Terry Brown, Wired2Fish, Dan Stephenson, IDNR were also in attendance. Absent: Mark Gervais (Chicago Marist).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Item V - Tournament Assignments**

Recommendation: The state finals will have three qualifying boats from each of the sectional tournaments.

Rationale: This actually goes in line with what was done last year.

Approved

2. **Item VI-A - Individual Structure and Time Schedule**

Recommendation: 8:00 am to 11:00 am Safety checks for boats with pre-fishing starting immediately after the boat has been safety checked. This will be first come first serve at the safety check.

Rationale: This will allow for schools to get their boat safety checked and then go directly to the launch and start pre-fishing.

Approved

3. **Item VIII-B - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Change the rain date to Monday not Saturday.

Rationale: The lakes will not be able to conduct a tournament on Saturday when the public will be on the lakes in full force.

Approved

4. **Item VIII-H - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Add the following sentence, No more than (5) fish in the live well at any one time.

Rationale: Clarifies that only a maximum of 5 fish can be in the live well at any time.

Approved

5. **Item VIII-K - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Add the following: If alternate is used in the tournament, the gear must be put in a secured area at the start of the tournament and may be put on the boat once the alternate is picked up.

Rationale: This clarifies where the gear goes for alternates if they do not want the alternates gear on the boat to start the tournament.

Approved

6. **Item VIII-M - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Add the following: Captain or the participants may operate the electric motor.

Rationale: This will clarify an area that was confusing to schools relating to students running the trolling motor.

Approved

7. **Item VIII-N - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Add the following: Dead fish may not be culled.

Rationale: It was the intention that no dead fish could be culled and the team had to take the penalty for having a dead fish.

Approved

8. **Item VIII-Q - Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Allow a school to enter a team of four students per boat. This would increase the boat roster from three to four.

Rationale: This could allow for more participation without increasing the number of boats a school can enter at the sectional.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Provide a contact person on the “futurefisheshere.org” web site that people can send their pictures to, information on upcoming tournaments and articles that the students might write.
2. Provide some type of boat recognition flag for the sectional lakes so that the DNR knows that that boat is part of the IHSA sectional tournament.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Talked about different lakes that could be used as possible sectional lakes.
2. Thanked the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, State Fishery Department, Conservation Police Officers and the Corp of Engineers for all the support they provided at the sectionals and the State finals.
3. Discussed the state final tournament and reviewed the emergency plan that was in place and the need to look at something other than cell phones at the state finals to contact the captains of each boat.
4. Wanted to congratulate the City of Carlyle for an outstanding job hosting the state Bass Fishing Championships.

