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# NEWSLETTER

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The kick-off meeting for 1992 was held at Harvest Lanes in St. Charles. The purpose of this meeting was to register for the year and for the next tournament. And hopefully get some new members to sign up. We didn't have any problem with that.

We welcome to the club this year, Greg Dix, Ron and Marty Czarnecki, Scott Mertz, John Newbury, Tony Meyers, and Gary Eubanks. We have 3 boats signed up for the Clearwater tournament in March and hope for more before the deadline of March 4.

It has come to the officers attention that there will be another tournament in May at Mark Twain taking off from the same location. The officers decided to move the take-off location from North Fork to South Fork.

Dan Durbin mentioned that he was receiving membership and tournament registration through the mail and request that on tourney registration that if you know who your partner is please list them on the forms or on your check somewhere.

Another topic that was discussed at this meeting was SAFETY. There have been many stories lately about people getting hurt at bass fishing tournaments and suing the bass clubs for liability. Dan Durbin volunteered to find out exactly how much liability insurance cost and we will let you know through the newsletter any new developments.

So, in order for the club to instill safe minded tournaments, 6 new lake rules will be read at every tournament. These rules are as follows:

1. Life jackets must be worn during the time that outboard motor is in use.
2. "Safety kill switch" (if present) must be attached during the time that outboard motor is in use.
3. Bow and stern lights must be turned on during take-off regardless of available light conditions.
4. Additional care must be taken by each boat operator during take-off to.
5. Boats must proceed at idle speed when operating within the "no wake" buoys or an area designated by the tournament meeting.
6. All boaters must adhere to the rules outlined in the "safe boating" manual provided by the Missouri State Water Patrol.

The reason why we are implementing these rules is to conduct safe tournaments.

And as a final note the officers have decided to order 12 hats for the upcoming new season. The club will also place 2 orders a year for hats and jackets: one in April and one in September. Hope to see you at the March tournament.