

NH BASS Nation
Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2020

Attendance

- PRESENT: Granite state, Junior Bassmasters, Lakes Region Bass, NEBA, NH Basscasters, NH Hawg Hunters, Sail 'em Bass, Sunapee, Upper Valley, Back Bay
- ABSENT: Forge Pond, Grassroots, Merrimack Valley, NH Last Cast, North Country Bronzebacks

President's Introduction

- Hope everyone is safe, healthy and getting out there to do some fishing

Secretary's Report

- James has minutes from the last meeting that need to be sent.

Website Update

- Scott is working with John on completely revamping the website; it's looking very promising

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing to report

Conservation Report

- Some states are closing ramps
- NH and MA are still open so our anglers should take advantage of that responsibly

Youth Report

- Youth Zoom Meeting on Saturday 4/18
 - Meeting had a very good turnout
 - Professional angler John Crews was a special guest participant
- 1st Youth tournament on 5/8 has been cancelled
 - It's important for the captains who signed up for the first event to sign up for a new event
- Youth group is hosting a remote fishing challenge
 - Promotes social distancing while still allowing members to fish and compete a little
 - Youth club members post photos of their catches and how they were caught in Team App
 - Challenge will run May 1 through 15
- Junior national championship has been postponed to the fall
 - Ray will get more information hopefully next week.
- New York Youth is hosting an open tournament in May

President's Report New Business

- May 3rd open is cancelled
 - This event served as the NH College championship; the next open may need to serve as the championship
- July 19 at Winni - West Alton is now the first scheduled open

- Cancellations
 - The reason for not rescheduling this year's cancelled NHBN tournaments is to avoid confusion and conflict as other national and local events are rescheduled
 - NH BASS Nation does not currently recommend holding any type of organized event except for something like the Juniors photo challenge
 - Insurance will not cover these events because of the stay at home order
- We have until July 15 to file taxes
- Tournaments
 - Team of the Year will be based on remaining tournaments
 - Top teams will go to championship
 - No drops
- Regionals
 - These are being rescheduled
 - John is working with the state team on jerseys and registering
- Banquet
 - A lot of people have already purchased tickets
 - Plan is to still conduct it, but likely in November
 - We do not want to combine 2019 with 2020
 - No date yet; there was a fire at the Puritan and it's unclear when the COVID situation will be better
- Tournament Scales
 - Have been fixed and returned
- State Team Discount
 - Garmin is working with BASS to get a discount for the state team
- Sponsors
 - HUK is back on board as a sponsor
 - Discount Code: BASSNation
 - BASS will be checking membership; states that abuse sponsorship will lose it
 - Do not publish code on social media or public spaces
 - 40% Discount – use as many times as you want
 - National Rosters
 - There are still some clubs who have not updated their rosters; do not send to members until rosters are complete
- Dues
 - John does not intend to submit checks for state and club level rosters and dues until we see how things shake out.
 - Banquet fees will be reimbursed if person is unable to make the new date
- STQT – Cobbossee in September
 - This tournament is still on the schedule

Other Business

- No update on Great East for Club v Club
- Should we consider having a cookout in the summer for everyone instead of the banquet
 - People like the formality of the banquet and awards ceremony
 - With social distancing and Puritan having their issues, this could be another option
 - First tournament funds state team, but banquet does not really
 - State team will take a ~600 dollar hit from missing first tournament

- May need to consider reallocating funds raised from a different tournament such as Folds of Honor to cover state team expenses
- COVID Situation
 - It's not looking like we are going to be open so it doesn't make sense to plan anything new until we get more guidance from the state
- May meeting TBD