

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
August 17, 2021

Attendance

PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, NH Hawg Hunters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, Forge pond, Merrimack Valley, NEBA, Sail 'em Bass

ABSENT: Granite State, Last Cast, North Country Bronzebacks

1. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from last meeting accepted

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Not a lot of activity
- b. Deposits in equipment fund for Mercury oil sales
- c. HS National accounts zeroed out
  - i. Checks for clothing
- d. JR nationals account
  - i. Deposit of \$500
  - ii. There will be another deposit from Seven Lakes Marine
- e. Operating account
  - i. Check for Lews rebates
    - Reels we give as prizes qualify for discounted jackets
  - ii. Check for advertising on Facebook
  - iii. Deposits for membership dues
- f. State Team account
  - i. No activity
- g. Total funds available 18869
- h. Left over state team accounts are just leftover funds that we have not decided what to do with them yet
  - i. They are beginning to add up
  - ii. Ideally this money would go to equipment fund
    - Our tournament trailer is single axle
  - iii. Nothing will be leftover for 2021 state team account as funds will go to National competitors
  - iv. Leftover ~2k from 2020 state team is because there was no Regional Tournament
  - v. There will be under 4k at the end of the year
  - vi. Constitution has language about funding the Classic; we should consider updating this constitution language
    - This can be discussed in winter
    - There are two other rule change proposals from NH Basscasters
- i. Treasurers report accepted

3. Conservation Report

- a. One grant replied no – Aftco
- b. No word on other two

#### 4. Youth Report

- a. Wrapping up season – last singles tournament this Saturday for JR Bassmasters on Mascoma
- b. Season Finale – HS Championship on 8/28; winner of that event and points winner of three previous HS events will qualify for BASS HS National Championship
- c. Kudos to Cole Moulton had a great day on Champlain and is within two positions for AOY on that trail
- d. Kudos to James Gillis and Craig Beucler (former NH JR Bassmasters) competed in College Championship representing NH and Clarkson University. Finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place
- e. Thank you, volunteers!
- f. From the tournament on Wentworth, there were a few extra boat captains who attended but did not get gas cards; Cole will be reaching out to captains who need gas cards. If you have captains in your club who did not receive gas cards, let us know.

#### 5. President's Report Old Business

- a. Banquet tickets \$40 and rescheduled to October 23rd, 2021 at Puritan Backroom. Current protocols limit to 200 attendees.
  - i. Decision will need to be made probably after STQT on whether we hold this due to COVID climate
- b. 2021 Team Open Schedule
  - i. May 2 – Winni Lees/States 52 teams
  - ii. July 11 – Winni – WAM. NH Last Cast. 46 teams
  - iii. Aug 21-22 – Champlain – Mallet's Bay. NY BASS Nation declined to participate. Flyer/links this week
    - This will be a double down with NH JR Bassmasters
    - This allows us to offer double down pay out without pushing people away who don't want to pay too much to participate.
  - iv. Oct 10 – Squam. North Country.
- c. 2021 Other Events
  - i. Aug 8 – Club v Club – Pawtuckaway.
    - Congrats to North Country!
    - Thank you to Merrimack for running the event
    - Prizes will be awarded at the next meeting
  - ii. Sept 18- 19 STQT Silver Sands. No food
    - Silver Sands is completely booked and no food this year due to location; will need to regroup next year on food.
    - Can we at least have cookies (Thank you, Sarah!)
- d. Lake Eufala lands 2021 Bassmaster Team Championship Event 12/8-12/11
  - i. 4 teams who are eligible; we'll go down the list to fill this after the October event
- e. Louisiana's Ouachita River to host BASS Nation Championship November 3-5, 2021
  - i. There will be leadership meetings in conjunction with this event
  - ii. Chris Adams and Eric Lowe will fish this event
  - iii. Ray and John will attend leadership meetings
- f. Website Update
  - i. Website has been updated; same URL: <https://www.nhbassnation.com/>
    - If you have feedback or suggestions, please feel free to share with James or John

- ii. Please review your list of clubs: <https://www.nhbassnation.com/find-a-club>
    - Is the contact still the same?
    - Are you accepting new members?
    - What's your club about (e.g. our club does not have events but fish the NHBN opens; our club only supports the juniors, etc.)
  - g. Nice job to Mascoma and White Mountains at the HS Championship
    - i. Fished hard all week!
6. President's Report New Business
- a. Next Meeting will be Tuesday September 21 via Zoom
    - i. At some point it will be nice to have face to face meetings, but we need to wait and see what happens (probably January)
    - ii. When weather prevents travel, we can use Zoom instead of cancelling meetings.
  - b. STQT info will come out after the 8/22 event on Champlain
    - i. STQT fee will be different due to change in location
    - ii. There will be a cut off period the week before
    - iii. Information flyer will be sent after the event
      - It's helpful on the administrative side to only allow PayPal registration for a single event at a time
      - Once open, registration will likely run up to the Monday of STQT (when the lake goes off limits)
      - Pairings will be done with Facebook live
  - c. Congrats to our College champions for a great showing at the National Championship. Finished 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. It is awesome to see NH Junior anglers work their way up through the fishing championships and series – Juniors, HS, All State and now College
    - ii. Top 3 teams from College Championship split up after the event and compete one on one; winner goes to the Classic.
  - d. Sponsors
    - i. Lucas Salon in Epping, NH; Derrick fishes with us and his wife has a salon there. They have provided gift cards for raffle at Champlain, Squam, and banquet
    - ii. Dave bought a pair of glasses from Shady Rays and lost them on the lake; they have a no question asked replacement policy for \$8.99. We should consider getting in touch with them.
    - iii. We're still in talks with Maui Jim but they had a tough year with Covid
    - iv. If you have potential sponsors get that info to John.
7. Pass the Gavel
- i. Nothing
8. Meeting adjourned